

"POLSKA C"

When, back in 1926, Minister of Commerce Eugene Kwiatkowski, then a 38 year old engineer high in the confidence of President Moscicki and deservedly so, put his brains and energy back of the project of turning the Baltic Sea fishing village of Gdynia into Poland's modern sea port many considered both him and the plan more or less "cracked". Today Gdynia is a growing city of 120,000 inhabitants and at once the most up-to-date and conveniently arranged port on the Baltic. A stupendous success through which over 50% of the foreign commerce of Poland passes, Poland's "window on the sea".

Now, as Vice Prime Minister, Eugene Kwiatkowski is back of a government enterprise which by comparison makes the Port of Gdynia project a kindergarten exercise. It is the development of a great industrial district in the heart of Poland where there is now little more than a few very old and small cities, raw materials, and splendid possibilities. The official name of the project is Central Industrial District, "C.O.P." in its Polish initials, often referred to as "Polska C", Polska being Polish for Poland.

Pilsudski once said Poland is like a doughnut, fine around the circle but nothing in the middle. "Polska C" is the developing of something, and something very excellent, in that middle. It centers in the area surrounding three very old towns, Kielce, Sandomierz, and Lublin, and in proportion to Poland's total area of 150,000 square miles occupies 25,000 square miles, the white area in the map; a space about as large as Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Vermont. It is inhabited by 5,000,000 of Poland's population of 34,000,000. Of these 5,000,000 only 17% are in towns, as compared with 28% for the rest of Poland.

The land in one-third of this area is not very good; the roads are inadequate; the rivers do great damage at high water; Melchior Wankowicz calls this section of Poland "the country God forgot". But — 500 years ago this was the very heart of Poland, and it will soon be so again.

"Polska C" by utilizing very real local possibilities and resources will turn a region of poverty and need into one of prosperity and progress. The area contains copper, zinc, lead, iron, potter's clay, sand for glass, many varieties of stone, natural gas, and has almost limitless possibilities for the development of electrical power. It lies near the Polish coal fields of Silesia, and, incidentally, contains one of the best apple-growing districts in Poland, that near Sandomierz. Finally, at its very center is the fork of the Vistula and San Rivers. The Vistula is Poland's Mississippi, its Rhine, its Thames.

The general plan of "Polska C" involves the following elements:

1. The working and developing of the local mineral deposits.
2. The creation of industries using these.
3. The construction of dams to supply water and electric power.
4. The building of roads and railroads to serve the area.
5. The regulation of the Vistula, San, and tributary rivers.

Thus a vast and historic area is being opened up and developed, and pressing national problems, such as over-population, unemployment, industrialization, roads, electrical power, river regulation, soil conservation, and education in backward regions are being attacked; quietly but effectively. The new industries include such basic ones as those using iron, steel, stone, clay, sand, wood, and leather, and others producing paper, lime, chemicals, artificial rubber and textiles. The development, under Minister Kwiatkowski's general supervision, involves the use both of government and private money and initiative. It is not to be confined to a few towns, but is to be wide-spread. Work has been in progress for not quite one year; it is to continue 14 more and cost \$1,000,000,000.

Polska C is sound economics and statesmanship; a farsighted piece of national construction.

Joseph Pilsudski was Poland's political creator; the future will see Eugene Kwiatkowski as Poland's industrial creator, one of the great men of his day.



Marshal Smigly-Rydz. President Moscicki. Regent Horthy.

Regent Horthy In Poland

The most colorful event of recent days in Poland was the visit of Admiral Horthy, Regent of Hungary, to Krakow, Warsaw, and the great forest of Bialowieza for a hunt. Its object was the cementing of the 600 year old ties between Hungary and Poland, one of the enduring friendships of eastern Europe, more sentimental than political, and set deep in the heart and minds of all Poles. Poland's loved Queen Jadwiga, 1384 — 1399, came from the Hungarian branch of the house of Anjou, and Poland's greatest king, Stefan Batory, 1576 — 1586, was of Hungarian origin. The visit will be returned by President Moscicki and Marshal Smigly-Rydz.



Vice-Premier and Minister of Treasury Eugene Kwiatkowski

New Gdynia Y Camp

Where the 1938 International Camp, organized by the World's Committee of the YMCA in Geneva, will be held the last week of August. The camp is located on a lovely chain of lakes in what is called "The Kaszubian Switzerland", one hour by auto south-west of Gdynia, Poland's seaport on the Baltic. The 15 cabins house 150 guests. The large lodge is dining hall and social center combined. The camp will be opened for the first time in June of this year. The photo is by one of our Gdynia YMCA members, Ernest Raulin, and the camp is as pretty as the picture.



Well, Well, Well

After defeating the Irish amateur boxing team by a score of 10 to 6, and the Italians by 11 to 5, the Polish amateur boxers defeated the German team 10 to 6, contesting in eight weights. The American YMCA introduced amateur boxing into Poland in 1919. It seems to have "taken". The Poles are now recognized as having the leading amateur boxing team of Continental Europe.

Want To Know Russia?

If you do, read Eugene Lyons', "Assignment in Utopia". The book has no equal in any language. Its obvious truths are an utterly and terribly devastating exposure. Lyons, an active communist journalist, spent six years in Russia. His calm and beautifully written book reveals a perfect hell on earth. Until one has read this book he dare not now speak with assurance about Russia. Even to us who have lived next door to Russia many years and have travelled extensively there, these revelations are appalling. It is the ultimate book.

The Map

Showing Polska C in relation to the whole Polish State.



