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VI. REPATRIATION ORGANIZATIONS IN POLAND

The Presidium of the Council of Ministers, Prezydium Rady Ministrow (PRM), the supreme ruling body of the Warsaw Government, has appointed a Government Plenipotentiary for Repatriation Affairs to coordinate the implementation of the resolution on care for repatriates returning to Poland. 1/ It reportedly has also opened a special center devoted to persuading emigres to return home. 2/

The new organization presumably directs a secret institution concerned with the repatriation campaign and known to the public as the Department of Affairs of Polonia Abroad. Situated in the building housing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, it maintains a cover of respectability, yet it reportedly is a branch of the secret police. 3/

To implement the official program and announcements, unofficial groups have established organizations, the most important of which is the high-level Association for Liaison with Poles Abroad, "Polonia."

"Polonia" was organized in Warsaw by a group of persons representing various cultural, social, and scientific organizations and several former organizers in Polish emigre centers abroad. It was first publicized in October 1955 and is one of the latest moves in the Polish

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intensified repatriation campaign. The announced objectives of the Association are to consolidate the bonds linking Poles abroad with the homeland and to strengthen the ties of "friendship and brotherhood" with the nations in which the emigrants reside. 4/

The organization has the task of maintaining contact with and aiding the repatriation of Poles abroad. It considers the issue of the Oder-Neisse frontier to be of common interest to all Poles and a strong bond between those at home and abroad. 5/

The organization's program calls for the establishment of Polish language schools throughout the emigre populations abroad and envisages the teaching of various subjects concerning the homeland, such as history, geography, culture, etc. School books and texts will be supplied from Poland and close contacts will be maintained with all existing emigre organizations. 6/

The organization of the "Polonia" comprises the following offices which have been filled by "election:"

Chairman: Prof. Stanislaw KULCZYNSKI
(Deputy Marshal of the Sejm).

Deputy Chairman: Four individuals, one of whom is Hugo HANKE.

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Secretary:

Szczepan STEC, director of the central institute for the training of educational cadres and former chairman of the National Council for Free Poles in France.

Executive:

Composed of 14 members, one of whom is Father Dr. Boleslaw KULAWIK, a priest in the Polish colony in France.

Executive Deputies:

Number of members unknown.

Audit Committee:

Number of members unknown. 7/