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X-3860POLANDRELIGIONRoman Catholic Church
PersecutionArrests Among The Clergy.SOURCE HAMBURG: A 23-year-old agricultural laborer of German-Polish descent, who escaped to Western Germany.DATE OF OBSERVATION: Up to end of May 1952

As from January 1952 the village of NOWA WIES KROLEWSKA has had a new chaplain by the name of PUTORANOS (fnu), a young man of some 25 years, who appears to have accepted the Communist supervisions of the church. PUTORANOS (fnu) is a man of medium height, but of strong physique. He wears glasses, does not talk very much. Perhaps he is being careful after the fate of his predecessor (name something like WAZNY, but source is not by any means certain of this,) who celebrated his last mass in the convent in January 1952. On his way back, perhaps 200 meters from the church, an automobile of the UB was waiting for him, and he was dragged in by four men who were sitting inside. The vehicle drove away, and no one has seen or heard anything of him since. This chaplain was very tall, of thinish build and about 30 years old.

It may have been a coincidence that in April 1952 the same fate befell the parish priest MADEJA (fnu) who also disappeared without trace. MADEJA had been in office for many years and was well loved and respected in this area. One reason suggested for his disappearance is that the "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht" figured among the music in his Christmas mass, whereafter the lady organist (NU) who provided the music was also interrogated by UB. More likely, however, is the reason that the Communists intend to replace all the older members of the clergy by younger and more malleable men.

EVAL. COMMENT: NOWA WIES KROLEWSKA, or NOWA WIES OPOLSKA (former BOLKO) near OPOLE, is confirmed. All names of persons and happenings UNCONFIRMED. The trend aiming at replacing the old clergy by a new one, if not obedient, at least not opposing the Communists, is well known.