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REGIME RESPONSE TO WESTERN BROADCASTS

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"PLURALISM IN WORLD OUTLOOK"

SOURCE AUDIENCE ANALYSIS SECTION: Regime Catholic daily Slowo Powszechnie, No. 82(2989), 5 April 1956, back page, article by Andrzej MICEWSKI.

AUDIENCE ANALYSIS SECTION COMMENT: This is a direct reaction to the "Reflector" by S. SZABLOWSKI, broadcast on 3 February 1956

EVALUATION COMMENT: None

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The subject of the article is the problem of reconciling a Christian outlook with approval of and participation in, the Socialist reconstruction of the material side of life. In other words, cooperation between Catholics and Marxists.

Excerpts:

".... My article developing these thoughts were attacked by Free Europe in a program in the Polish language broadcast on 3 February 1956, which said:

Pluralism in world outlook in the jargon of the Dzis i Jutro group simply means cooperation between Catholics and Communists. What is this cooperation to consist of? According to Micewski's explanation, in the cooperation between people with different outlooks to improve the lot of the masses, to attain social and national liberation, to secure man's supremacy over nature -- in other words to attain a Socialist revolution.

The program then goes on to deny absolutely the possibility of cooperation between believers and non-believers".

(The author then quotes an article in Przegląd Kulturalny No.10/184 which attacks Catholics for their conservatism. MICEWSKI points out that it is important to differentiate between reactionary Catholics and progressive Catholics and adds:)

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"..... It is understandable that our efforts are attacked by Free Europe but it is unjust and difficult to understand that a Polish journalist, even if writing in his own name, cannot differentiate between socially progressive and socially conservative forces in Christianity throughout the world....."

End.