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SOURCE OSLO: A refugee who until 1950 occupied a position of considerable importance in the Polish government.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Until end of 1950

BERMAN Jakub's wife is an "example of the emancipation" of Polish women. She is a dentist and works at the "Stomatologic Academy" in WARSAW. Originally, this emancipated woman was to serve a professor and give lectures. However, and despite the rank of her husband, her inability to teach was too apparent so that instead she works as an ordinary dentist. In deference to her husband though, she is regarded as a professor.

BERMAN himself is a sick man. He had been operated on twice for kidney stones. Just the same, BERMAN, BIERUT, and RADKIEWICZ, the original Communist "triumvirate," which has not been purged (with the addition of railroad minister RABANOWSKI who is actually inconsequential,) are the strong men of the Party. They are followed by MINC, who however is not regarded so much as a Party man than as an outstanding economist. MINC has hitched his waggon closely to BIERUT, whom he holds in high esteem and of whom he only speaks with utmost deference.

The real name of general NASZKOWSKI Marian, Poland's Armed Forces Politruck in chief, is SILBERSTEIN. He comes from a Jewish family.

Another high functionary who changed his name is OCHAB Edward, vice-minister of defense and secretary in the Central Committee of the PZPR. His real name is WEINSTOCK. Did he too change his name to escape any possible anti-semitic purges?

Three Polish big-wigs who come from the same region in Poland and who served their apprenticeship in the Soviet Kom-somol are Minister for Internal Security RADKIEWICZ Stanislaw, vice-minister MIETKOWSKI (fnu), and chief of the cabinet in the Ministry for Internal Security, Colonel ANDRZEJEWSKI (fnu). MIETKOWSKI who has his office at Koszykowa 10, WARSAW, also has the rank of a colonel. All three come from the Polish-

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Soviet border district near the Bug river. Another "local" boy with exactly the same background is department chief (in the same ministry) Colonel ERDMAN (fnu).

EVAL. COMMENT: The information about BERMAN's wife is confirmed by other sources.

NASZKOWSKI's and OCHAB's Jewish origin UNCONFIRMED. Both allegedly come from bourgeois circles.

MIETKOWSKI's position was mentioned by another source.

ANDRZEJEWSKI's and ERDMAN's names and position UNCONFIRMED.