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This is to inform you that the following articles appeared in the September 8th issue of "TRIBUNE".

UNDIGNIFIED DISPUTE

"The undignified and unconvincing crossfire of accusation continues over the bleeding and smouldering body of Warsaw. It is well to re-state those facts about which there could be no dispute.

1. The rising started six weeks ago, and whether premature or not, was sufficiently strong to hold out with virtually no outside assistance for six weeks.

2. Whether carried out in consultation with the British Government or not /and it is believed that the British Government were informed but not the Russians/, the rising undoubtedly diverted German tanks, German planes and German troops from the front against the Russians.

3. The explanation by the Polish Patriot Commander-in-Chief that the insurgents inside Warsaw held only isolated buildings does not appear to be borne out by these facts. No resistance could have maintained itself for so long had it been confined to a few isolated houses. Reports from R.A.F. observers who flew over the city also indicate that the area which was being engulfed in the fighting covered a considerable part of the struggling city. Furthermore, even had arms fallen to the Germans, even if only ten percent of the arms had reached the insurgents, it would have been worth it. We do not remember any criticisms of the early convoys to Russia that paid so heavy a toll in ships, men and equipment. No one said they were not worth this loss because only a fraction of the equipment sent got through.

4. The accusation that the Russians deliberately held back their armies is unjustified.

5. The political handling of the situation by the Polish National Liberation Committee and the Russian Press has done more harm to the good name of the Soviet Union than anything since the beginning of the Russian war in June 1941."

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