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Excerpts from Willson Woodside's two articles in SATURDAY NIGHT (Toronto), Canada's leading weekly, of which he is political

editor:
January 8th, 1944.

...I don't wish to muddy the waters of Allied cooperation, so will merely place on the record a few facts pertinent to this problem. The region now called the Western Ukraine, centering around Lwow, has never in history been Russian territory. From the time of the Partitions up to the end of the last war it was ruled by Austria. Then it was known as Ruthenia, and only in this generation has the name of Ukrainian been applied to its inhabitants.

...Far more significant is the fact that, although the Polish soldiers who were interned in Russia came for the greater part from Eastern Poland, only enough to make up a single division could be found to fight in the Red Army, while all the others stayed with Anders and Sikorski and roved to the Middle East. These Polish troops were originally intended to fight alongside the Soviets, on the eastern front, but AS A POLISH ARMY. The best tribute to their loyalty to the Polish cause has been paid by the Soviet Government, which in the end decided against having them enter Poland along with the Red Army.

If the Polish troops have reacted in this way, has it been any different with the Polish population at home? Something like a million of the intellectual and middle classes were deported to Siberia in 1939-41. But among those who remain it is the underground which upholds the national cause, and not the "Partisan" underground, backed by Soviet agents, which has flourished...

January 15th, 1944.

...the Curzon Line.....was devised by an Allied Committee under Lord Curzon, and proposed as a minimum eastern border for Poland, at a time when she was being overrun by the Bolshevik army, in July 1920.

...At this moment, the tide of battle, which had rolled up to within 15 miles of Warsaw, suddenly turned. The erstwhile victorious Soviet armies were completely routed.

...Before she was partitioned in 1772 Poland reached almost to Riga, beyond Nevel, Vitebsk and Gomel, and almost to Kiev and Kremenchug. The frontier of 1920 followed almost the line laid down by Russia after the first Partition, by which Russia pared an enormous slice off the Polish domain.

...Not even a PRAVDA editorialist would deny that Vilna and Lwow are ancient centres of Polish culture;

(Russia)
...We admit that she/has the power to assert her claims. But certainly the way in which she goes about this, whether she proceeds unilaterally and uncompromisingly to exact her maximum demands, without consultation with us, and ignoring the Polish Government in London, or whether she brings the question before a United Nations Committee for discussion and settlement, is going to have a profound effect on the collaboration between Russia and the big democracies begun with such acclaim at Moscow and Teheran, as well as on the confidence of smaller nations in the big power leadership.