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The Most Hated Man In CRACOW

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Colonel HARASZIN Juliusz, judge at the Regional Military Court of CRACOW, is one of the most hated men in the city and a wellknown criminal of the regime. Before the war this sadist's family was highly respected and wellknown in CRACOW. He studied at the local university and graduated in Law with the degree of Magister Praw (obtained after four years of university studies previous to a doctorate.) His career was never very brilliant even before the war. Once the public prosecutor accused him of raping a girl who was a minor, and the particulars of this case were so sordid, that the court decided to hear the witnesses behind closed doors. HARASZIN was sentenced to two years of imprisonment, and he was placed on probation for two years (z zawieszeniem na dwa lata,) losing all his civil rights for five years.

HARASZIN obviously could no longer take part in the social life of CRACOW. He came to the fore again just after the German occupation, collaborated with the Germans and was appointed Head of the Production Department of the State Tobacco Factory of CRACOW. No other Pole could have obtained such a position. Everybody knew that HARASZIN was working hand in glove with the Germans for his own interests, and that it would be wiser not to mention the word Conspiracy in his presence.

His father, (a teacher in a country school,) was a very honest man, who suffered a great deal because of his son's activities, and would have nothing more to do with him.

HARASZIN is the nephew of one of the best known actors in Poland, WYRWICZ Leon (Jozef), a great patriot and a very popular personality on the Polish stage.

When the Soviet army entered CRACOW in January 1945, HARASZIN was arrested by the Polish authorities and imprisoned in the "Montelupi" prison at CRACOW. He was released shortly afterwards and holding the rank of a captain, took up office as Judge of the Regional Court for special cases. He became the terror of CRACOW from that moment. His first act of vengeance was to accuse his own brother-in-law, Dr. BARTYNOWSKI Stefan, who was an active member of the Conspiracy, of having acted against the Polish Workers Party during the German occupation. This was one of the most serious accusations at that time. HARASZIN was promoted colonel for his good work and appointed Judge of the CRACOW Regional Military Court. He was also appointed President of the "Special Court," acting then as Supreme

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Court. After having been a prewar criminal, a collaborator and trusted confidant of the Germans during the occupation, HARASZIM became the blind executioner and supporter of NKWD orders. Col. HARASZIM handles all the trials against Polish patriots, members of the National Army (Armia Krajowa,) leaders of the Conspiracy and against Democratic Party members. The entire resistance movement of CRACOW is brutally wiped out by this abnormal sadist. He only metes out one sentence, that of capital punishment. These are the sentences taught him by the Gestapo and the NKWD. Neither the reproaches of his family nor the appealing letters sent by the Resistance Movement have any effect on him. The only thing to be done is to attempt the life of him, but this is not very easy, as he evades danger. As Judge of the CRACOW Regional Military Court he has signed 82 death sentences. These were all pronounced against Polish patriots the Soviet authorities wanted to get rid of.

HARASZIM lives in CRACOW to this day, with the rank of a colonel and acting as Judge of the CRACOW Regional Military Court.

EVAL. COMMENT: Probably true, unconfirmed.