

# Today's Poland Nation of Great Contrasts; Necessities Lacking But Drink Flows Freely

Editors note: Russell Jones, who covered the Hun-  
garian revolution, is behind the Iron  
Curtain again. His time in Poland  
has spent several weeks there  
after driving from Vienna across  
Czechoslovakia. Here he has first  
impressions.

**By RUSSELL JONES**  
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Poznan, Poland—This is  
Poland today.

Packed Catholic churches, a  
Communist government, stom-  
ach-wrenching poverty, a mil-  
lion dollars worth of vodka  
drunk daily.

People who make no bones  
of their dislikes for their Rus-  
sian neighbor to the east, but  
fear the black depths of hatred  
toward their German neighbor  
to the west.

A county whose own Com-  
munist leader himself so re-  
cently knew the "darkness at  
noon" of a Red prison. One  
where Josef Cardinal Wyszyn-  
ski, Roman Catholic primate of  
Poland, is virtually as free and  
influential as in pre-war days.

Twenty-eight million people  
with only 150,000 trucks and  
cars among all of them. Too  
poor to buy one suit in five  
years, but cooking in butter.  
Drunkenness so widespread all  
vodka shops are closed paydays  
so at least some money gets  
home.

**Steal To Live**

People speaking with aston-  
ishing candor of their Com-  
munist government and about  
the Russians, yet a Parliament  
with no electoral opposition to  
the Communists. A nation with  
an almost fully socialized econ-  
omy, yet one where \$2 million  
in goods are stolen every day  
by people who must steal to  
stay alive.

A strange country of contrasts  
and contradictions.

It was in this city Poznan a  
year ago this month—June 28—  
that the workers rose against  
the Red Regime. Fifty-three  
were killed and more than 300  
wounded. But the spark of  
Poznan brought Wladislaw  
Gomulka, "Poland's Tito," back  
to power from a prison cell. The  
spark jumped national bound-  
aries — it helped ignite the  
bloody revolt in Hungary.

I drove here from Vienna  
across Czechoslovakia. On the  
trip you can see the full range  
from free Austrian democracy  
to Czech Stalinism to the Polish  
"road to socialism."

After Vienna, its streets teem-  
ing with cars and hardly a uni-  
form in sight, the Czech frontier  
came as a brutal reminder that  
we still live in two worlds.

**Poland a Contrast**

As I drove up to the Czech  
border, soldiers trained their  
tommyguns on my car from be-  
hind accordions of barbed wire.  
Steel rails barred the road to

any would-be escapees.

Not one Czech showed more  
than a sullen curiosity at the  
new German-made car and its  
American driver on the 200  
miles across Czechoslovakia.

What a contrast once in Pol-  
and!

The people were interested in  
the car and its driver. What  
kind was it and how much fuel  
did it burn? Would it be pos-  
sible to sit for a moment in  
the car. Would one dare to ask  
for a short drive? Where was I  
going and why?

Here in Poznan I met Boni-  
slaw Lentzner at his workbench  
at the Cegielski factory. It used

to be called the "Stalin works."  
Lentzner is a machine tool op-  
erator. He is one of the men  
who went into Poznan's street  
a year ago, his arms linked  
with those of men, women and  
students who braved the rifle  
and machinegun fire.

Was Poznan worth it?  
**Lentzner Holds Future**

Lentzner will decide that. The  
future of Poland really rests on  
his shoulders and those of men  
like him.

Lentzner is a thin, tired-look-  
ing man of 49. He supports his  
wife, year-old son, daughters, 10  
and 12, and his aged mother. I  
asked him why he staked his

life in the uprising.

"I just didn't care," he told  
me.

Is life any better now?  
"I made 200 zlotys (\$8) a  
month more than then," he said.  
"But wages are still too low and  
it is difficult to live."

What about new freedoms of  
press and speech?  
"Well, I don't read much, but  
it's a good feeling to talk to  
you. And anyone else, without  
thinking that someone is listen-  
ing and reporting."

"You know, the change I like  
best is films from the West. Be-  
fore they were Soviet films and  
too dull to sit through."

Would Lentzner dare to pro-  
test openly again?  
He smiled slightly.

"One must remember," he  
said, "that Poland is a small  
country with -great neighbors.  
He obviously meant Russia and  
West German. "We can not do  
exactly what we want and when  
we want. We have made a start  
Things are better than they  
were. We must go slowly."

## The Family Council

Editors note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist,  
three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each  
article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give  
advice, it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible  
agencies and counselors.

**Mrs. M. R.**—We're afraid Car-  
oline will get hurt.

**Caroline R.** — I don't mind  
waiting.

**Mrs. M. R.**—My husband and  
I are quite concerned about our  
17-year-old daughter Caroline.  
She is very much in love with a  
boy two years older, who is now  
in the service.

**The Council**—There is some-  
thing awfully wrong with this  
picture. These two young people  
are in love, says Mrs. M.  
R., but she is the only one who  
shows any certainty about this  
fact.

Roddy must go out with other  
girls to have "a real good time."  
Caroline relates what her par-  
ents think and what Roddy  
thinks, but is quite uncertain  
about what she thinks. What a  
basis for an engagement!

These parents are so overpro-  
tective that they leaped at the  
idea of marriage the moment  
they saw a gleam in a young  
man's eye. They pushed things  
farther than these young people  
were prepared to go.

Now they find themselves forced  
to manage the rest of the  
affair. If Roddy is writing love  
letters, he should not be seeing  
other girls—so they bowl him  
out about it. He, in return, must  
defend himself by telling them  
he isn't engaged yet—and they  
don't know what to do.

All of these interesting things  
are going on above Caroline's  
head without her having any-  
thing to say or do about it. This  
is supposed to be her courtship,  
but she is just a bystander in the  
affair.

These parents should forget  
their tears about Caroline's get-  
ting hurt and push her off on her  
own. If she gets hurt this time,  
she'll know better what to do  
next time. If she is forced to  
fight her own battle, she may  
win or lose, but at least it will  
be her own victory or defeat—  
not Mother's.

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## Nickel Firm Starts Drilling Operations

Cave Junction — The Nickel  
Corporation of America, under  
the direction of Alex Skrecky,  
has started drilling operations  
on Eight Dollar mountain, with  
the Coleman drill company of  
Grants Pass doing excavation  
work.

Woodcock mountain drilling,  
under way for some time, has  
yielded up so many samples that  
an assay office is now under  
construction at Cave Junction.  
Previously samples were sent  
to San Francisco, after being  
dried first by the sun, then by  
electric furnace. The Abbot A.  
Hanks office of San Francisco,  
which will do the assay work  
here, has had a pulverizing  
machine and a rock crusher in-  
stalled at the new addition to  
the corporation's office building.

According to Edward White of  
New York City, and John H.  
White of Salt Lake City, officials  
of the Nickel Corporation of  
America, it will take about 60  
days more on exploration be-  
fore plans for a processing plant  
will be made public.

London — Peiping Radio, the  
propaganda voice of Red  
China, claimed that Chinese  
Communist anti-aircraft units  
damaged one U.S. Navy plane  
and shot down two Nationalist  
fighters Wednesday in the Swa-  
tow coastal area.

Pasco — The body of Mrs.  
Claudia B. Anderson, 68, of Pasco,  
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