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PROPAGANDA (2603)

SUSPENSION OF POLISH COMMUNIST
PERIODICALS.

SOURCE PARIS: staffer.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: current.

EVAL. COMMENT: This seems to be an endurance game, which can go on for an indefinite period.

The names of the four expelled men have not been reported to us to date.

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The Polish communist periodicals published in PARIS: "Zycie Wychodzoze" appearing twice a week, and "Swiat w ilustracjach" an illustrated weekly, have been suspended as of this week by the French authorities after barely a month's existence.

According to confidential information this move has been decided as early as May 26, but the decree was not signed until last week. The reason for the suspension is the usual one i.e. that the new journal is merely a new version of the previously suspended publication and as such constitutes an attempt to circumvent the law. This process seems to be almost automatic, and it may be expected that it will be reported in the future: new Polish language Communist publications will appear in due course only to be suspended again by the French. Only a major change of policy on either side could end this process, which has been already repeated twelve times in the past. The suspended publications adhered strictly to the Party line, attacking the EDC and the "imperialist" war in Indo-China, and praising lavishly the Soviet Union and its satellites.

Simultaneously with the suspension of the above-mentioned periodicals it has been announced that the French authorities ordered the expulsion from France of the following Polish communists resident in France: BRACZEK, HOFMAN, SITOROWSKI, ZAREMBA. So far as could be ascertained by this office the expelled persons are all local communist activists, small fry of little importance.