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As reported by a well informed source, the flow of information from and to Poland is now being checked by censorship in two directions. After prohibiting the press of the free world from distribution in Poland, the censorship authorities have recently started limiting the export of newspapers from Poland to foreign countries.

Since November 1951, following the instructions of the "Control Office, the monopolistic distributors "RUCH" stopped sending abroad all provincial papers with the only exception of "Trybuna Robotnicza" from KATOWICE. Among the papers cut off from distribution abroad was also ROKOSSOVSKI's press organ "Zolnierz Wolnosci."

In February 1952, the list of the press which is not to be exported to foreign countries, was extended. "Trybuna Robotnicza" was added, and also some monthly publications as e.g. "Wojsko Ludowe," "Notatnik Prelegenta," "Bellona," "Nafta," "Budownictwo."

These measures follow exactly the Soviet model: from Soviet Union also only central newspapers can be exported abroad, as e.g. "Izvestia" and "Pravda." From now on, only newspapers published in WARSAW, with the exception of "Zolnierz Wolnosci," can be sent abroad. Simultaneously, special instructions were issued limiting and complicating the distribution abroad of such publications as "Dziennik Ustaw" and "Monitor Polski," both official publications giving the texts of laws, decrees and official announcements.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Recent period

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Source : usually reliable;  
Information: confirmed partially by  
evidence as some of the  
newspapers have ceased  
to reach this office.