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Stanislaw Neumark, cabinet director at the Ministry of Culture and Arts, has been dismissed, Western news agencies reported from Warsaw April 2. Considering the principle of collective responsibility applied by the regime in connection with student demonstrations, the news of the dismissal of Neumark comes as no surprise. Kurier Polski (ostensibly the Democratic Party daily, which recently became violently anti-Semitic) reported on March 26 the arrest of Andrzej Neumark, the official's son, for an attempt to organize a demonstration at Warsaw's Medical Academy on March 11. In this connection, the paper attacked the father, possibly of Jewish origin, describing him as being "in a state of permanent war with the culture of everyday life, especially in contacts with subordinates."

Another victim of the student demonstrations is Wanda Zaluska, director of the Artistic Schools's Board at the Ministry of Culture and Arts. Although not (yet?) dismissed from her post, she has been expelled from the Party, the same sources reported. The reason for her expulsion: she failed to prevent students in drama and art academies from signing protest resolutions and staging demonstrations.

Earlier (March 30), Trybuna Ludu revealed that Ignacy Druski, a public prosecutor, was expelled from the Party on March 19. While Trybuna Ludu gave no reasons for this step, Kurier Polski reported on March 12 that the prosecutor's son, Wiktor, was a member

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of the Jewish "Babel" club (so named after the Soviet writer Isaac Babel) and had "extremely cordial contacts" with the Israeli embassy before Poland broke diplomatic relations with Israel last year.

(For previous dismissals and purges cf. Polish SR/18, 20 and 25, Radio Free Europe Research, March 13, 18 and 26 respectively.)