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The Cardinal and the Party

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One problem in Poland to which we Canadians paid special attention was the relation of Church and State. Of course, "Church" in a Polish context means only the Roman Catholic Church to which faith almost all Poles, exclusive of members of the United Workers ions, beat out its ragged caco-(Communist) party, assert their devotion. This devotion, it seemed to me was a very active and real thing to the Polish people. In the churches, large and small, huge crowds overflowed the bodies of forces are sitting in their pews members of the United Workers

ace. At this point we came upon a tiny village church, its white spire framed by the lofty peaks of the Carpathian mountains. In that atmosphere, my companion's words became very hollow indeed. For the church was simply bulg-ing with the young, the old, the poor and the not-quite-so-poor. In the gravelled churchyard, I count-ed over 200 persons, all of them on their knees on the sharp stones, their faces uplifted in prayer.

A week later, the scene was re-peated in slightly different sur-roundings in Warsaw itself. On the Square of The Three Crosses stands a large church to which access is had by a long flight of cement stairs. And on these stairs,

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thing to the Polish people. In the are busy places. Often, khaki-clad churches, large and small, huge are busy places. Often, khaki-clad solution object. But what is the battle crowds overflowed the bodies of young men of the Polish armed object. But what is the battle holy Mother and only lastly does the churches and spilled over in- forces are sitting in their pews. Two occasions in In the country, the roadsides are dotted with wooden crosses or other Christian shrines, usually dotted with wooden crosses or other Christian shrines, usually decorated very recently in attraction. The first occurred in Zakepane, the mountain resort in southern Poland, in pre-war days the haunt work before the cross in a public between politics and religion and in Poland. The first occurred in Zakepane, decorated very recently in attrac-the mountain resort in southern tive floral garb. Often, too, a pea-poland, in pre-war days the haunt sant woman may be seen in pra-only of the wealthy tourist, now yer before the cross in a public between politics and religion and converted into a resort for pro-display of her faith. The high ductive and efficient workers. I point in the assertion of faith is was walking through the streets the August pilgrimage at Czestec-in the evening together with a Po-work walking through the streets howa, which this year attracted work walking through the streets howa half a million persons.



again were the faithful, again on have been closed and where re-their knees. This time, however, be publicly shown. But in Poland matic -- namely, the upper stories of the gigantic Communist Party headquarters situated only a few jazz band, hired by the regime to phony in an empty stadium. Other signs of piety of the peo-other signs of piety of the peo-

was walking through the streets the August pulgrimage at Czestec-in the evening together with a Po-lish acquaintance, a member of the United Workers Party. He had been speaking confident-ly of the decline of religion in Po-land and of its pending disappear-ace. At this point we came upon a tiny village church, its white the United Workers Party. He had been speaking confident-ly of the decline of religion in Po-land and of its pending disappear-ace. At this point we came upon a tiny village church, its white the United Workers Party. He had been speaking confident-ly of the decline of religion in Po-land and of its pending disappear-ace. At this point we came upon to the Came upon the Came upon to the Came upon to the Came upon to the Came upon to the Came upon the materialistic framework. As a result, the Party has embarked an active campaign for the minds of the Polish people -- a campaign designed to win con-verts for the religion whose God is the atheistic State.

and French-Canadian peasants not so as to erect new churches believe first in their priests, as such, but so as to preserve and then in the organists of histroic monuments of the nation. their churches and then in their The usual State desire to prein Poland.

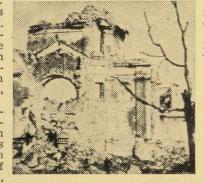
There are signs indicating that this malicious attitude has been put into practice in recent years. For example, the 1956 revolution in Poland has witnessed the revival of religious education in the schools. In 1960, however, this was discontinued by the State, In ad-dition, the State sponsors Sunday morning excursions designed to lure the young away from the Church and to preclude altoget-

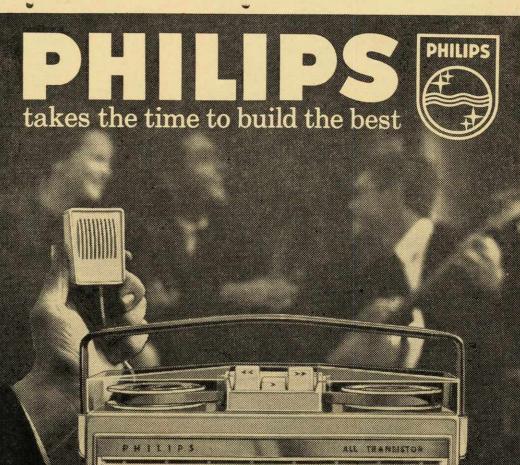
Then, too, although it is difficult to document, it seems that the State, in order to forestall the

The usual State desire to prevent church building has been demonstrated in the new "model city" of Nova Huta, erected near great steel plant in southern Poland. There, some 100,000 per-sons live with but two churches to serve them. It seems, too, that

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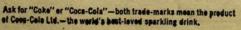
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