

# POLISH RED SPLIT IS SEEN AS TRIALS OF RIOTERS BEGIN

## 'Liberal' Premier Is Believed Opposing 'Stalinist' Party Chief on Punishment

## U. S. FOOD OFFER BARRED

### Labeling Move 'Propaganda,' Warsaw Radio Says Nation Is Ready to Buy Grain

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BERLIN, July 4—The trials of Poles involved in the recent rioting in Poznan reflect a struggle within the Polish United Workers (Communist) party, reports reaching here indicate.

The reports said the trials began yesterday. Travelers from Poland have said there is widespread discontent that may erupt into other outbreaks like those last week in Poznan.

One side of the contest in the Communist party stands for "liberal communism," the other for a return to "Stalinist firmness," the reports said. This is an allusion to the new Moscow line downgrading Stalin.

The "liberal" group is said to be determined that workmen with legitimate grievances will be spared punitive action, while the other demands vengeance that will stamp out the spirit of opposition.

The opinion here is that Premier Jozef Cyrankiewicz is leading the "liberal" faction and that Edward Ochab, the party leader, heads a standpat group that views the riots as a result of straying from Stalinism.

[Meanwhile, the Warsaw radio said President Eisenhower's offer to send free food to Poznan and other Polish areas had been rejected, The Associated Press reported. Labeling the move as "propaganda," the broadcast said Warsaw would not accept charity but was prepared to buy grain from the United States.]

#### Special Courts Established

The analysis of the Polish party situation came from citizens of Western countries who were visiting the Poznan industrial fair during the riots.

It is recalled here that M. Cyrankiewicz, prior to the Poznan rioting, had spoken publicly about the desirability of making a break with the Stalinism of the past.

M. Ochab, on the other hand, warned in an article April 29 in Pravda, organ of the Soviet Communist party, that "politically unstable" elements were taking advantage of the freedom of criticism in an attempt to undermine confidence in the party.

According to travelers from Poland, special courts were set up Monday to judge the riot cases.

A committee of Communist party and Government workers is said to be meeting in Poznan. Its mission is to investigate the background and causes of the riots and recommend "adequate measures."

In Warsaw, it is said, the Polish Cabinet is considering a report on the Poznan riots made by M. Cyrankiewicz. The Premier and other officials went to Poznan Thursday during the riots.

Two seemingly divergent ap-

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proaches to the Poznan trials have appeared in the Polish press and on the radio in recent days. These, it is said here, show the line of argument going on in the Cabinet and in the Poznan committee.

Some officials and editorials have suggested that Poznan officials and even the Warsaw Government bear responsibility for the riots by having ignored the legitimate complaints of workers. These comments are coupled with the assurance that a distinction will be made in the trials between strikers and those who endangered lives and property by riot.

However, the prevailing theme among officials is that "Western agents" and "provocateurs" caused the riots. Supporting this line are dozens of resolutions produced from unions in plants around the country. They all demand severe punishment for the "provocateurs."

Some rioters were executed, it is reported, even before the establishment of the special courts. These were said to have been tried under martial law on charges of possessing weapons illegally or shooting at authorities.

## Rebel Raids Reported

BERLIN, July 4 (UP)—The Polish Government has arrested "scores" of Communist party officials, soldiers and policemen for siding with the rioters in Poznan, returning Western travelers reported today.

Meanwhile Polish troops armed with machine guns were said to be patrolling the 275-mile Warsaw-East Germany railroad line to cope with possible other outbreaks.

Rebel bands were reported engaging in "hit-and-run" raids in other cities, especially around Cracow, Bialystok, Lublin and north of Poznan.

## Execution Reports Denied

BERLIN, July 4 (AP)—Reached by telephone from Berlin, Lech Jestka, editor of the Poznan Communist newspaper *Gazeta Poznanska*, denied reports brought here by Western travelers that some rebels already had been executed.

"There have not been any sentences or executions yet" in the trials of workers, M. Jestka said.

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