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Personalities

GROSS Karol is deputy chief of the Polish Military Mission in West Berlin.

Aged 54, he has been a Communist for many years. After the war he became one of the most trusted representatives of the WARSAW regime. Although one of the old-timers, he joined the Stalinists. Before the war he worked as a mechanic in the state railway repair plant. He never had a chance at a good and systematic education. His son is studying at the Marxist-Leninist faculty of LENINGRAD University.

GROSS is living in a seven room apartment formerly occupied by general PRWIN (fnu). The building, which is the property of the Polish military mission, is situated in the British sector of BERLIN.

About two weeks ago GROSS was promoted inspector of all Polish representations in Western Germany. Toward the end of June, he set out for an inspection tour to MUNICH, FRANKFURT and DUSSELDORF. He had talks with representatives of the Polish Red Cross and of the WARSAW ministry for foreign trade in these cities. His most urgent task was to reorganize the information network in Western Germany.

Until lately, this information network operated with the help of Polish emigrants living in West Germany. Its chief organizer was Dr. WAGNER (fnu), with offices in BOCHUM and ESSEN, who, in spite of some satisfactory results obtained shortly after the war, gradually lost his influence with the WARSAW government. In March 1951 the Polish emigrants living in Western Germany started a movement to free themselves from the influence of the Communists. A few weeks ago all their connections with the representatives of WARSAW were severed.

GROSS, aided by BICKARD (fnu), chief of the Polish Red Cross in Western Germany, was entrusted with the task of building up a new information network, this time based up on German Communist elements.

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GROSS' personal and family circumstances have been confirmed by other sources. Once, before becoming the Second Secretary of the Polish Military Mission in BERLIN, he was active in the Communist Railway Trade Union. He spent the war in Russia. An apparently completely uncouth personality.