

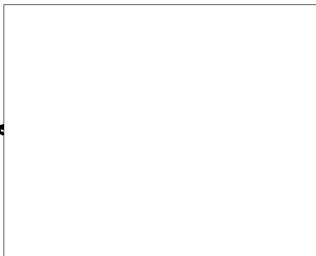
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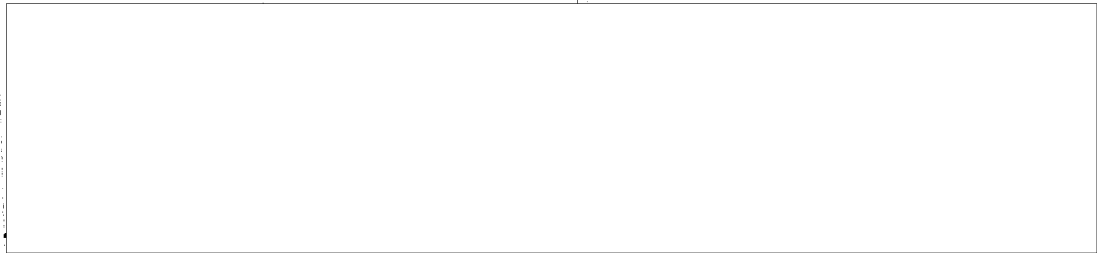
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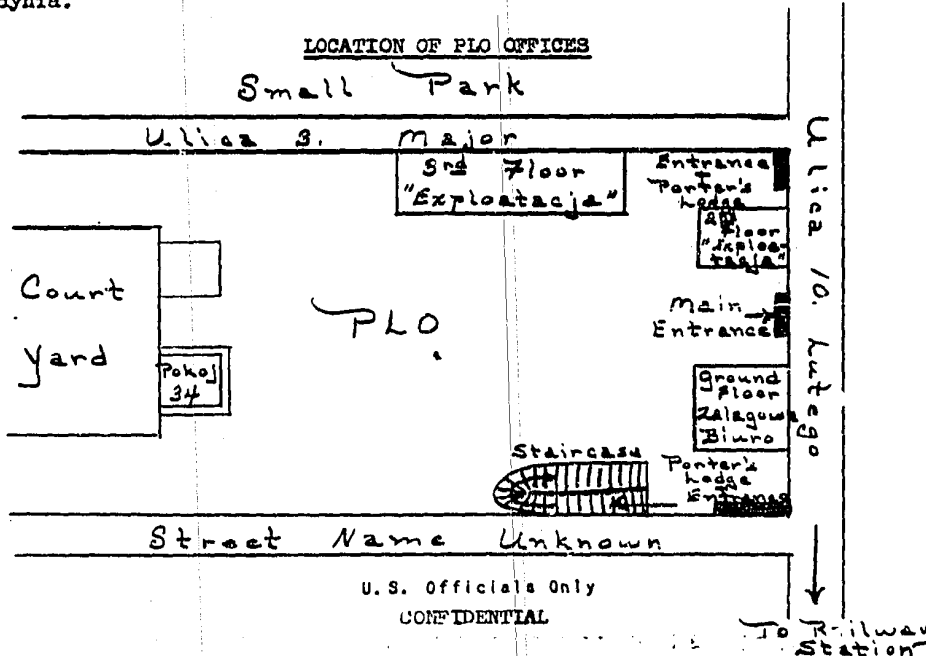
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CENTRAL PLO OFFICE

- 2. "The central office of PLO (POLSKIE LINIE OCEANICZNE) is located at Ulica 10. Lutego in Gdynia.



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3. "On the second floor of the building is the notorious POKOJ 34 (Room 34), the windows of which open on a courtyard. This is the headquarters for the department of PLO which determines the reliability of sailors employed by the company and which handles any dismissals. [redacted] the department consists actually of several rooms which have a common entrance through Room 34.

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ROOM 34 OFFICIALS

4. "In Room 34 sits the personnel inspector (inspektor personalny), (fnu) ZEBROWSKI. [redacted]

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[redacted] The duties of the personnel inspector include collecting data about the crews and officers serving on the ships of PLO.

5. "Another important officer involved in dismissing seamen is Engineer (fnu) NESTOROWICZ. He works in the Technical Inspection Department (inspekcja techniczna) of PLO. [redacted]

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[redacted] It is his duty to give a verdict on all shipping accidents that have occurred, verdicts which have frequently serious consequences for the culprits.

"A six-man commission meets regularly, under the chairmanship of NESTOROWICZ. The monitors are ZEBROWSKI and four other inspectors from various departments of PLO. They meet once or twice a week to determine whose sailing permit or Pravo Plywania is to be withdrawn.

PROCEDURE FOR DISMISSING A SAILOR

6. "The procedure at these meetings is as follows:

- a. The culprit is called to Room 34, where he is thoroughly interrogated, particularly with regard to his presumable political 'crime'. Of course, the interrogators are helped by the data in the man's personal file and on his card in the personnel card index. At this meeting all the personal documents of the suspect are taken from him and he receives a so-called Obiegowa Karta, or circulation card instead. He is then allowed to leave and return to his place of work.
- b. During the following week or so this card must be presented, stamped, and signed at six different agencies. They are:
 - (1) ZMP in the same PLO building (if the sailor involved is a member of the ZMP)
 - (2) TOWARZYSTWO PRZYJAZNI POLSKO-RADZIECKIEJ at Ulica Swietojska in Gdynia; in the same building there are a number of places of entertainment.
 - (3) KOMITET MARYNARZY PZPR (i.e., the CP), and the
 - (4) ZWIAZEK ZAWODOWY TRANSPORTOWCOW, both of which have their premises in the same building at Ulica Weglowa in Gdynia.
 - (5) and (6) The two sailors' homes: in Gdynia at Ulica Czolgistow and in Gdansk at Nowy Port. The director of the Gdynia home is Antoni WOZNIAK. [redacted]

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It is compulsory to call at those two sailors' homes, even if one has never lived there; the reason presumably is that the directors are CP agents and probably know something about every sailor. Here it might be added that these sailors' homes are so expensive that it is impossible to live in them if one has no extra income as, for example, a CP functionary or UB agent. Ordinary seamen usually live elsewhere.

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6. (cont'd.)

- c. When about a week to 10 days have passed, the culprit is again called to Room 34. This time he is formally dismissed and his dismissal given him in writing on a special form. Simultaneously he is given another job - in the fishing fleet if he is lucky, on land more usually - or else he is advised to look for a job himself.
- d. If a dismissed sailor enquires why he was fired, he may sometimes be told what were the political crimes he was accused of, but this has no practical value for him: the commission has already decided his dismissal in advance, and all protests only make the victim's situation worse.
- e. However, the matter is not closed yet. After 10-14 days the victim is once more called to Room 34 of PLO and this time he is dismissed finally. He loses the job he got so recently and nobody bothers about what he will do in the future. Needless to say, his chances to get a job are rather small in a 'socialist' state.
- f. It frequently happens that sailors, growing desperate, lose their self-control and damn the regime publicly or else swear at the commission. In such cases the UB is usually called and the man arrested at once; if he is allowed to leave, he is arrested later at home.
- g. Sometimes it also happens that the dismissed sailor is later arrested even if he did not say or do anything detrimental to the regime. At other times dismissed sailors simply disappear without leaving a trace. People say then: 'Oh, he is not in Gdynia any longer,' ('juz go w Gdyni nie ma ...'), and everybody knows what it means.

PORTER'S LODGES

- 7. "All correspondence to the intended victims is sent from PLO via the two porter's lodges. In these lodges (portiernie) there are large sheets on which the locations of all PLO ships as well as other ships subordinated to Room 34 are noted with special coloured cards (name of Polish harbour and quay but not if the ship is at sea). Also noted are the places of work of all the seamen on land (addresses of building sites, shipyards, accidental jobs, etc.). Similar sheets can be found in the technical inspection department (i.e. in NESTOROWICZ's department) and in the two exploitation departments on the second and third floor of the PLO building. The general director of PLO and certain departments also note the location of all ships on wall maps every day.

PROVOCATION OF SAILORS

- 8. "In their attempts to discredit sailors and invent motives for their dismissal, Room 34 (i.e. the department of POLSKIE LINIE OCEANICZNE which determines the reliability of seamen serving on the PLO ships) resorts even to provocation.

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8. [REDACTED]

DISAPPEARANCE OF SAILORS

9. "According to certain rough calculations, about 750 Polish seamen have vanished without leaving a trace between the beginning of 1951 to July 1953. The total number of vanished seamen during 1952 was about 300. [REDACTED]

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10. [REDACTED] in the forests between Chojnice and Fordon in Polish Pomerania there is a special camp, the inmates of which are seamen without exceptions. This camp should not be confused with another one in the neighborhood of Gdansk. The first-named camp is strictly secret and no details are available [REDACTED] about conditions there.

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PLO LANDED ESTATES

11. "PLO has also its own PGRs or landed estates. A dismissed seaman can voluntarily apply for work on one and usually gets it. Sometimes sailors working on land as 'daymen' are [REDACTED] sent to work at a PGR. Such PGRs can be found between Szczecin and Kolobrzeg and in the neighborhood of Tczew and of Elblag.

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12. "In such a PGR belonging to PLO and located in the neighborhood of Elblag an old colonel works as a cowherd, because his great age makes him incapable for other work. His colleague cowherd is a sea captain (kapitan żegluzi wielkiej) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] This man [REDACTED] was sent to a Polish course for 'captains of oceangoing vessels' (kapitanow żegluzi wielkiej) but refused to attend to his studies. [REDACTED]

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12: (cont'd.)

"He was dismissed at a moment's notice, not only from the course but also from PLO although he was a highly skilled captain with excellent professional reputation -- his opinions were a bit too independent for the powers that be. [redacted] this captain had then worked as a 'dayman' on ships [redacted] acting as a watch officer. When dismissed from this job, he worked in the cold storage house at Ulica Polska in Gdynia, dealing with fruit, eggs and bacon. He was again dismissed and joined the PGR near Elblag. No wonder there is a shortage of professionally skilled seamen, as indicated in frequent official announcements."

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