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ITEM BY MR. J. NOWAK - COMMUNIQUE CONCERNING THE FALSIFICATIONS
OF THE REGIME PROPAGANDA

AND NOW WE ASK YOU FOR A MOMENT OF ATTENTION. SINCE SOME
TIME A SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGN OF SLANDERS AGAINST OUR RADIO-STATION
HAS BEEN CONDUCTED IN THE COLUMNS OF THE PRESS, ON TELEVISION
SCREENS, OVER THE RADIO AND IN LECTURES. THE EXISTENCE OF A
RADIO-STATION WHICH, NOT BEING SUBJECT TO CENSORSHIP, CAN INFORM
FREELY ABOUT EVENTS IN POLAND AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS
CONCEALED FROM THE PEOPLE - DOES NOT SUIT THE AUTHORITIES IN
POLAND.

WE WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT IN THE ENDEAVOUR TO DISCREDIT
OUR PROGRAMS THE OPPONENTS SYSTEMATICALLY USES FALSIFICATION,
DISTORTING OUR WORDS, QUOTING SENTENCES TORN OUT OF CONTEXT OR
ASCRIBING TO US STATEMENTS WHICH WERE NEVER UTTERED IN OUR
PROGRAMS. METHODS OF THIS KIND ARE USED NOT ONLY BY SPEAKERS ON
TELEVISION, OVER THE RADIO AND IN LECTURES, BUT ALSO BY THE
EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE FOREIGN PROGRAMS' MONITORING BULLETIN.
THIS APPLIES IN PARTICULAR TO OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE GERMAN
PROBLEM, WHICH IS OF SUCH GREAT AND DIRECT INTEREST TO EVERY
PATRIOTIC POLE.

SINCE JANUARY 1 OF THE CURRENT YEARS THERE WERE 155 ATTACKS
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AGAINST THE POLISH SECTION OF RADIO FREE EUROPE PUBLISHED IN
THE COLUMNS OF THE MORE IMPORTANT PRESS ORGANS OR BROADCAST
OVER RADIO-WARSAW, NOT COUNTING SEPARATE PAMPHLETS, LECTURES AND
TELEVISION PROGRAMS.

THE BEST ANSWER TO THIS SLANDEROUS CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED ON
THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE PARTY LEADERSHIP, ARE THE PROGRAMS OF
OUR RADIO-STATION.

LET OUR OWN WORDS BEAR WITNESS TO THIS. EVERYONE CAN
FORM HIS OWN JUDGMENT AND OPINION ABOUT THE ACTIVITY OF RADIO
FREE EUROPE BY LISTENING DIRECTLY TO OUR PROGRAMS. LET THE
LISTENERS JUDGE FOR THEMSELVES WHETHER THE CHARGES OF OUR OPPONENTS
CORRESPOND TO THE TRUTH.

VOICE II: AFTER THIS APPEAL TO THE LISTENERS - A SMALL ILLUSTRATION.
IN RECENT DAYS A CONGRESS OF GERMAN EXPELLEES FROM SILESIA
WAS HELD IN MUNICH. IN ITS PROGRAM "MUSIC AND TOPICAL EVENTS"
RADIO-WARSAW BROADCAST ON MONDAY AT 19.00 HOURS AND ON TUESDAY
AT 7 A.M. AN ATTACK ON THE POLISH STATION OF RFE WHICH WE WILL
NOW REPEAT WORD FOR WORD. WE BEG OUR LISTENERS TO LISTEN CAREFULLY.
WE ARE QUOTING THE PROGRAM "MUSIC AND TOPICAL EVENTS"

VOICE I: RADIO FREE EUROPE BROADCASTS FROM MUNICH. HENCE IT IS
NOT SURPRISING THAT IT IS PERFECTLY AWARE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING
IN THAT CITY. ON SATURDAY, AT 18.00 HOURS, IT BROADCAST THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- THE CONGRESS OF THE GERMAN SILESIAN LANDSMANNSHAFT
IS NOW HELD IN MUNICH. THE BAVARIAN PREMIER AND MAYOR OF MUNICH
DELIVERED SPEECHES DURING ITS COURSE. THEY MADE AN APPEAL FOR
EFFORTS TOWARD A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE EAST AND THE WEST.

WE WERE ALMOST PREPARED TO REJOICE AT THIS INFORMATION
WHICH, AFTER ALL, CAME FROM FIRST HAND. AND THEN A SUDDEN
DISAPPOINTMENT. PERHAPS RADIO FREE EUROPE WAS NOT PRESENT AT THIS
RALLY OR PERHAPS IT DID NOT WANT TO WORRY US. TO PUT IT BRIEFLY,
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VOICE II: YOU ARE LISTENING TO THE ATTACK ON THE POLISH STATION OF RADIO FREE EUROPE BROADCAST BY RADIO-WARSAW IN THE PROGRAM (MORE)

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"MUSIC AND TOPICAL EVENTS".

VOICE I: THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UNION OF EXPELLEES, REHS, ALSO STATED:

- WE ARE IN FAVOUR OF A COMMON-SENSE ATTITUDE TOWARD OUR NEIGHBOURS IN THE EAST.

BUT THERE WAS NO COMMON-SENSE, BECAUSE THIS VERY REHS DEVOTED THE WHOLE OF HIS SPEECH TO THE ANTI-POLISH CAMPAIGN.

THE RFE REPORTERS AT THE SATURDAY RALLY IN MUNICH INFORMED THAT THE SILESIAN LANDSMANNSCHAFT IS IN FAVOUR OF RECONCILIATION IN POLAND BUT DID NOT MENTION A SINGLE WORD, FOR EXAMPLE, ABOUT THE POSTER HANGING OVER THE ROSTRUM: "WE SHALL NEVER AGREE TO THE ODRA AND NYSSA FRONTIER. SILESIA SHALL REMAIN GERMAN".

OH, WELL. OBVIOUSLY THEIR IDEA OF COMMON SENSE IS THE SAME AS THAT OF THE VICIOUSLY ANTI-POLISH REINHOLD REHS.

VOICE II: WE REPEATED WORD FOR WORD THE TEXT OF THE PROGRAM "MUSIC AND TOPICAL EVENTS". THE LISTENER WHO DID NOT HEAR OUR NEWS BULLETINS AND REPORTS MIGHT GET A FALSE IMPRESSION: RADIO FREE EUROPE INFORMED TENDENTIOUSLY, IT MENTIONED NEITHER THE POSTERS NOR THE SPEECHES WHICH SOUNDED UNPLEASANT TO THE POLISH AUDIENCE. AND NOW PLEASE LISTEN TO OUR REPORT FROM THE CONGRESS OF THE SILESIAN LANDSMANNSCHAFT AND COMPARE IT CAREFULLY WITH THE CHARGE LAID BY THE PROGRAM "MUSIC AND TOPICAL EVENTS". WE ARE REPEATING OUR REPORT WITHOUT ANY CHANGES.

NARRATOR: THE CONGRESS OF THE GERMAN SILESIAN LANDSMANNSCHAFT WHICH ENDED ON SUNDAY IN MUNICH DISCUSSED ALSO AS IS USUAL AT THESE MEETINGS THE QUESTION OF POLISH-GERMAN RELATIONS. THE CONGRESS WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT A QUARTER OF A MILLION PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF WEST GERMANY BUT IN VIEW OF THE HEAT REACHING THIRTY FIVE DEGREES IN THE SHADE ONLY ABOUT TEN THOUSAND WENT TO THE RALLY TO LISTEN TO THE SPEECHES OF THE BONN MINISTER FOR ALL GERMAN AFFAIRS WEHNER, FINANCE MINISTER STRAUSS AND SILESIAN LANDSMANNSCHAFT LEADER SCHELLHAUS.

LANDSMANNSCHAFT CONGRESSES OFTEN PUT INVITED MINISTERS OF THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT IN A RATHER EMBARRASSING SITUATION BECAUSE THE AUDIENCE EXPECTS FROM THEM ASSURANCES OF HUNDRED PER CENT SOLIDARITY WITH THE EXPELLEE STAND - AND THIS AS WE KNOW DIFFERS IN MANY RESPECTS FROM THE POLITICAL LINE OF BONN. WITH POSTERS BEARING SLOGANS "SILESIA REMAINS GERMAN" OR "WE DEMAND THE RETURN OF SILESIA" IN THE BACKGROUND, THE SPEECH AT THE MUNICH MEETING OF FRANZ JOSEPH STRAUSS THE LEADER OF THE BAVARIAN CSU WHO IS ALSO REPUTED TO BE THE HEAD OF THE RIGHT WING IN THE KIESINGER CABINET - CAME RATHER AS A SURPRISE. HAVING SAID THAT THE INTERESTS OF POLAND AND GDR WERE NOT IDENTICAL AND THAT GOMULKA'S POLICY OF SUPPORTING ULBRICHT HINDERED THE COORDINATION OF POLISH AND WEST GERMAN INTERESTS, STRAUSS ADDRESSSED THE FOLLOWING WORDS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LANDSMANNSCHAFT OF THE GERMAN SILESIAANS:

VOICE: ONLY A FOOL OR A CRIMINAL DEMAGOGUE CAN PROMISE YOU TO-DAY OR AROUSE YOUR HOPES, THAT THERE WILL BE AGAIN THE OLD GERMAN REICH, MAGNIFICENT, POWERFUL, INDEPENDENT OF (MORE)

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VOICE: CONT. WEST AND EAST, RADIATING IN ALL DIRECTIONS - AS IF ONE COULD REVERSE HISTORICAL PROCESSES TO 1910. NO LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THERE IS NO RETURN. WE MUST LOOK FOR NEW SOLUTIONS....

NARRATOR: STRAUSS THEN SAID THAT IN A NEW PEACEFUL EUROPEAN SETTLEMENT CONDITIONS SHOULD BE SUCH AS TO ENABLE GERMANS TO LIVE WITH EQUAL RIGHTS OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF THEIR COUNTRY AND THAT HE POLES SHOULD HAVE SIMILAR RIGHTS. ACCORDING TO STRAUSS THE SO-CALLED "HEIMAT RECHT" SHOULD EXTEND TO THE WHOLE OF EUROPE SO THAT IN FUTURE FRONTIERS WOULD NOT LEAD TO NEW CONFLICTS.

THESE WORDS DID NOT, OF COURSE, CONTAIN EVEN AN INDIRECT RECOGNITION OF THE FRONTIER OR THE ODRA AND NYSSA AS FINAL. NEVERTHELESS THIS WARNING AGAINST ILLUSIONS CAN BE CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT IN A SPEECH OF A POLITICIAN KNOWN AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONALIST WING OF HIS PARTY.

ANOTHER SPEAKER AT THE CONGRESS OF THE SILESIAN LANDSMANNSCHAFT WAS THE BONN MINISTER FOR ALL GERMAN AFFAIRS WEHNER WHO IS ALSO SECRETARY CHAIRMAN OF THE GDR OF THE SOCIAL

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VOICE: "IT IS OUR LIVELY WISH TO ACHIEVE RECONCILIATION WITH POLAND WHOSE TRAGIC HISTORY WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN AND WHOSE DEMAND TO LIVE FINALLY IN A STATE WITH SECURE BORDERS WE CAN (MORE)

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VOICE: CONT. UNDERSTAND BETTER THAN IN EARLIER TIMES DUE TO THE PRESENT STATE OF OUR OWN DIVIDED COUNTRY IF POLS CONSIDER THIS PROBLEM THEY WOULD SURELY AGREE THAT THE PROPOSAL OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO EXCHANGE DECLARATIONS CONCERNING RENUNCIATION OF FORCE CAN, UNTIL MATTERS ARE REGULATED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A EUROPEAN SYSTEM OF PEACE AND SECURITY, RECONCILIATION BETWEEN OUR NATIONS, WHICH HAVE SO MANY COMMON PAINFUL EXPERIENCES. SO LONG AS THE BORDER IS AS IT IS NOW, WEHNER SAID, IT WILL NOT BE VIOLATED. WHEN BOTH PEOPLES HAVE FOUND THEIR WAY OF LIVING TOGETHER IN A EUROPEAN SYSTEM THEN FROM EXPERIENCE AND CONVICTION THEY WILL NO LONGER REGARD THEIR BORDER RELATIONS AS QUESTIONS OF DISPUTE.

NARRATOR: SO MUCH FOR THE MINISTER FOR ALL GERMAN AFFAIRS, WEHNER. FINALLY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SILESIAN LANDMANNSCHAFT SCHELLHAUS IN HIS SPEECH AT THE SUNDAY RALLY IN MUNICH EMPHASIZED THE RIGHT OF GERMANS TO SELF-DETERMINATION, ADDING THAT NOT A SQUARE METER OF GERMAN SOIL SHOULD BE GIVEN UP. HE ALSO RECALLED THE APRIL STATEMENT BY CHANCELLOR KIESINGER THAT THE WEST-GERMAN GOVERNMENT SHALL UNDERTAKE NO STEPS BEHIND THE BACK OF THE EXPELLEES. IT WOULD SEEM THAT BY REFERRING TO THE CHANCELLOR'S WORDS SCHELLHAUS WAS ATTEMPTING TO PLACATE THOSE MEMBERS OF HIS AUDIENCE WHO FEAR THAT BONN'S NEW EASTERN POLICY MAY IN SOME WAY BYPASS THEIR DEMANDS.

VOICE II: WE REPEATED OUR REPORT FROM THE CONGRESS OF THE SILESIAN LANDMANNSCHAFT WHICH WAS HELD IN MUNICH LAST SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. WE ASK OUR LISTENERS ONCE MORE TO COMPARE OUR INFORMATION WITH THE CHARGE OF THE PROGRAM "MUSIC AND TOPICAL EVENTS". WE DO NOT HAVE THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT WHAT THE JUDGMENT OF THE IMPARTIAL LISTENER WILL BE.

WE REGARD AN IMPARTIAL AND FULL INFORMATION SERVICE TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT TASK OF OUR BROADCASTING STATION. ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT BECAUSE THE MEDIA OF MASS INFORMATION CONTROLLED BY THE PARTY INFORM THE PEOPLE IN A TENDENTIOUS AND PARTIAL WAY. SOME OF THE NEWS THEY OMIT, EXAGGERATE OTHER, AND OTHER STILL THEY SIMPLY DISTORT, DEPENDING ON THE CURRENT PROPAGANDA NEEDS.

THERE ARE VARIOUS WAYS OF MISLEADING PUBLIC OPINION. ONE OF THEM IS THE QUOTING OF SPEAKERS OR STATEMENTS IN A WAY WHICH IS OUT OF PROPORTION WITH THEIR SIGNIFICANCE AND INFLUENCE. (MORE)

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SURVEYING IN A FEW-MINUTES' REPORT THE COURSE OF THE CONGRESS OF GERMAN EXPELLEES FROM SILESLIA WE WERE GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLE OF PROPORTION WHICH THIS EVENT HAS IN THE POLITICAL LIFE OF WEST GERMANY AS WELL AS BY THE WEIGHT WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL SPEAKERS CARRY AND BY THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THEIR STATEMENTS. OTHERWISE IT WOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO CREATE ANXIETY AMONG THE POLISH PEOPLE AS TO THEIR SECURE FUTURE, WHICH WOULD HAVE NO JUSTIFICATION IN OBJECTIVE FACTS.

WE SHALL CONTINUE TO DO OUR BEST IN ORDER TO INFORM HONESTLY THE POLISH PEOPLE, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE FACT WHETHER THE INFORMATION WHICH WE BROADCAST IS CONVENIENT TO US OR NOT, WHETHER IT IS FAVOURABLE OR UNFAVOURABLE FROM THE POLISH POINT OF VIEW.

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