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TANNERY SCANDAL IN WROCLAW 1960-61 WAS PART OF A MUCH LARGER AFFAIR. WROCLAW WAS A PART OF THE NET AND WAS ONLY REFERRED TO ONCE IN THE CENTRAL PRESS, I.E. IN TRYBUNA LUDU, 27 DECEMBER 1960. WE ARE NOT ABLE TO BIND AND STORE THE LOCAL WROCLAW PRESS HERE SO CANNOT CHECK THIS.

THE LEATHER "GANG" OPERATED IN A NET OF TANNERIES FROM 1951 UNTIL AUGUST 1960 IN GDANSK, WROCLAW, KRAKOW, KATOWICE AND RADOM. (SEE ZYCIE WARSZAWY, 8 DECEMBER 1960 AND TRYBUNA LUDU, 27 DECEMBER 1960.) THE CHIEF DEFENDANTS EUGENIUSZ GALICKI (WARSAW TANNERY) AND BOLESŁAW DEDO (TANNERY PRODUCERS COOPERATIVE PRZYSZŁOSC IN RADOM) WERE DIRECTORS OF STATE OWNED ENTERPRISES. THEY WERE ACCUSED OF ORGANIZING AN ELABORATE RING WHICH SOLD MILLIONS OF ZŁOTYS WORTH OF HIDES ON THE BLACK MARKET. THERE WAS A TRIAL IN THE WARSAW VOIVODSHIP COURT FROM 27 JULY TO 4 OCTOBER 1960, IN WHICH GOLICKI RECEIVED A LIFE SENTENCE, A 300,000 ZŁOTY

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FINE, LOSS OF CIVIL RIGHTS FOR LIFE, AND CONFISCATION OF PROPERTY. OTHER DEFENDANTS RECEIVED FROM 8 TO 15 YEARS. (SEE TRYBUNA LUDU 28 JULY 1960 AND 4 OCTOBER 1960). ANOTHER TRIAL WAS HELD IN THE KIELCE VOIVODSHIP COURT FROM 25 OCTOBER TO 21 DECEMBER 1960. BOLESŁAW DEDO WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH (TRYBUNA LUDU, 22 DECEMBER 1960), BUT LATER THE STATE COUNCIL COMMUTED HIS SENTENCE TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT (KURIER POLSKI, 6-7 MAY 1961). ANOTHER EIGHT TRIALS TOOK PLACE BETWEEN 24 JANUARY 1961 AND FEBRUARY 1962, TWO IN RADOM AND SIX IN WARSAW.

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