

Reappearance of Alster

Col. Antoni Alster, Vice Minister of Internal Affairs, who was reported to have fled Poland some weeks ago (see Polish Situation Report for May 29) was on hand yesterday for the ceremonious Warsaw airport farewell to the departing CS military delegation which had been touring Poland. Since his particular post in the government would hardly, under normal circumstances, demand his presence at such an occasion, it is to be assumed that he was trotted out for public display by a regime apparently anxious to scotch the recent rumors. According to information received here from various sources, Alster's prolonged absence from public view is explained by the fact that he had to undergo lengthy plastic surgery treatment for his face following a bad road accident in the winter. The question now remaining is whether someone else has defected and if so who it is.

Religion

For a description of Cardinal Wyszynski's sermon of "forgiveness" at yesterday's Corpus Christi celebrations in Warsaw, see the two Stehle articles from today's FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG, sent in clear in English translation today.