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POLAND

REGIME RESPONSE TO WESTERN BROADCASTS

PROPAGANDA 2600
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INDIFFERENCE OF POLISH
YOUTH.

SOURCE AUDIENCE ANALYSIS SECTION: Przegląd Kulturalny, 29 March 1956,
No.13(187), p.2, article by Jerzy URBAN entitled "Confrontations".

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The subject of the article is the ideological apathy of all classes in Poland and of the bourgeois aims of practically all sections of the community.

Excerpts:

"... At the university I was taking an examination in Marxism with two girls who passed with flying colors, displayed an excellent knowledge of the material, argued cleverly and with conviction. Then when they submitted their attendance cards for signature, a couple of holy pictures dropped out of them..... However, they seemed to be more convinced about Marxism, and certainly did not represent a militant Catholicism. They simply wanted to be doubly re-insured for their exams. They studied hard in the first place, but they also prayed. This is a classical if banal example of the present surprising tendency on the part of youth to put away in "cerebral drawers" everything that the surrounding world offers. Religion, mother's moral standards and principles, "dead talk", youth organization meetings, discussions in the press, lectures of Marxism, the yapping of the Voice of America. The young people digest this mixture, are prepared to affirm everything, nothing unbalances them, one thing levels out the other. There is no place for shocks, nothing prompts them to revolt, they are never inclined to rebel against anything....."

End.