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POLAND

EDUCATION

Despite the Communist "classless society" children in public schools in Poland are classified either within a socialled "A" section or a "B" section.

Pupils and students belonging to the "A" section are the children of members of the higher level Communist society, such as CP dignitaries. Those in the "B" section are the children of other people, considered as belonging to the lower levels of society.

Members of the "A" section receive scholarships more often than the others. Scholarship allowances range from 30 to 100 Zloty monthly. The informant emphasized that the awarding of scholarships has become an instrument of Party pressure.

Children of "good" Communists receive scholarships, while children of "others" are unlikely to receive help, regardless of their intelligence or need.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: recent

EVAL. COMMENT:

Source : fairly reliable

Information: it is certain that there is a class differentiation between the studying youth and children but the classification in A and B sections has not been reported yet.