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Warsaw YMCA Opens Swimming Pool

The opening of the new indoor swimming pool of the Warsaw YMCA on the 19th of January was the important event of the season for that Association. The pool is 25 meters long, 7½ meters wide, and built in accordance with the latest American standards, the basin itself being of American white porcelain tile. The methods used in purifying the water represent the best science has so far to offer in that field. The walls of the pool and spectators' gallery are of pastel colored Polish tile, and the ceiling is of cork painted a very delicate shade of green. The whole installation is a great success, and by far the best in Warsaw, its only equal in Poland being the YMCA pool in Lodz. There is space for 600 spectators.

The opening was attended by about 1000 guests, who first gathered in the gymnasium, where brief addresses were given by former Minister Kuhn, chairman of the Finance Committee, Professor Paszkowski, chairman of the Building Committee, and former Minister Doctor Hubicki, chairman of the Physical Education Committee of the National Council of the Polish YMCA.

The Minister of Social Welfare took advantage of this occasion to decorate Mr. Paul Super, general director of the Polish YMCA, with the Commander's Cross of "Polonia Restituta" in recognition of his 14 years of work for the youth of Poland. After conferring the decoration, Minister Jaszczolt cut the ribbon at the head of the stairs leading to the pool and declared the pool officially opened. When the spectators were seated, an exhibition of swimming and diving was given. Some hundreds have already joined the Association because of this new attraction, and the pool is in use 12 hours a day.

The Ministry of Social Welfare

Since the very beginning of YMCA work for civilians in Poland in December 1921, the officials of the Ministry of Social Welfare have seen the possibilities that lie in YMCA work for the youth of the cities and have backed the Association consistently with both moral support and financial contributions. The Ministry is a huge organization, its activities touching Polish life at many points and playing a large part in the welfare of the country, and the YMCA is naturally only one of a large number of enterprises in which this ministry is interested. As to the YMCA, this is the ministry through which it has its chief connection with the government, though it has other important governmental relations also, and in the Ministry of Social Welfare it finds its chief official advisers and helpers.

In the present officials, the YMCA has as usual not only official advisers, but helpful personal friends. We here print photographs of the Minister, the Vice-Minister, and the Department Director through whose hands many of our matters pass, and regret there is not room for at least five more men to whom we have frequent occasion to say thank you. We are grateful for their untiring willingness to hear our needs and to endeavor to meet them.

Some of our most important YMCA leaders are men we first met as officials in this ministry; for instance, a former vice-minister, Mr. Szubartowicz has long been secretary of our National Council, and a former minister, General Hubicki, a physician, is now at the head of all our physical work.

Poles Honor Y Director

In January 1922 Paul Super was asked by Dr. Mott to visit Poland for several months for the purpose of setting up and helping in the training of personnel for the newly organized Polish YMCA. That short visit developed, at the request of the Poles, into a 14 year period of service with more to come, and in appreciation of these years of work in Poland and their results, the Poles have recently set up a series of events in Mr. Super's honor.

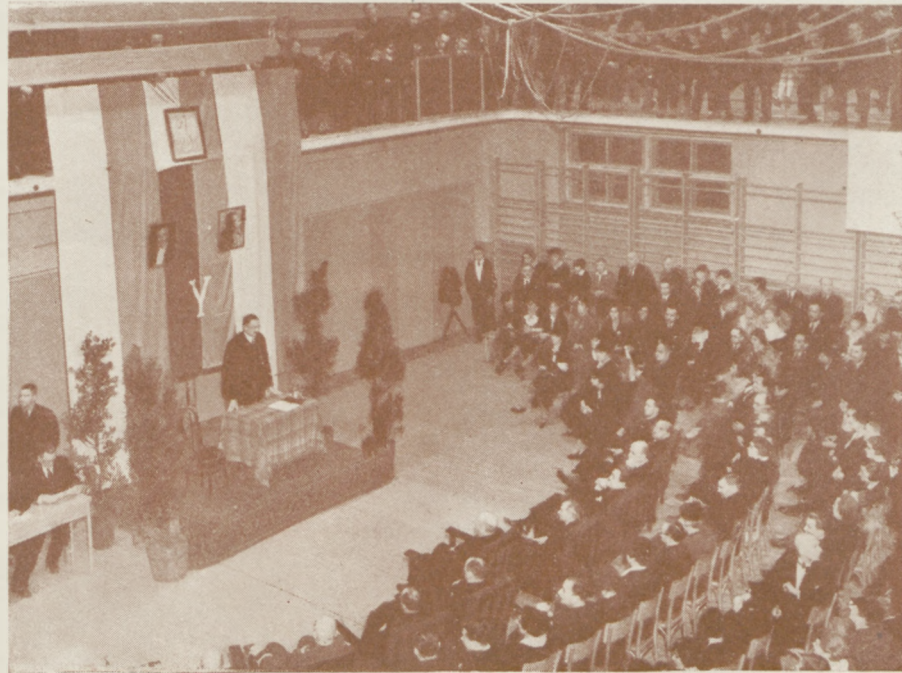
To Mr. Super's service in Poland was added his birthday, and the fact that he is now completing 35 years of work as a YMCA secretary, and the three facts or events were celebrated as one. The Polish Government through the President and at the request of the Ministry of Social Welfare, decorated him with the Commander's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta, a high distinction, Mr. Super's third decoration from the Polish Government, he having received the Officer's Cross of Polonia Restituta in 1926 and the Ten Year Medal in 1928. The personnel of the Polish YMCA united and presented Mr. Super with a gold watch and hand illuminated testimonials, and the leaders of the YMCA in Warsaw, led by former Ministers Kuhn and Ludkiewicz, gave a dinner in his honor at the Europe Hotel, with appropriate speeches of appreciation and several beautiful presents.

These events called forth many expressions of friendship and esteem. Mr. Super, on his part, was deeply moved by these honors and testimonials of good will.

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Warsaw YMCA Pool just before the official opening.



The meeting in the Warsaw YMCA gymnasium preceding the opening of the pool. Former Minister Kuhn presiding.

