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"Strong, United, Prepared"

Using these words as their slogan, the Poles are raising an internal loan for special air defence armament. During the first two weeks over \$50,000,000 has been subscribed, and money continues to flow in. Calm, determined, and even more united than in 1920, Poland stands firm. The Poles will yield nothing, and have full confidence in the power and leadership of their large standing army and millions of trained reserves; in brief, in themselves and in their cause. If war comes, it will not be Poland that perishes.

Poland Wins Boxing Championship

In the international amateur boxing championships recently held in Dublin, Poland won the European championship. It was a contest by teams, the final scores being as follows: Poland 20 points, Germany 13, Ireland 12, Sweden 10, Estonia 9, Italy 7, Hungary 6, England 5, Belgium 3, Finland 1. The young man winning the light middle-weight championship, Kolczyński, grew up in the Old Town Branch of the Warsaw YMCA.

The Lithuanian—Polish Table Tennis Match

April 15th a table-tennis team arrived from Kowno, the Lithuanian capital, to play against a Warsaw team. It was the first Polish-Lithuanian athletic contest ever held and so was an historic occasion. The Lithuanians defeated the Poles 7 to 2 in a splendidly played match.



The Lithuanian Table-Tennis Team in the Warsaw YMCA.



Thrift Exhibition.



Anti-alcoholic exhibition in the Warsaw YMCA main lobby; showing the comparative results of money spent for alcohol and for education.



Marshal Edward Smigly-Rydz, First Honorary Member of the Polish YMCA, receiving a delegation of Warsaw YMCA boys who have presented him with a model made by themselves of Poland's chief war-ship. Behind the Marshal stand Dr. T. Dyboski, President of the Polish YMCA, Mr. S. Weglewski, Vice-President, and Mr. A. Krasicki, the General Secretary.



Lord Halifax and Colonel Beck, Foreign Ministers of Great Britain and of Poland.

We Salute

"News From Poland" salutes Colonel Beck, Poland's capable Minister of Foreign Affairs, who, representing Polish policy, stirred the nations to virile action. Poland is the one country of eastern Europe which during the difficult moments through which the world is living has shown its strength and its determination to defend its national interests and to play its historic role. Therefore Poland has become the point of support in that region of Europe for all the smaller nations considering liberty the greatest national blessing.

See Poland Next

Are you looking for a new and interesting field of travel this summer, a new way into Europe? Study the possibilities of Poland. You can take a Gdynia—America Line ship at New York direct to Poland's modern port, Gdynia, with a short stop at Copenhagen, or from London via several lines. See the "Orbis" agency.



Dr. T. Dyboski, President of the Polish YMCA, addressing a meeting in the Warsaw YMCA on the subject of Poland's defence preparations. From right to left: Vice-Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament, Zygmunt Wenda; Dr. B. Walukiewicz, Chairman of the Warsaw YMCA; Mr. S. Weglewski, vice-chairman of the National Council of the Polish YMCA.

At New York World's Fair

Here are some of the things to look for in the Polish Pavilion at the Fair. The famous historic Arras tapestries from the Royal Castle at Krakow. The Act of Union of Poland and Lithuania, an interesting document of 1569. The page from the register of the University of Krakow showing the enrollment signature of the great Polish astronomer Copernicus. The quaint gingerbread figures from Torun, 17th century. The speaking barometer. A model of the recently excavated Polish village of Biskupin, 6th century B.C. Polish dishes in the Polish 16th century restaurant, including 400 different kinds of hors d'oeuvres. The replica of a Polish hunting lodge, old guns, horns, and all. Polish silk, grown in Poland. Polish china, and textiles; and the Polish new design locomotive. A group of seven paintings presenting scenes from Polish history, each picture painted by eleven artists cooperating. Artur Szyk's 22 wonderful illuminated miniatures of the ancient manuscript type. Modern Polish woodcuts. Peasant art in all its branches.

The Old Town Branch

The pictures in this column represent the work of the Warsaw YMCA's Old Town Branch, a department conducted for the less privileged boys living in the center of the city. There are 916 of them, led by a strong committee and employed staff of three men.



Training class for leaders.



Stamp Club.



Old Town Branch boys in the semi-annual shooting contest.

