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MORE WEARING APPAREL AVAILABLE

WARSAW TO GET SUITS AND TOPCOATS -- Trybuna Ludu, No 78, 20 Mar 49

The Warsaw branch of CSS Spolem (Centrala Spoldzielni Spozywcow, Central Office of Consumers' Cooperatives) has opened a wholesale clothing and wearing-apparel division. Merchandise is delivered daily from the factories to the CSS Spolem warehouses, and is then distributed to Warsaw cooperatives. Even though the warehouses, located on Wolska Street, are large, the flow of merchandise is so great that distribution to the stores must be made without delay to provide space for new merchandise.

The demand for ready-made clothing in Warsaw is great because prices are reasonable. The price of a fall topcoat made from good-quality material averages about 12,500 zlotys; men's suits range from 5,000 to 10,000 zlotys; trousers, depending upon the quality of material, range from 1,800 to 4,000 zlotys.

Within the next few days, a large supply of moderately priced rubberized raincoats and spring gabardine topcoats will be received by the CSS Spolem. Work suits made from good wearing material sell at prices from 1,500 to 2,940 zlotys. School children's clothing is priced at 5,212, 5,778, and 6,280 zlotys. School uniforms for young girls cost approximately 3,700 zlotys.

In addition to the wearing apparel, the Warsaw CSS Spolem will also supply quilts, bed sheets, handkerchiefs, neckties, and shirts. The price of good-quality men's sport shirts is between 900 and 1,200 zlotys. A supply of women's underwear is also expected soon. At present, CSS Spolem is distributing Hackel brand men's hats to the stores.

Footwear is in good supply in a variety of styles. The price of shoe leather ranges from 1,800 to 4,200 zlotys per kilogram.

IMITATION LEATHER PRODUCTION UP -- Rzeczpospolita, No 78, 20 Mar 49

In 1947, the production of imitation leather was 135 tons, and in 1948, 260 tons (127 percent of plan). During January and February 1949, production was over 44 tons. Production for 1949 is planned at 250 tons.

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