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POLAND

REGIME RESPONSE TO WESTERN BROADCASTS

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"SEASONED CRITICISM"

SOURCE AUDIENCE ANALYSIS SECTION: Provincial daily Trybuna Mazowiecka, No.114, 12 May 1956, p.4, column "Their 'truth and our facts", signed MIECZ.

AUDIENCE ANALYSIS SECTION COMMENT: It has not been possible to determine to which of the numerous RFE programs on the building situation in Poland this attack refers.

EVALUATION COMMENT: None

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"The gentlemen from Free Europe are critically inclined. Well, de gustibus non est disputandum. In other words: tastes differ. Sometimes, however, both we and the Free Europeans dislike the same thing. This apparently strange identity of views stems from an inclination which the critics from Free Europe must have retained still from their school days — the inclination to crib. One just borrowed the copy book of a better schoolboy, one copied the lesson, and one did not have to use one's brains.

And today ? Today one takes any Polish newspaper and one looks to see what they are criticizing in Poland. It must be admitted that this method is quite reliable, since our press does not conceal our troubles and difficulties.

It is thus not surprising that the cribbers discovered the subject of housing. It would be difficult not to notice it in the columns of our newspapers. A few days ago they offered their listeners 'first-hand information' (discussed on several occasions in the Warsaw press) concerning the shocking condition of the newly-built house in Opoczunska 5/7. The repairs which had to be carried out in that house necessitated the temporary evacuation of several apartments.

But mere repetition does not satisfy the Free Europeans. As a matter of fact it would be unfair to expect the Munich managers of

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this yapping station to pay handsome salaries to its staff for merely reading over the microphone excerpts from Polish newspapers. It is therefore required of them to cook things up independently.

The taste of a dish depends on the sauce. Free Europe therefore flavored its information with a little gravy.

'If building in Poland is bad -- says their instructive commentary, -- then this is due to one circumstance only: the low credits accorded by the regime to the building industry'.

One can immediately see the originality of the Free Europeans' thoughts. We ourselves, have quite enough objections to our building.

(This is followed by an attack on inter-war building and on recent standards of building in Poland.)

The Free European sauce can be scented from afar by its putrid smell: it is the 'regime' (how they love that beautiful word!) that is to blame for the floors in Opoczynska street which had to be taken apart. Do not take all this trouble, critics from the Munich yapping station! We shall manage ourselves to find a solution to bad floors: we shall, ourselves, organize the production of prefabricated components; and we shall build our homes ourselves.

And as for the cribbers who season information from our newspapers with stinking sauces -- they at least give us a laugh from time to time.

End.