

POLISH 'BLACK BOOK' LISTS NAZI CRIMES

Volume Based Upon Official Documents and Eyewitness Reports Dedicated to Relief

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Count Podowski, Minister to Canada, Says Nazis Aim to Wipe Out All Culture

A detailed account of German atrocities in Poland, with documentary evidence in the form of official papers, pictures, maps and eyewitness stories, makes up "The Black Book of Poland," publication of which was announced yesterday by the Polish Information Center here.

The volume, of 615 pages, published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, is a Polish indictment of Nazi brutality and describes "events that have no counterpart in history," Polish officials said in announcing the book. They said it was intended merely "to inform public opinion" in this country and that any proceeds from the sale of the book would be used for Polish relief.

Commenting on the German atrocities in Poland, Count Victor Podowski, Polish Minister to Canada, said that most of the documents contained in the book were slipped out of Poland on microfilm, while some of the pictures were found on the bodies of Nazi fliers brought down over Britain.

"Poland, which was the first of the invaded countries to offer resistance to Germany, is a test case of how other nations would suffer under Nazi domination," Count Podowski said. "If the Germans succeed in Poland they will apply the same system everywhere. This book shows how atrocities have been piled one upon another by the Nazis ever since actual warfare between Poland and Germany ceased.

Poisoned Candy for Children

"The Poles had a taste of German cruelty in 1915, 1916 and 1917, but that was only kindergarten experience compared to the work of the so-called 'New Order.' This book points out that the Germans are driven by the belief in which they have been educated that they are a master race, that they should dominate the world and that might will win over right.

"The atrocities now—three years after the war in Poland—are more frightful than anything that happened during the rage of battle. I, myself, saw German pilots throw out poisoned candy over Poland. I saw them unload their bombs on their way back on children tending geese.

"It passes all imagination what Germany did after Poland was unarmed and defenseless.

"The material in this book is crude, something like raw material, but if you look into it I think you will find something on every page to give you the shudders—persecutions, murders, mass slaughters, tortures of prisoners, brutal treatment of women."

A statement by the Polish Information Center, commenting on the book, said:

"It is anything but atrocity propaganda. What it tells in measured tones, based on official enemy information—for much of it comes straight from the horse's mouth (German press excerpts and German Government notices)—is the grim story of the systematic extermination of a great nation, one that always held a high and honorable place in European civilization.

Attempt to Wipe Out Culture

"Deportation on a scale that recalls the great migrations of the human race; the looting of Polish property and the seizure of all of Poland's economic resources; the mass enslavement of human beings put to forced labor; the creation of medieval Jewish ghettos; and an attempt, monstrous in its scientific barbarity, to wipe out the culture of a great people—all is told in plain and simple language."

The book was compiled under the direction of Professor Stanislas Stronski, Polish Minister of Information in London and former editor of the Warsaw Courier.

"It is published," Count Podowski said, "so that every one, even the skeptics, may read it and learn what it is to live under enslavement to the Germans."