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On May 9, 1976, a front page article appeared in "Tydzien", a Polish language weekly published in Brooklyn, New York, titled "Subverters". The article is critical of Konstanty Zygfryd Hanff, a resident of New York City, and his organization and publication, "Wolna Polska" (Free Poland), which are based in New York City.

A translation of this article from the Polish follows:

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From: New York's Polish American weekly
TYDZIEN, May 9, 1976

Front page story -

S U B V E R T E R S

For some time now in the New York area a group of three people has been operating under the leadership of one Konstanty Hanff, a well known Communist from Poland, who usurps the rights to represent Polish Americans and who issues an illegal publication of disinformation under the title "Free Poland", which aimed at the following:

1. Division of Polish Americans into small groups and fractions, to prevent them from forming a contracted ethnic force.
2. Spreading of a far reaching camouflaged disinformation for the purpose of enabling their disintegrating activities.
3. Gathering of information for the Communists regarding people most hostile to the system governing in the Polish People's Republic, by recruiting them for their "combat force".

Because of failure of their previous aims and because any moment the "job" can be called off, and also to avoid in the future similar lambs dressed in wolf skin we are hastening with the task of addressing the following questions to Col. Jan Walczak, Lisowski, Karewicz, Rojek and other Hanff's pseudonyms:

1. What was he doing at the Urzad Bezpieczenstwa (famous UB) in Cracow?
2. What was he doing at the Central Censorship Bureau of Press, Publications and Entertainment in Czestochowa?
3. What was he doing when belonging to the Polish Communist United Workers' Party?
4. On what subjects did he lecture when enlightning his comrades?
5. On what basis did he together with his family receive the so called consular passport?
6. What was he doing during his last stay in Poland, which he visited relatively not so long ago holding the so called consular passport?

Hanff's true answer to all these questions, if he will give it, will clear all doubts that many had started having in connection with his initial activity.

The Polish American Congress with its president A. Mazewski, has properly expressed its views of this "liberation" group, and we are writing about it after one of the Northern newspapers under the title "Whom Do They Aid?", but today we only wish to add something to it.

GENESIS OF CREATION OF "FREE POLAND"

Konstanty Hanff does not know Poles nor the Polish American community. For his subversive activity he needs persons of anti-Communist profile.

No wonder, that his first collaborator is Henry Landowski, for whom every telephone ope is a Communist spy, and who is good standing with two of the shareholders of "Nowy Dziennik", who knows people, and who already was fixed by Capt. Czechowicz the ace of Polish espionage in Munich. Henry introduces Hanff with another activist, whose name we are not mentioning due to the fact that he at once had sensed Hanff's cunningness and he promptly withdrew. These two "known" are going into the world reaching people with money and position for to receive seal of approval and finance their "free" activity. The action is enlarging considering the fact that the activists are not working anywhere and devote their time to Hanff's cause.

COMBAT ISSUE

The first illegal publication is coming out and calls every one for "action". At this moment Hanff is entering with his job based on luring the most anti-Communist persons within the Polish American community, so in the future ha can use them for the PPR's cause, with use of learned methods of blackmail known to him.

To an intelligent person this action is not serious right from the beginning, but this is not what Hanff counts on. He wants to acheive his goal fast. He calls all enemies of PPR and active anti-regime people to answer back as candidates for the combat group.

People though are not so naive as he thought, are having reservations, there is no candidates for action, there is nothing to sell, there is no members, Hanff has only pseudonyms left for the organization to grow. Hanff's son the combatant distributes flyers, yet action is dying with its own death.

"EMIGRATION FROM PPR"

"Combat Organization of FREE POLAND announces its readiness to assist in cases of emigration from "PPR" to USA or any other free country. We urge you to send us information concerning people living in Poland and willing to leave the occupied country. We also take applications from "PPR" citizens willing to take advantage from their presence abroad and to petition for political asylum in order not to return to "PPR".

Hanff nominates minister in this ministry Henry Landowski, who has experience in this field through close collaboration with known in Brooklyn area Jan Wiczorek and his Travel agency. Hanff is only intereseted in people who later can sell Hank people who can get squeezed out from their money.

This marriage of conveneience would stand a good chance to survive were it not for the fact that the sums of money for asylum (which under normal conditions is free of charge and everyone could take it) were not so absorbent and if the immigration authorities had not thrown Mr. Landowski out of his office. Thus another action has failed.

SPY ACTION

To save their faces the Communists invent a spy action offering Hanff safety from complete compromise. Thus every chief and his assistant at Polish Mission, Soviet or Czechoslovak, is a spy, and that the best intelligence

Matter of which Hanff has no idea about and matters of whom he does not know anything about for one day make the pages of the sensation-hungry press, and then die out on the following day. Hanff's "spies" remain in the same positions and remain in good health full of humor. Come to think of it, it would be very bad indeed with us if despite of paying our taxes and training a proper machine we would not be able to assure on our soil proper security from foreign intelligence and if we only would raise our heads to God and were left only on the mercy of information from agents such as Hanff.

DESINFORMATION

Hanff's last straw was to let the public opinion go astray by spreading false desinformation. This poor warm talks about a reception given on board of the Batory, which at this moment is already beyond the 200 mile of territorial waters. He absolves Assemblywoman Alina Miskiewicz who on one hand does not need this absolution and just as much she does not need to know Hanff. He takes pictures of unknown people in front of the consulate, assails Prof. Brzezinski as does the New York Times, perhaps only for the reason he is a good American and a good Pole and what more an anti-Communist. As a matter of fact that poor lad does not know what to do and how to do it.

One thing is certain. He did not fulfill his mission and he will not be given a similar job by the Communists although he has misled many people and cheated. There will be no more upgrading nor carpets from Cepelia as awards!

Konstanty Zygfryd Hanff
Internal Security - Poland

In reply to the above article, Hanff directed a letter dated May 12, 1976, to the editor and publisher of "Tydzien", Mr. Jerzy T. Myssura, and made available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a copy of his reply in English which follows:

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May 12th, 1976

Dear Mr. Myssura,

In your article "SUBVERTERS" published on May 9th, 1976, you have made statements and implications which must be considered as slander and libel, aiming to damage my reputation and insulting me. However, by calling our publication FREE POLAND an "illegal publication containing disinformation" and which supposed to be "a provocation aiming to sell-out the freedom fighters to the Communists", you are trying to diminish the number of our readership and to cause the supporters to refrain from financial supporting our publications and our movement.

Moreover, your statements clearly show your connections with the agents of the SB (Bezpieka), otherwise you could hardly know what "Capt. Czechowicz, the ace of Polish espionage" wrote or said about Mr. Henry Landowski, since this was never published. Without having close relations to the Consulate, you also could not know that the spies, after being exposed by us, remain in the same positions in good health and full of humor, as you wrote.

Through your article you are of service to Bezpieka, trying to discredit our activities but, at the same time, you have given evidence how much the Communist regime is afraid and disturbed by our movement and publications. Otherwise you would not devote two whole almost pages, including the front page, for that story.

I like to ask you kindly to retract all false statements you have made in your article. I also like to ask you that this letter will be published in the same manner on the front page, as you did with your insulting article.

I am not a "well known Communist from Poland". We are not "spreading disinformation, nor gathering information for the Communists". I was not at the famous UB in Cracow, except for interrogation. I was not at the Censorship Bureau in Czenstochowa. I never was a member of the Communist Polish United Workers' Party. The consular passports we have had because we emigrated into the USA legally, after 12 years of bitter efforts to obtain passports. My last stay in Poland was in 1972 and the only purpose for it was to liquidate our property there.

However, in your article you did not deny your goals which are "to take over the free press here, to destroy NOWY DZIENNIK and to buy it out" etc. These goals are set by the Communist regime's agents, whom you met in order to discuss these affairs. We blamed you with pro-Communist activity and you admitted it in a conversation with me.

Please, publish this letter in Polish version (attached hereto).

I am afraid, a law suit against you and your publication must be considered necessary.

Sincerely,

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