an atmosphere of gaolings, sackings and persecution, fathers are purged because of alleged activities of their sons — even before their sons appear for trial. Not only are the " crimes " of the son held to be the crimes of the father, but it is enough that the finger of suspicion is pointed at the son for the father also to suffer. Mr. Gomulka, your own son is half Jewish. Surely you understand the criminality and danger of such a practice?

The complaint frequently made in Poland today that the proportion of Jews in the Party is too high is reminiscent of Hitler's complaints, before he came to power, of the disproportionate role of Jews in Germany. Many Jews joined the Party in Poland for the simple and commendable reason that they hoped it would protect them from the nightmares of the past. That they were tragically mistaken is now evident.

Today, on official parades, Jews are identified on posters as hook-nosed hunchbacks, and anti-semitism has been given theoretical justification in those official publications which reveal the ideological direction oi the Party. Anti-semitism has been exalted as the cover for factional struggles, the substitute for analysis of the massive unpopularity of the Government, and the means to provide scapegoats.

These facts, carefully documented and widely known in informed quarters, represent, for the small Jewish community in Poland, the horrifying life of sudden loss of livelihood, poverty, racist abuse and the threat of worse to come. Much of this might have been avoided if you, Mr. Gomulka, had used the authority of your high office to help prevent it.

How will gaoling and purging Jews increase in them that loyalty to Poland which it is alleged they lack ? How can crude racial prejudice play any role in the building of socialism which invokes the concepts of brotherhood and social justice ?

The world awaits an answer to these questions.

Yours sincerely,

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