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From the time he spent in the Polish Navy School (Nov. 9, 1950 - October 2, 1951, promotion day,) our informant remembers that among the teaching staff there were many Russian officers. Especially in the mechanical department, almost all instructors were Russians.

In the navigation department, there also was a Russian, Commander-Sublieutenant SZEIEST, about 39 years old. He read his lectures in the Russian language, although only future professional officers were being taught Russian, and many boys were not able to understand it.

Another Russian, a mechanic, and director of study (Dyrektor Nauk) was Commander-Sublieutenant IPPOLITOV, 43 years old. On weekdays he wore a Russian uniform, and on Sundays a Polish one.

Another Russian whose name our informant does not remember was chief of the mechanical department, a Commander-Lieutenant a thick and short man with black hair.

Poles usually take the medium posts in the teaching staff, under senior Russian officers. Of the Poles, our informant remembers the following men:

Commander-Sublieutenant KON, son of the well known cavalryman Major KON, at the end of the war second on PIORUN, came from England with the rank of captain. He teaches signalisation and is a chief of the so-called signalisation cabinet.

Commander-Sublieutenant KOWALSKI (fnn), teaches artillery, also came from England.

Captain SZKOLNICKI Piotr, in the years 1941-45 interned in Sweden on board submarine RYS; teaches submarines.

Captain TEKELI, politruk, 33 to 35 years old, finished a course in WARSAW, but was not considered one of the worst men.

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Lieutenant (now probably captain) KOLODYNski (fnu), previously on DAR POMORZA, teaches Marxism-Leninism; although he is rather a dangerous man, he at least tries to convince his students first before he turns nasty.

The most dangerous type among the teaching staff was a man who came shortly before our informant's leaving the school. His name our source does not remember, but he has changed it several times already anyhow. The students nick-named him "X-27". He behaved as if he were in the UB. If he chanced to meet a student who looked suspicious to him, he ordered him to come to a special room which was always darkened. Here he lit a strong lamp shining straight at the victim. If the student was able to master his nervousness, he usually got off after answering a few questions, e.g. on the places and dates of birth of his parents etc. If on the other hand he showed anxiety or fear, he was considered all the more suspect and sometimes questioned for hours. Naturally, he was compelled to promise silence about his ordeal, before he was able to leave.

EVAL. COMMENT: All names UNCONFIRMED. A Lt/Commander KON Wieslaw, one of Poland's few Radar specialists was previously reported to be (in spring 1951) the chief instructor in the Naval Expert School ("Szkoła Specjalistów Morskich") in USTKA. Although there is a far reaching Soviet control and certain amount of Soviet staff in the naval colleges - so far, according to available information, the leading posts are still occupied by Polish staff.