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"The Drama of Upper Silesia"

When as a result of a plebiscite Poland and Germany were each awarded portions of Upper Silesia in 1922 there were many problems of the interior life of the provinces for which it was then not easy to adopt a permanent solution, these problems arising from the fact of the residence in Polish Upper Silesia of an important German minority and in German Upper Silesia of a large Polish minority. So a treaty was signed, sometimes referred to as The General Convention, regulating certain phases of life for 15 years, the treaty to expire in 1937.

The approaching expiration of this treaty makes Dr. W. J. Rose's new book "The Drama of Upper Silesia" an extremely timely publication. Dr. Rose, formerly assistant professor of Sociology at Dartmouth College, now teaching in the School of Slavonic Studies, London University, knows his Poland and his Germany also, for he has spent many years in Central Europe, and has a fluent command both of Polish and of German. It is hard to imagine a man better qualified to write such a book.

The book is indeed written, not just thrown together. The style is always interesting, often vivid, and at times truly beautiful. Dr. Rose, a man of about 50, a Canadian graduated from Magdalen College, Oxford, is a scholar of rich and deep preparation. The result is a book full of wise philosophical observations on life and the lessons of history, on people and events, giving flavor to much accurate historic and economic material.

The story of the history of Upper Silesia up to 1914 is a sad one, and since that date a complicated one. Dr. Rose has gotten the facts, felt their meaning, and reported them graphically. His book, some 400 pages, is a rich addition to a library dealing with Polish-German relations. It is published by the Stephen Day Press of Brattleboro, Vermont, USA.



New aerial railway in operation

High Mountain Railway

The grand scenery of the upper reaches of the Tatra Mountains in southern Poland will now be available to all and not only to mountain climbers, thanks to the completion of a funicular railway from Kuznice, altitude 3,400 ft., to the top of Mt. Kasprowy, altitude 6,523 ft., in the Tatra Mountains near Zakopane. This opens up a splendid mountain region to trampers, tourists, and all seekers after high mountain air.

Two Years of Growth in the Warsaw YMCA

	January 1934	January 1936
1. Membership		
Men and Boys	839	1,507
Women	143	374
WorkingBoys'Branch	161	417
	<u>1,143</u>	<u>2,298</u>
2. Average Daily Attendance		
Central building	about 400	1,095
3. In Educational Classes, Central		
Men	99	154
Women	63	155
	<u>162</u>	<u>309</u>
4. In Physical Department Group, Central		
Boys	94	181
Men	367	484
Women	80	219
Outside Group	435	1,085
	<u>976</u>	<u>1,969</u>
5. Library, Central Building		
Books	5,187	6,501
Readers	182	442
6. Members in Clubs and Groups		
Boys	164	345
Men	219	375
WorkingBoys'Branch	120	269
	<u>503</u>	<u>989</u>
7. Dormitory Residents, Central		
	0	145
8. Volunteer Workers, Central		
	107	218

Summer Building Plans

The Warsaw YMCA is now sure of about \$20,000 with which to complete the final 30 rooms of its 160 room dormitory and have them ready for occupancy in the fall. Of the interior there will then remain uncompleted the large restaurant, the auditorium, and a few small matters. The Lodz YMCA foresees about \$20,000 with which to build the main floor of the Men's Department and get the walls as a whole as high as the second storey. The whole physical department wing is completed and in very successful use.

This erection of buildings on the instalment plan as money is secured is trying work, but we gradually get ahead; our plants grow, our membership increases, our service and influence spread, and it's a rare person in these cities where we are building who does not know what and where the YMCA is.

Polish Boxers Win

Poland has recently won three important international boxing events, defeating the Belgian boxers in Poznan by a score of 13 to 3, in a second match in Warsaw by 10 to 6, and in a third in Lodz by 12 to 4. The Warsaw Y boxers defeated a Polish team from Danzig also by 12 to 4.



The cage on its way up



Former Minister Mikolaj Dolanowski
General Director of the State Labor Fund

The State Labor Fund

After an experiment with the direct feeding of the unemployed, Poland adopted a national policy of providing large sums for state, corporation, and institutional building operations. This huge and successful enterprise is called the Labor Fund. By its operation important road work and other construction projects are being furthered and numerous institutions, the YMCA among them, are being helped in their building movements, thousands of unemployed being put to work and their families provided for by these means.

An important feature of the Labor Fund is its welfare work organized for the many thousands of young men employed on these projects, conducted in the camps in which they reside during the summer.

The practical operation of this Fund has made it very popular in the nation, its humanitarian aspects as well as its public utility being widely appreciated. During 1935 the Labor Fund employed a number equal to 21% of all those employed in private industry.

The high officials of the Fund, like many men in the public life of Poland, are old friends of the Polish YMCA.



New dam for water power and flood control

Baltic Institute Publications

The Baltic Institute publications, a series of splendid pamphlets and books dealing with Polish life and problems, can be secured in England from Mr. J. S. Bergson, 4, Vernon Place, London, W. C. 1. The pamphlets, uniform in size and selling at 1/- each, are beautifully gotten up.

