

News From Poland

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Dr. Mott In Poland

When Dr. John R. Mott visits a country it is first page news. Standing today as one of the half-dozen great Americans of this century, news of an intended visit by Dr. Mott is in most lands at once received by government officials and leaders of humanitarian organizations as an event to be prepared for. His fourth visit to Poland, May 23—25, was no exception to this rule.

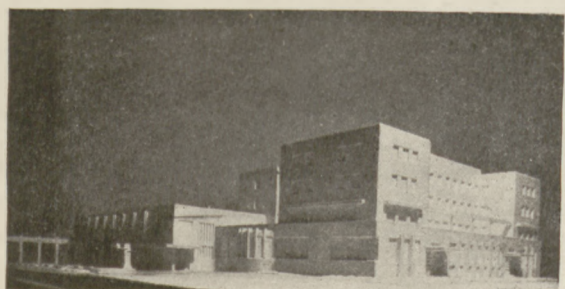
In Warsaw

Dr. Mott was met at the main station in Warsaw by four representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, YMCA leaders, and the usual photographers. There were the customary calls upon the President of the Republic, the Prime Minister and the Foreign Office. At 2 o'clock the Prime Minister gave a formal dinner for Dr. Mott in the Prime Minister's Palace, attended by 24 high civil and military officials and YMCA leaders. Dr. Mott's significance as an international figure was the basis of this unusual attention.

At 5 o'clock there was a members' reception and tea at the large new YMCA building and at 8.30 in the evening 100 leading men of Warsaw from government, army, diplomatic, educational and other spheres, met for dinner in the Hotel Europe to honor and hear this distinguished American. Dr. Mott wore the rosette of the high Polish decoration received by him when in Poland in 1924, Polonia Restituta, Commander with Grand Star. His address on „Devisive and Unifying Forces Around the World“, made a profound impression.

In Lodz

Next day Dr. Mott visited Poland's great cotton mill city, Lodz, where a \$ 300,000 YMCA building is being begun with money part of which Dr. Mott secured in America. The Building Committee of the YMCA gave a dinner attended by Dr. Mott and the Governor of the Province as guests of honor. At 6 o'clock the Governor, Mr. Hauke-Nowak, gave a reception in the governor's residence, the splendid Poznań-



The architect's model of the Lodz YMCA building.

ski Palace of former days. Here some 150 of Lodz's leading citizens heard Dr. Mott speak of the work of the YMCA, after the Governor and the President of the City Council had made addresses of welcome.

Meanwhile Dr. Mott and the Building Committee had visited the site of the new building. Lodz has secured signed pledges for over \$ 50,000 of the \$ 100,000 it must raise and sees its way to the rest. The securing of that much money in Poland under present day conditions effectively tells the story of Poland's appreciation of its YMCA in Lodz.

In Poznan

Then to Poznan, for the last 1000 years the heart of the Polish nation. In this region and province the early kings lived. Here Poland first welcomed the Christian faith. Here the Polish nation has its most ancient roots. The YMCA in Poznan is a new and humble one with only a few rented rooms and a small membership and no permanent employed officer. But it has a future. The city is a splendid one of 250,000 inhabitants, a beautifully built city almost 100% Polish in its population. Probably no city in Poland is more Polish. The President of the City Council, Mr. Ratajski, received Dr. Mott in the City Hall, loaned his auto for a tour of inspection of the city and saw Dr. Mott off at the station. A gracious and efficient mayor is Mr. Ratajski, a figure in Polish life, and a man of achievement. He has been mayor of Poznan for 12 of the 15 years of Poland's independence and has also been Minister of Interior.

THE NEW ZWIRKO-WIGURA STAMP.



Zwirko and Wigura, Polish aviators flying a Polish machine constructed by Wigura, won the European Challenge, an aviation contest in which the chief nations of Europe participated. A week after their great triumph they were caught in a hurricane and dashed to death. Skarzynski's recent international flights were made in a similar Polish machine.

Results

The results of Dr. Mott's visit are concrete. Renewed assurances of continued support from old friends in high places. New contacts with influential men not previously in touch with the Polish YMCA. Larger sense of responsibility and of possibility on the part of our YMCA leaders. Renewed inspiration. Deepened sense of international ties through the world-wide YMCA. Light on some of our Association problems. And finally, Dr. Mott has received fresh first hand evidence of the progress and growth of the Polish YMCA and of its high place in the estimation of the leaders of Poland.

Gdynia

The new YMCA at Gdynia goes steadily forward. Polish interest in this new city and everything related to it is extraordinary. It is sometimes referred to as Poland's "Window on the Sea" but it is vastly more. It is the open end of the Corridor, the door through which must flow Poland's economic connections with the rest of the world. It is Poland's Boston, New York,



The water-front at Gdynia.

New Orleans, and San Francisco combined, in the sense that these are the channels of America's connection with other nations over its own territories.

The New Prime Minister

When President Mościcki was re-elected in May for a second 7 year term as President of the Republic, he called upon Mr. Janusz Jędrzejewicz, Minister of Education in the last Cabinet, to form a government; that is, Mr. Jędrzejewicz becomes Prime Minister. He retains his post as Minister of Education also. The name is pronounced Yen-gee-a-vich. Accent on the a, long as in May.

Readers of this bulletin will remember that it was Premier Jędrzejewicz, then Minister of Education, who gave the chief address at the opening of the new YMCA building last December, endorsing the Association in no uncertain way. He is a trained and experienced educator, and as a young man studied economics in Paris. A quiet, forceful man, friendly, careful, with the full confidence of Marshal Pilsudski, the guiding force in Polish life.

New Book.

Students of Polish-German relations will find a large store of rich material in a new book called „The German Paradox“ by A. Plutynski, published by Wishart and Co., 10 John Street, London, W. C. 2. Its 228 pages of ably written material on the agricultural, industrial, political and general economic situation in East Prussia throw much light on the conditions in this eastern colony of Germany in the middle of the Slav world. As the materials upon which the book is based are drawn from German sources its conclusion have the larger interest. These conclusions, much too important to be compressed into a notice of this kind, make the book one of the most significant of the year in the field of European political relations.



Polish YMCA National Council in session in the Krakow YMCA building.

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