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25X1 1. The Polish community in Harbin numbered approximately 2,000 in May 1947. The Polski Kimitet Obywatelski of Manchuria in Harbin is (unofficially?) taking the place of the Polish Consulate. The chairman of this Polish Association or Committee is Livicky (first name unknown) and the vice-chairman is V. Yablonski. Another prominent member is Jalandowski (first name unknown).

25X1 2. The bulk of the Polish community, including the members and leaders of the Committee, is not pro-Soviet. Approximately 200 Poles in Harbin are openly pro-Soviet and call themselves "progressives", while the remainder seek to take a middle-of-the-road stand on political issues.

25X1 3. The heart of the Polish community is the Polish Club, sponsored by the Committee. Other organizations similarly sponsored are two churches, a middle school or "gymnasium", a grammar school, and the Polish Welfare Organization, which has as its main function the direction of an old people's home and a home for destitute persons.

25X1 4. Ninety per cent of the community are unable to obtain sufficient food. For the past two years they have had to resort to selling personal possessions in order to feed and clothe themselves.

25X1 5. The former Polish Church Mission compound has been requisitioned by the Chinese Communist authorities. There are still four priests or missionaries; the former head of the Mission, Father Hotnievich, directs their activities. [redacted] the Chinese Communists were on the point of taking over one of the two churches.

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6. The Soviet-dominated Polish newspaper published in Harbin presents only the TASS version of world news.

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7. A limited number of highly trained Poles are employed by the Chinese Changchun Railway; preference, however, for employment in this company is given to Soviet Russians. A few Poles who are not pro-Soviet have managed to maintain private businesses

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