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RE OUR NYC 121 OF 29 OCTOBER ' I HAVE FINALLY RECEIVED FROM PHILADELPHIA ALL THE PRINTED MATERIAL NAMELY 2 ISSUES OF THE PAROCHIAL SHEET OF ST. PETER'S AND PAUL'S CATHEDRAL YFR THE WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 6TH AND ALSO FOR THE WEEK STARTING APRIL 17TH.

HERE IS THE ITEM ENTITLED "THE STORY OF POLAND" WHICH APPEARED ON FEBRUARY 6TH '66, QUOTE:

THE STORY OF POLAND ! - THIS YEAR WAS TO BE A BIG ONE FOR THE GREAT COUNTRY OF POLAND, THE MILLENNIUM OF CATHOLICITY IN ITS MIDST. GREAT PLANS WERE MADE FOR ITS OBSERVANCE. THEN CAME THE POLISH GOVERNMENTS' REFUSAL TO GRANT THE POLISH PRIMATE, CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI A TRAVEL VISA TO ROME. THE REASON WAS ALL TOO OBVIOUS. LATE IN NOVEMBER, THE POLISH AND GERMAN BISHOPS EXCHANGED LETTERS RELATING TO THE FORTHCOMING CELEBRATIONS OF POLAND'S MILLENNIUM. THE POLISH LETTER THAT INITIATED THIS EXCHANGED INVITED THE GERMAN HIERARCHY TO POLAND TO ASSIST PERSONALLY IN THESE CELEBRATIONS. IN ADDITION, THE PRIMATE AND HIS BISHOPS EXPRESSED REGRET OVER THE HOSTILITY THAT HAS LONG HEATED POLISH- GERMAN DISCUSSIONS OVER THE BORDER DIVIDING THEIR COUNTRIES. WARSAW REACTED TO THE PUBLICATION OF THIS EPISCOPAL EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WITH A VIOLENT AND VITRIOLIC ABUSE OF CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI WHOM THEY ACCUSED OF COMPROMISING THE NATIONAL INTEREST OF THE POLISH PEOPLE REGARDING THE ODER-NEISSE LINE PRESENTLY MARKING POLAND'S WESTERN BORDER WITH SOVIET -CONTROLLED EAST GERMANY. BUT WHAT ABOUT SUCH A BOUNDARY? WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF POLAND IS ALONG THE ODER-NEISSE LINE BUT THEREIN LIES THE STORY. THE POTSDAM TREATY OF 1945 CEDED THESE DISPUTED TERRITORIES TO POLAND SIDE-STEPPING THE QUESTION OF RIGHTFULLY POSSESSION AND SAYING DEFINITE RESOLUTION SHOULD BE WORKED OUT IN THE FINAL PEACE TREATY BETWEEN THE ALLIES AND THE AXIS. UNFORTUNATELY, SUCH A FINAL TREATY HAS NEVER BEEN REALIZED AND SO POLAND GOES ON HOLDING THE TERRITORIES THAT ARE RIGHTFULLY GERMAN. WE ARE SORRY TO WITNESS THE RANCOUR AND OPPOSITION OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT IN THIS MATTER. IT CANNOT HELP BUT MAR AND HAMPER THE FORTH COMING POLISH OBSERVANCE OF THE MILLENNIUM OF ITS CATHOLICITY. CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI HAS COMMITTED NO CRIME, HE SIMPLY HINTED REGRET FOR A MRKED ACT OF INJUSTICE ON THE PART OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT, WHICH IT CERTAINLY IS.

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IN THE SAME BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK STARTING APRIL 17TH '66  
THE FOLLOWING APOLOGY WAS PRINTED, QUOTE:  
AN APOLOGY!

BACK IN FEBRUARY, THIS PARISH BULLETIN, OF WHICH I, MONSIGNOR DONNELLY, THE PASTOR AM THE SOLE AUTHOR AND WRITER, CARRIED A BRIEF PARAGRAPH ENTITLED: "THE STORY OF POLAND!". ALTHOUGH I FULLY INTENDED THE ITEM TO BE A TRIBUTE TO THE CATHOLIC PEOPLE OF POLAND AND A MEANS OF MAKING KNOWN TO MY PARISHIONERS AN EVENT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE WHOLE CHRISTIAN WORLD, POLAND'S MILLENNIUM OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTIANITY IN HER MIDST I UNFORTUNATELY MADE A FEW STATEMENTS THAT HAVE REGRETTABLY PROVED TO BE PROVOCATIVE AND EVEN OFFENSIVE TO MANY GOOD PEOPLE OF POLISH ANCESTRY. AFTER SOME THOUGHT ON THE MATTER, I CAN READILY UNDERSTAND WHY! I MADE SOME REFERENCE TO POLAND'S CURRENT WESTERN BORDER ALONG THE ODER-NEISSE RIVERS GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS TERRITORY ALTHOUGH GIVEN TO POLAND THROUGH A JOINT STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN, PRIME-MINISTER CLEMENT ATLEE AND MARSHAL JOSEPH STALIN ON AUGUST 2ND, 1945 RIGHTFULLY BELONGED TO GERMANY. THAT WAS MOST UNFORTUNATE AND CERTAINLY TO BE LAMENTED. I HAD NO SUCH INTENTION TO DISCUSS THE RIGHTFUL POSSESSION OF ANY SUCH TERRITORY. I CAN ONLY SAY THAT IN A MOMENT OF DISTRACTION, I WAS INADVERTENTLY SIDE-TRACKED FROM MY ORIGINAL INTENTION. BUT SPEAKING OF THIS TERRITORY GRANTED TO POLAND BY THE ALLIES AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II, AN AREA COMPRISING SOME 39,597 SQUARE MILES ON ITS WEST, IT MUST TRUTHFULLY BE OBSERVED THAT THROUGH THE DECISION OF THOSE SAME ALLIES, POLAND LOST FAR MORE TERRITORY ON ITS EAST, ALMOST TWICE THE AREA THAT IT HAD BEEN GIVEN ON THE WEST, SOME 69,200 SQUARE MILES. THIS TERRITORY WENT TO THE SOVIETS UNDER WHOSE CONTROL IT REMAINS EVEN TODAY. SCARCELY A WORD IS HEARD ABOUT THIS. POOR POLAND HAS SUFFERED LONG AND INTENSELY. BUT WITH IT ALL SHE HAS STOOD MILITANTLY AND YES, EVEN DEFIANT ASGG FINE CHRISTIAN, CATHOLIC COUNTRY. I CAN CONJECTURE THE REASONABLE PRIDE WITH WHICH SHE WILL OBSERVE THIS YEAR'S MILLENNIUM. CHRISTIANS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WILL JOIN HER PROUDLY IN KEEPING THE OBSERVANCE. LONG LIVE POLAND; LONG LIVE CHRISTIANITY. UNQUOTE  
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ERE THE AGENCY OBJECTIVE IT WOULD HAVE CIRCULATED IN OCTOBER 1966 NOT ONLY THE STORY WHICH APPEARED ON FEBRUARY 6TH BUT ALSO THE "APOLOGY" WHICH APPEARED AS LONG AGO AS 17TH APRIL 1966 THUS PRESENTING A BALANCED PICTURE. IT SEEMS THIS WAS NOT DONE.

BESIDES - AS ALREADY POINTED OUT IN MY PREVIOUS MESSAGE - IT IS RATHER ODD FOR A SERIOUS PRESS AGENCY TO UNEARTH AND PUBLISH A STORY 8 MONTHS OLD, PRESENTING IT IN SUCH A WAY AS IF IT WERE TOPICAL, CURRENT NEWS.

ANOTHER UNUSUAL THING IS TO DESCRIBE AS PRESS ORGAN OF THE ARCHDIOCESE A MERE PAROCHIAL INFORMATION SHEET DISTRIBUTED TO WORSHIPERS ON SUNDAY WHOSE MAIN PURPOSE IS TO LIST THE CHURCH SERVICES FOR THE WEEK. IT BEARS EVEN NO TITLE /NAME/ NOR IS IT EVEN PRINTED BUT DUPLICATED.

SINCE THE AGENCY FOLLOWS EVEN SUCH IRRELEVANT LEAFLETS IN PHILADELPHIA IT SHOULD HAVE KNOWN OR COULD HAVE CHECKED WHETHER THE STATEMENT IT QUOTED WAS ACTUALLY MADE BY THE PRESS ORGAN OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA - A THE AGENCY'S EDITOR PRETENDS, AND WHICH IS SIMPLY UNTRUE.  
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THE WEEKLY LEAFLET OF THE CATHEDRAL PARISH SHOULD OBVIOUSLY NOT BE CONSIDERED A PROPER SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON ARCHBISHOP KROL'S STAND IN ANY FIELD, ESPECIALLY ON SUBJECTS TRANSCENDING RELIGIOUS PROBLEMS.

AFTER THE APOLOGY BY MSGR. DONNELLY PRINTED IN THE APRIL 17TH ISSUE - NO USE WHATSOEVER SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE IN OCTOBER OF THE WHOLE THING.

IN ASCRIBING THE STATEMENT IN QUESTION TO THE ARCHDIOCESE NEWSPAPER THE AGENCY SHOULD HAVE NORMALLY GIVEN THE TITLE OF THE PUBLICATION AND DATE OF ITS ISSUE. THIS THE AGENCY OMITTED TO DO, THUS CONCEALING THE FACT THAT THE STORY WAS 8MONTHS OLD.

IN CONTRAST WITH THE PARIS SHEET OR LEAFLET - THE PRESS ORGAN OF THE PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE IS A REGULAR WEEKLY, A PRINTED PUBLICATION FILLING MORE PAGES WITH MANY PICTURES AND BEARS THE HEADLINE "THE CATHOLIC STANDARD AND TIMES".

I AM AIRMAILING TO YOU BOTH PUBLICATIONS TO SEE THE STRIKING DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM AND TO SEE THE TWO ISSUES THE WEEKLY CATH-STANDARD AND TIMES DEVOTED TO POLAND'S MILLENNIUM WITH MANY PAGES OF TEXT AND PICTURES INTENDED TO HONOR POLAND AND THE ANNIVERSARY OF ITS BAPTISM.

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WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FIND HERE POLISH COMMUNIST PRESS ATTACKS ON ARCHBISHOP KROL. I AM NOW TOLD THERE WERE TWO OF THEM - BOTH SHORT STORIES. INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY GIVEN US ON ARTICLE BY KROTYNSKI IS INCORRECT AND HAS NOW BEEN RECTIFIED BY THE SAME SOURCE WHO TOLD ME PREVIOUSLY THERE WAS SUCH ARTICLE IN "ZYCIE WARSZAWY".

IT APPEARS IMPOSSIBLE AFTER SO MANY MONTHS TO TRACE THESE REGIME ATTACKS HERE. OUR DESK PRACTICALLY DOES NOT RECEIVE PRESS FROM POLAND FOR ECONOMY REASONS. THE PERSON WHO WAS MADE OBJECT OF DENDE'S AND REGIME ATTACKS HAS FROM THE BEGINNING FOLLOWED THE LINE IT IS BEST TO MAINTAIN SILENCE ON THE SUBJECT. TACTICALLY THIS SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN RIGHT BUT MAKES RESEARCH EVEN MORE DIFFICULT. THE WHOLE INC

INT HAS HAD SO FAR RELATIVELY LITTLE PUBLICITY AND THE REGIME SEEMS NOT TO HAVE EXAGGERATED ATTACKS. THE MORE DEPLOABLE IS THE BELATED PUBLICITY THE AGENCY HAS NOW TRIED TO GIVE IT IN THE WEST WITHOUT REGARD TO THE FACT THIS AMOUNTS TO SUPPLYING AMMUNITION TO WARSAW COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA AGAINST THE CATHOLIC CHURCH GOING THROUGH A MOST DIFFICULT PERIOD IN POLAND.  
END MSG