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COMMUNIST PARTY
Enrollment

Fishermen in Poland belong to the Transport Workers' Union (Związek Zawodowy Transportowców.) The young men among them are induced to join the ZMP. The older men are constantly propagandized to enter the Communist Party.

A fisherman who joins his POP (basic Party organization) is kept as a candidate for six months. This does not bother the fishermen since they are not anxious to join the Party. In fact, fishermen, in general, are hostile to the Communist Party. Those of them who had first been in the army, and then were released and made to go into fishing, are obliged to join at least the ZMP.

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EVAL. COMMENT:

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Information: probably true.