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Collectivization

Harvesting started in Poland about a week ago. Reports from various parts of the country describe the crops as excellent.

The Communist propaganda machine took this opportunity to attack the private farmowners whose fields, it is alleged, yield poorer crops than those of nationalized agriculture.

A "neighboring help" decree was announced by the government, under which private farmers are obliged to work on nationalized farms whenever their help is required, regardless of the needs of their own land. Farmers trying to dodge such obligations, run the risk of being punished with exaggerated delivery quotas, or with cutting their allocation of seed and fertilizers. Already in the first days of the harvest period, the names of some farmers from KOSCIERZYNA-WIES, who refused to work on the nationalized estate, were published by radio.

Such organizations as Związek Samopomocy Chłopskiej (Union of Mutual Assistance of Peasants,) the United Peasant Party and Union of Polish Youth, were given instructions to organize harvesting work. The Union of Polish Youth is even authorized to organize flying control brigades which already are operating in various districts.

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