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Delegatura Rządu Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej na Kraj (Delegacy of Government) was created by the Polish Government in Exile in Apr. 1940. It constituted the broad structure of civil authorities of the underground in occupied Poland. The Delegacy of Government, Deputy to the Prime Minister, and his deputies in various regions worked until 1945. They monitored the military "conspiracy" (German occupation), organized underground movement against German occupation, and conducted research and investigations on the policies of the German occupiers.

Scope and Content of Collection

Contains reports, surveys, decrees, a thesis, essays, and various other documents relating to the activities of the Department Information and Press and its gathering of materials relating to the reorganization of the Polish government and programs planned for territory to be recovered at the end of World War II. Includes information about reorganization of industry, economic systems, education,

school systems, and real estate and property in recovered territories. Also contains information about Polish public opinion during the German occupation, Germanization of Poles, surveys of the German press, and plans for restructuring government and programs in Pomerania.

System of Arrangement

The system of arrangement of the source repository has been preserved in the microfilmed reels. This collection is arranged thematically.

Indexing Terms

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Delegatura Rządu Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej na Kraj.

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World War, 1939-1945--Atrocities--Poland.

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Ethnic relations--Economic aspects--Poland.

Land settlement--Poland.

Germans--Poland--Politics and government--History--20th century.

Poland--Politics and government--1918-1945

Poland (Territory under German occupation, 1939-1945)

Silesia, Lower (Poland and Germany)

Pomerania (Poland and Germany)

Germany--Territorial expansion.

Reports.

Announcements

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)

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CONTAINER LIST

Note:

Not all records listed in the inventory were microfilmed in 1995.

Reel	Sygn.	Description
1	Syg.202/III/135	Goals and organization of the Western Section of the Department of Information and Press; instructions, circulars, and general information, 1942-1944.
	Syg. 202/III/136	Organizational diagrams of the Western Section, 1942-1944.
	Syg.202/III/137	Activities of the Western Section; budget estimates and correspondence, 1942-1944.

	Syg.202/III/138	Polish population in Poland's West; general information, 1942-1944.
	Syg.202/III/139	Polish population situation; "Polish Lands" #s 1 - 12, 1942-1944.
2	Syg.202/III/140	Polish population situation in Western Poland, "Bezet" Information service, 1943.
	Syg.202/III/141	Report #2/43 - Polish population situation in Western Poland, Feb 1943.
	Syg.202/III/142	Western Lands communique for 1943, #2, 15 Apr 1943.
	Syg.202/III/143	Polish population situation in Western Poland; monthly situational report on all matters concerning Polish lands incorporated into Germany, #30, 1943.
	Syg.202/III/144	Polish population information report; Western information service for 1943, #s 4, 7-12; 1944, #s 15, 16, 20 - 24, 26, and 27, 1943-1944.
		Polish population situation in West Poland Western Lands chronicle for the Agency "Kraj" (Country/Fatherland) for 1944, #s 2, 3 - 11, 15 - 23, 1944.
	Syg.202/III/145	Reports and information survey concerning the occupant's (Germans) policies and Polish population situation in Western Poland, 1942-1944.
	Syg.202/III/146	Reports; German court sentences; executions of Poles found guilty of espionage, sabotage, battery of Germans, and economic crimes; Polish population situation; military action; Polish education; and cultural annihilation, 1941-1943.
	Syg.202/III/147	
3	Syg.202/III/148	Reports and general information on German population politics; Polish population situation; rules of the German nationality lists; decrees about Volksdeutsche (ethnic Germans); the black list (German names) of Pomerania; court sentences for Poles, 1941-1945.
	Syg.202/III/149	Eastern Section: report from the Bialystok region; report from East Prussia; information about Nazi terrorism; and situation of the Polish population, 1942-1944.
	Syg.202/III/150	Reports and dispatches about the situation and mood of the Polish population; food supply; administrative distribution; clippings from the "Daily Announcements for Poles" with information about prison sentences and death sentences for various crimes, 1940, 1942-1944.

	Syg.202/III/151	Reports, statements, messages, surveys, and general information of German occupational politics and situation of the Polish population in West Poland; case of name changes in West Poland, 1941, 1943-1944.
4	Syg.202/III/152	News from Łódź (Litzmannstadt) from the start of the occupation until Oct 1942; "Łódź Industrial Region"; statements, messages, and reports on Polish population situation, Nazi terrorism, and germanization, 1942-1944.
		Situation in Zaolzie; reports and general information on Polish-Czech relations in Cieszyn Silesia and Zaolzie, 1943-1944.
	Syg.202/III/153 Syg.202/III/154	Situational report from Pomerania; Germanization; expulsion of Polish population; organizational report from the emissary's trip to Pomerania; Pomeranian propaganda claims; Papers - "Factors Forming in the Character of Pomerania" and "The Question of Work Policies in Pomerania", 1942-1944.
	Syg.202/III/155	Reports and general information on Germanization; Nazi terrorism; and the mood of the Polish population; territorial reports from Piątki, Ciechanow, and Płock, 1943-1944.
	Syg.202/III/156	Situational report from the so-called Warthegau (Poznan) region for Aug - Dec 1940; reports on Polish population situation; German authorities; exterminations; harassment; arrests; military actions; report on bombardment of Poznan on 9 Apr 1944; Paper - "German Police System", 1940, 1942-1944.
	Syg.202/III/157 Syg.202/III/158	Review of German press and German Press published in western Poland, 1942-1944.
		Review of German press; Polish questions in German press in Germany; report of occupational press in German, no dates.
		Survey of German press and survey of foreign politics, 1943.
5	Syg.202/III/159	Survey of German press; short overview of German press published in West Poland (land incorporated into Germany), 1943-1944.
	Syg.202/III/160 Syg.202/III/161	Survey of German press; western Poland areas in German press, 1943-1944.
	Syg.202/III/162	Survey of German press from the "Chronicle of German Press in West Poland" Jan 1944.
	Syg.202/III/163	Reports, papers, thesis, and ordinances concerning West Poland; economic administration; germanization actions in Pomerania; inquiry concerning germanization in Pomerania, Polish theater

properties in Pomerania, and the so-called "germanization action"; radio broadcasts for West Poland; libraries, archives, and museums in West Poland; Paper - "Character of the Silesian Plebiscite"; "Pomerania Destroyed?"; decree of temporary self-government in industrial, commercial, and craftsmanship enterprises; decree taking over cultural property; educational institutions on claimed lands; need for a temporary education department on the former western German territories during the transitional period; the education of teachers for the recovered territories during the transitional period; industrial education of males; professional education; "The Question of Craftsmanship Education in the New Western Lands" by Wacław Kowal, 1940-1945.

6 Syg.202/III/164

Reports, thesis, and decrees concerning: organization of Polish theater; reform and rebuilding of Polish press; restoration of the Polish film industry; possible frontier programs; the German tax system; German legislation concerning citizenship; defense of Pomerania as described by German documents; economics; guidelines for education in West Poland; press service; German population and resettlement possibilities; and organization of economic authorities in recovered territories, 1940-1945.

7 Syg.202/III/165

Materials, reports, thesis, legislative projects for the recovered territories (western lands); project for the Encyclopedia of New Lands; project for the extension of the metal industry as the prime military goal of Poland; Hitler's governors; Polish ethnographic territories; Polish territorial war goals viewed from the point of national defense; the Polishness of Prussian Masovia; Pomerania - historical outline; trusteeship for safeguarding property in the new territories; "Press Propaganda - Weapon of World War" by Karol Poznanek, Warsaw, 1939; curriculum for kindergarten teachers; press and propaganda in new territories; problems of organization; safeguarding machinery and production facilities in new territories; safeguarding factories and real estate from sabotage; health services; project for the abolition of the "Selisian distinctiveness"; organization of national culture; Ministry of Justice and Internal Affairs restraint on sale of real estate; formation of "investigative chamber" of Nazi and Soviet occupation; propaganda for Germany, books and press; history and economic difficulties of East Prussia; psychology of the German people; safe guarding of property; Germany's program as a monumental, historical turning point in the development possibilities of Poland; premises if informational propaganda work in Lower Silesia; "Drang nach Osten" (German impetus for colonizing the East); propaganda about Pomerania; compendium of Hitler's and "Hitlerian's" pronouncement about relationships with Jews, 1940-1945.

8 Syg.202/III/166

Materials, reports, thesis, and projects of regulations for the Western territories; role duties and organization of public health service; "The Urban Population of East Germany and Poland" by Ross Friedrien; ministerial decree to organize teachers' colleges; ministerial decree concerning calling up substitute teachers for elementary schools; legal and social matters on Polish western territories; schools in the unclaimed western territories; elementary and middle schools; resettlement of Poles to the East according to Mein

<u>Kampf</u>; the role of religious factors in the formation of national socialism; agriculture in Lower Silesia; Cieszyn Silesia; Poles in Silesia; demographic and economic statistics, 1940-1945.

Syg.202/III/167

Reports, thesis, and decrees; propaganda methods; methods of financing government; propositions on safeguarding of public property; restitution; liquidation of German property; handling economic questions and problems in the western territories during the transitional time; proposition for the annexation of East Prussia into Poland; social security on Polish lands and in new territories; adult education; structuring of the pharmacological sector; National Association for Economic Organization; postwar organization of the Polish educational system and that of the western territories; observations on Pomerania during the 20 years of Poland's independence (1918-1938); Institute of the Culture of Printed Words; unification of unclaimed territories; organization of mining; organization of theatrical activities; fighting in Pomerania; 1940-1945.

9 Syg.202/III/168

Materials, reports, propositions, and decrees concerning the western recovered (post-German) territories; German education in Polish lands; preschool education; safe guarding property; guidelines for legal advisers to the industries in the recovered territories; and guidelines for political programs in the recovered territories, 1940-1945.

10 Syg.202/III/169

Information concerning: Western Propaganda Institute; problems with economic associations; problems with food supply in recovered territories; questions of films and movies; nationality problem in East Prussia; economic policies and project for a separate financial organization for recovered territories; industrial problems; maritime transport; problem of Volksdeutsche (Ethnic Germans); currency problem during the transitional period; religious denomination problem in Masovia and Warmia; guidelines for the bureau of Social Affairs; new economic program in recovered territories; settlement and resettlement in recovered territories; Polish propaganda principles vis a vis German population on recovered territories; and reorganization principles of medical studies in Poland; 1940-1945.

11 Syg.202/III/170

Information concerning: resistance; target organizations; economic life of German eastern territories; German policies versus Polish population in the lands incorporated with Germany; reflections on the political forces in Europe in the year of 1940-1945; and basis for national socialist politics of nationalities, 1940-1945.

Syg.202/III/171

Projects of regulation and orders concerning the organization of the Information Ministry of the Warsaw Department; reports on the international and national situation (contains maps, photos, and manuscripts), no dates.

Syg.202/III/172

Literary writing concerning the western territories:

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"400 x 9" (concerning partisan activities)
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Kitt - a letter from a British POW escapee from an Oflag

"Martyrdom and Victory of Polish Language"

No dates given for this file.

List of archival materials collected by the Western Section of the Syg.202/III/173 Information Ministry, 1941-1944.

[&]quot;Execution" poem by Wł. Kozłowski

[&]quot;Der Dummer Pfarer" (The Dumb Pastor)

[&]quot;Gestapo Knocks at the Door"

[&]quot;Voice from Centuries by Gone: What was Poland Like"

[&]quot;Kryst Jan" poem

[&]quot;In Front of the Church in Gorczyn"

[&]quot;The Land of Great Lechia"

[&]quot;The Day of Reckoning has Arrived"

[&]quot;The Youngest Army" Polish Children in Germany"

[&]quot;There is No Great Poland Without Great Pomerania"

[&]quot;Warning: An Airman's Tale"

[&]quot;The Pioneers of Barbarism"

[&]quot;Poznan and Torun: Tales for Occupation Time"

[&]quot;Hate and Socio-Propaganda"

[&]quot;Let's Rename Stutthof and Boltono"

[&]quot;Judgement is Necessary" Wiera

[&]quot;Dream of A Prisoner" (fragment of a life of a concentration camp inmate)

[&]quot;Sudospreussen" (South Prussia)

[&]quot;Damned Land" (children and gallows)

[&]quot;Manger 1943"

[&]quot;Longing to Speak in Mother Tongue"

[&]quot;Wrocław on the Road of our Polish Historic Days"

[&]quot;Behind the Barbed Wire of the Third Reich"

[&]quot;Events Like Many Others" (recollection from occupation time)

[&]quot;Bound Wings" 27 Mar 1945