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THERE ARE VERY FEW PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE LUBLIN COMMITTEE FROM 1944. OUR RESEARCH PEOPLE LOOKED THROUGH MANY POLISH HISTORICAL AND POLITICAL BOOKS BUT COULD FIND NO PICTURE OF USE TO YOU. LUCKILY IN MY PRIVATE BOOK COLLECTION I FOUND A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING BIERUT AT A NATIONAL COUNCIL (KRAJOWA RADA NARODOWA) MEETING ON 15 AUGUST 1944 IN LUBLIN. THE PICTURE IS ON PAGE 37 OF THE BOOK ISSUED IN 1964. ITS AUTHOR IS BRONISLAW BELCZEWSKI AND ITS TITLE IN POLISH "PIERWSZE DNI". THE BOOK WAS PUBLISHED BY THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE. (IN POLISH WYDAWNICTWO MINISTERSTWA OBRONY NARODOWEJ). THE PHOTOGRAPH IS OF A VERY POOR QUALITY AND THE BOOK PRINTED ON A BAD PAPER. ACCORDING TO RFE PHOTOGRAPHER NO GOOD REPRODUCTION OF IT COULD BE MADE. ALL THE SAME I GIVE DETAILS OF THE BOOK BECAUSE IT MIGHT POSSIBLY BE IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS SPECIALISTS MIGHT STILL DO A GOOD REPRODUCTION IN SPITE OF THE POORNESS OF THE PICTURE.

SOME OTHER BOOK FEATURES A PICTURE OF A LUBLIN COMMITTEE MEETING. IT SHOWS A PERSON ADDRESSING THE ASSEMBLED WHO IS VERY MUCH LIKE BIERUT. BUT THERE NO ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE LIKE IN THE CASE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED PICTURE THAT THIS IS REALLY BIERUT. ACCORDING TO THE RFE PHOTOGRAPHER THERE IS NO CHANCE OF A GOOD REPRODUCTION OF THIS PICTURE EITHER. ALL THE SAME IN VIEW OF BETTER TECHNICAL POSSIBILITY IN THE USA AND BECAUSE THIS BOOK MIGHT BE FOUND IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS I GIVE YOU ITS TITLE AND NAMES OF AUTHORS: TADEUSZ RAWSKI, ZDZISLAW STAPOR, JAN ZAMOJSKI. "WOJNA WYZWOLENCA NARODU POLSKIEGO W LATACH 1939-1945" WYDAWNICTWO MINISTERSTWA OBRONY NARODOWEJ - WARSZAW 1963. (PAGE 433.)

OUR RESEARCH PEOPLE LOOKED THROUGH MANY BOOKS BUT WERE UNABLE TO FIND ANY DECLARATION SIMILAR IN SUBSTANCE AND STYLE TO MOLOTOW STATEMENT. YOU MIGHT PERHAPS FIND OF USE THE TWO QUOTATIONS GIVEN BELOW:

FIRST: ALEKSANDER WERTH IN HIS BOOK ENTITLED "RUSSIA AT WAR" (BARRIE AND ROCKLIFF LONDON 1964) ON PAGE 62 QUOTES DAVID ZASLAVSKY'S ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN "PRAVDA" OF OCTOBER 17, 1939, IN WHICH WE FIND THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS:

"IN ALL SERIOUSNESS THOUGH SCARCELY AB: TO SUPPRESS A SMILE, THE FRENCH PRESS HAS INFKRMEED THE WORLD OF A SENSATIONAL PIECE OF NEWS. IN PARIS IN SUCH-AND-SUCH STREET A NEW POLISH GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FORMED, WITH GENERAL SIKORSKI AT ITS HEAD. THE TERRITORY OF THIS GOVERNMENT CONSISTS, IT APPEARS, OF SIX ROOMS, A BATHROOM AND A W.C. COMPARED WITH THIS TERRITORY, MONACO IS A BOUNDLESS EMPIRE".

"IN THE GREAT PARIS SYNAGOGUE, SIKORSKI ADDRESSED THE JEWISH BANKERS OF PARIS. THE SYNAGOGUE WAS ADORNED WITH A FLAG WITH A WHITE EAGLE, WHICH THE CHIEF RABBI MUST HAVE TURNED INTO KOSHER MEAT, SINCE THIS IS A BIRD THAT ORTHODOX JEWS DO NOT, AS A RULE, USE AS FOOD".

"IN FORMER POLAND, THE JEWS USED TO BE FRIGHTENED TO DEATH OF THE POLISH NOBILITY AND OF POGROMS, BUT THE JEWISH BANKERS IN PARIS HAD, OBVIOUSLY, NOTHING TO FEAR FROM GENERAL SIKORSKI....".

THIS QUOTATION FROM "PRAVDA" SHOWS HOW RUSSIA TREATED THE POLISH GOVERNMENT

PERHAPS THE FOLLOWING QUOTATION FROM THE BOOK "POLAND AND RUSSIA 1919-1945" BY JAMES T. SHOTWELL AND MAX M. LASERON PUBLISHED FOR THE CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERN. PEACE BY KING'S CROWN PRESS, NEW YORK, 1945 ON PAGE 55:

(QUOTATION FROM "THE SOVIET ENCYCLOPEDIA" IN VOLUME 46 UNDER "POLAND" RELEASED TO THE PRESS ON JUNE 29, 1940) MAY ALSO BE OF USE TO YOU:

"THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP OF SEPTEMBER 28, 1939, BETWEEN THE USSR AND GERMANY DEFINITELY FIXED THE FRONTIERS OF BOTH INTERESTED PARTNERS, CONCERNING THE TERRITORY OF THE FORMER POLISH STATE. ARTICLE II OF THIS TREATY STATES THAT "BOTH PARTIES RECOGNISE AS FINAL THE LIMITS SET IN ARTICLE I TO THEIR MUTUAL INTERESTS."

"THUS ARTICLE II TOOK THE GROUND FROM UNDER THE FEET OF THOSE WHO WANTED TO HAVE OTHERS TAKE THEIR CHESTNUTS OUT OF THE FIRE. THE PHARASAICAL WEEPING OVER THE HISTORICAL ROLE OF POLAND" WHICH WE HEAR FROM ENGLISH AND FRENCH IMPERIALISTS AND THE RENEGADES OF THE SECOND INTERNATIONALE ARE ONLY CROCODILE TEARS, FOR THE CATASTRPHIC FAILURE OF THEIR HOPES...."

IT OCCURS TO ME THAT THE POLISH DESK WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT A. POMIAN HAS CAREFULLY FOLLOWED ALL RUSSIAN WAR TIME WRITINGS CONCERNING POLAND. PERHAPS HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO INDICATE SOME DECLARATION SIMILAR TO MOLOTOW'S STATEMENT.

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