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PERSECUTION
Expulsion

Deportations from large towns have started in Poland in summer 1951. The National Council of WROCLAW issued on 15 June 1951 a regulation to the effect that all non productive elements and all those who are not essential for socialist work, are to be sent to some other parts of the country. Deportations from WROCLAW started in July 1951; they affected in the first place former middle class people aristocrats and politically unreliable persons.

A wrong social background is always remembered against people, making them first victims of the Communist persecution. A Polish count, an economic expert with great merits in the economic development of Silesia, held in the post-war years responsible positions and was highly respected by the local people. In spite of his efforts and achievements, he was dismissed after some time from his important post, and found a subordinate job with a municipal enterprise in WROCLAW. There he worked to complete satisfaction of his superiors. After two months' time, however, the Communist chief of personnel ordered his dismissal for the reason of a "bad social background." All his efforts to find another job proved unsuccessful, and he is expecting deportation.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Summer 1951

EVAL. COMMENT: Source : usually reliable
Information: probably true, unconfirmed