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POLISH "VOLUNTEERS" SIGN UP FOR KOREA

Despite the reasonable distrust which news concerning recruitment in the Satellite countries of "volunteers" for an international brigade for Korea is viewed, especially news which arrives periodically from all the capitals, it is necessary to take into consideration that the news is perhaps based on undeniable facts.

A Polish sailor, who recently succeeded in escaping from his country, gave the following details concerning the manner in which recruitment was carried on in a number of cases. According to him, a certain percentage of these "volunteers" are recruited quite simply from prisons in the following manner: Representatives of the Ministry of Public Security visit the prisons and offer pardons to selected prisoners if they signed a pledge to fight in Korea. These proposals are made only to single men under 30 years of age, who have completed their military service and whose sentence does not exceed 5 years. Upon agreeing to the terms the prisoner is immediately attached to a special convoy to the USSR. He does not receive even one day of freedom.

The Polish sailor giving this information also cited names of certain prisoners who had been transferred to the international brigade.

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