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REGIME RESPONSE TO WESTERN BROADCASTS AND LEAFLETS

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REGIME "MACCARTHYITES" LIKEN "POPROSTU" TO VOA

SOURCE AUDIENCE ANALYSIS SECTION: Radio Warsaw I, October 10, 1956, 12.10 hrs, Pol. monitoring p.626, talk by Julian Stawinski entitled "In Provincial Blind Alleys."

AUDIENCE ANALYSIS SECTION COMMENT: This is an instance of VOA being used as an argument by anti-"thaw" elements; this role is more frequently allotted to RFE.

EVALUATION COMMENT: None

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(The talk describes the backward conditions in the provincial town of Slupsk)

Excerpts:

"...At the plenary meeting of the municipal ZMP (Youth Union - transl.), the delegate of the voievodship committee of the ZMP, comrade Porzadny, on hearing that the local youth want to read Po Prostu, was quite beside himself with indignation.

- What else do they want ? -- he exclaimed literally, -- To read Po Prostu is just as bad as listening to the 'Voice of America' !

It was only by a miracle that he got away with this statement, because the young people rushed up to throw him out of the hall. I am not in favor of such methods, but I cannot deny that the violent reaction of the youngsters was a valuable testimony to their warm desire to get out of the bog into which our native MacCarthyites are trying to push them..."

End.