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"PROGRESSIVE CATHOLICS" FROM POLAND "SETTLE" IN
GERMANY.

(NEW DEVELOPMENTS)

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EVALUATION COMMENT: This is highly interesting information which must be considered for the time being as rumor until the appearance in East Germany of one of PIASECKI's group members will not be confirmed.

We are unable to ascertain MICEWSKI'S social background. Judging after the sound of a well known name he seems to be rather a scion of a landowner's family in Galicia who lost their properties long before the war.

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In the course of his last stay in East Germany, Boleslaw PIASECKI, "leader" of the PAX organization, declared that he, too, would send an "ambassador" to the GDR. In a discussion with Otto NUSCHKE a way was found to appoint a PAX delegate to the East German CDU without requiring too much help from the Warsaw exchange commission (Devisenkommission.) NUSCHKE advised PIASECKI that Polish guests could easily be housed at a CDU-administered farm in the vicinity of HALLE. Their allowances could be paid by the East German CDU. In exchange, NUSCHKE would send one of his men to WARSAW as guest of the PAX organization.

Since the conclusion of this "agreement," PAX is preparing to establish a permanent representation in the GDR. The "leader" has placed Andrzej MICEWSKI, an expert on German problems, in charge of these preparations.

MICEWSKI is playing a leading role in the PAX group. Some time ago he got the upper hand over Dominik HORODYNSKI, the "classic" representative of the PAX group, a group which now stands in second place within the organization.

It should not be forgotten that the present-day PAX organization (over)

is composed of two groups: the former national radical pre-war organization Falanga-ONR, and the young conservative elements who had joined PIASECKI already during the war, headed by "Czas" editor (fnu) MOSZYNSKI (who died in AUSCHWITZ.) After the war, the "Dzis i Jutro" group was joined by several young representatives of the Polish aristocracy, who could nowhere else take part in politics and whom PIASECKI offered a certain shelter from Bezpieka persecution.

PIASECKI regarded this one-sided element in his group as a great handicap to his ambitious plans. Even before the war, the "leader" of the small national radical group had dreamed of winning large masses of adherents among the workers. His attempts in this respect were not crowned with success, for the few workers who joined the Falanga-group could not be considered as representatives of their class. Most of them belonged to the scamp proletariat and agreed to collaborate with the students only if they were given money for the purchase of vodka. If their request was not granted, they threatened to demolish the party offices on Swietojska street or Poch street in WARSAW.

It was, of course, impossible to win adherents among Communist workers. Many things have changed during the past few months, however, and PIASECKI believes that he will now be permitted to admit at least a small group of "Christian workers" to his organization.

MICEWSKI is neither a representative of the pre-war Falanga nor of the conservative aristocracy. His origin from an artisan's family is the reason for the "leader's" belief in his capacity to strengthen the link to the "working masses." This fact also explains his recent ascent and the simultaneous descent of people like HORODYNSKI.

What are the aims of the establishment of a permanent PAX representation in Germany? First of all, a permanent influence on circles of genuinely or not genuinely progressive German Christians, i.e., an organizational collaboration with the East German CDU and the establishment of contacts with individuals in West BERLIN and the Federal Republic. Secondly, an infiltration into those circles of West German Christians who are defined as reactionary and revisionist.

The main purpose of the WARSAW regime is to obtain information on all occurrences within West German Christian circles. It is said that PAX delegates even today have very effective information channels, reaching as far as to the Bishop's Curia in BERLIN.

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