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The President Of The Polish Radio,
OSTROWSKI

SOURCE ROME: Polish refugee

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Before OSTROWSKI (fnu) became first the "Wojwoda" of the KRAKOW Province, then Polish Minister to STOCKHOLM and ROME, and later President of the Polish Radio, his political activities were rather strange. He is a true example of degeneration, opportunism, and an unscrupulous boaster. He is very clever and has always managed to swim with the tide, but morally he is not worth anything.

Prior to the last war OSTROWSKI was an assistant at the LWOW University. Noteworthy of this period is that OSTROWSKI, a "popular democrat" to-day, then founded the first Union of Aryan Assistants. He has never denied this fact and always maintains that HITLER's "Mein Kampf" is the best political book of the 20th century. His personal friend, Dr. SIUTA Tadeusz (at present in Argentina) told us that he used to be very romantic. He specially liked to seduce housemaids. He is himself an illegitimate child.

During the German occupation in 1941 OSTROWSKI was secretary to the delegate at LWOW of the Polish Government in exile in LONDON, and was thus in the service of the legal Polish authorities, at that time working secretly in Poland. He remained in this position until the Soviets arrived at LWOW. The Soviets immediately arrested the representative of the Polish Government in Exile, and with him his secretary OSTROWSKI. This delegate was punished by the Soviet Court of Justice for his loyal collaboration with the Exile Government and the Allies, sentenced to six years imprisonment and deported to a prison in the USSR. But his secretary chose another way; already in prison he declared his willingness to work for the Communists and so he was nominated "Wojwoda" of the Province of KRAKOW.

Through his betrayal of the Polish Resistance he rendered a great service to the NKWD. He handed over to Soviet police all ciphers and evidence and thereby helped in the liquidation of the Polish underground circles. Thanks to his information hundreds of patriots were shot or deported to the USSR.

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This new "spy" of the NKWD then took over his duties as Wojwoda of the KRANKOW Province. But he did not feel safe in this position as the population of KRAKOW met him with great hostility.

He served his new masters faithfully and as a reward was sent to STOCKHOLM as the Polish Minister. But he could not remain there for long. He was soon involved in an espionage affair and the Swedish Government requested his recall. He returned to WARSAW where he remained until going to ROME as ambassador.

In Italy he had a hard time. He tried to get in touch with Polish emigrants, but he had already been found out by them and his espionage activities were not successful in ROME. He occupied himself very little with diplomatic matters. But dressed in the "gigolo" fashion he could often be seen on the famous Via Veneto (the Roman "corso") in his big Packard. When he was finally hissed off by the emigrants he preferred to go to football matches. During office hours he could often be met also in the Roman brothels where he was known among the girls as a generous and well-paying client. In the hope that this might be an advantage for him in WARSAW, OSTROWSKI flattered and courted the Soviet ambassador to ROME, KOSTILEW (fnu). But his hopes were in vain. KOSTILEW did not have any special feelings for him, and he was recalled to WARSAW. The Italian press spread rumors that OSTROWSKI had chosen liberty instead of returning to Poland, but the Polish emigrants in ROME never believed this news as they knew that OSTROWSKI could not expect anybody's assistance. He returned to Poland and was nominated director of the Polish Radio (Polskie Radio.)

At present he is preparing the Polish radio programmes, and is praising STALIN as the "greatest humanitarian of the world" and the "father of the Slav people."

EVAL. COMMENT: The political curriculum vitae is correct and confirmed.