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REVIEW OF WORKS ON THE ECONOMIC HISTORY
OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC
PUBLISHED IN THE YEARS 1962 - 1971

1. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS. This review is a continuation of the article *Polish Economy of the Years 1918 - 1939 in Polish Post-war Publications* published in 1962.¹ The present review aims at presenting the production of Polish historiography in the years 1961 - 1971 in the field of research in the economic history of the 2nd Republic. It is, naturally, impossible to discuss or even cite within a rather brief review all the works published. We shall therefore endeavour to point out only the main trends of research and to present the subject-matter of the more important works. Neither shall we take under consideration those works which deal only marginally with the economic problems of the years 1918 - 1939. Whenever a work has appeared both in Polish and in one or more of the foreign languages, we cite the latter version only.

Research work on the economic history of inter-war Poland shows steady quantitative growth. The number of publications that appeared in the years 1962 - 1971 is more than twice bigger than of those published in the period 1945 - 1961. From this point of view, the situation is relatively favourable. The state of research can hardly be evaluated, however, solely on the basis of the number of publications. Much more important, indeed, are their actual merits, the selection of subject-matter, the extent to which they fill white spots on the map of historical knowledge. In this respect, the situation is not quite satisfactory. Prevailing among the recent works are contributions containing valuable material but rather narrow in scope. They undoubtedly constitute valuable additions to the fund of our knowledge on the economy of inter-war Poland but, at the same time, they do not always meet the most essential research

needs. Among the publications, there are relatively few works of synthetical character.

Also causing serious concern is the fact that research leaves out many crucial problems indispensable for coming really to know the economy of the 2nd Republic. There are hardly any comparative works discussing the Polish economy against the background of world economy, missing is the history of various branches of production, of various regions of the country, etc. A decidedly optimistic phenomenon, on the other hand, consists in the rather broad development of regional studies and in tackling many problems, studied either little or not at all before 1961. One could cite e.g. the quickly developing studies on the social structure of the country, the situation of the working class, the economic history of Warsaw, the war — orientated economy, the economic policy of the Government. The appearance, among the authors, of many new names is also a very favourable development. We do not elaborate on these problems here, since we have recently discussed them elsewhere on several occasions.²

2. REVIEWS OF THE STATE OF RESEARCH. The problem of historiography of the economic history of inter-war Poland was the subject of considerations by T. Cieślak³ and M. Drozdowski,⁴ both authors being interested not only in matters of economic history but in the overall state of research. The problems of the economic history of the 2nd Republic also emerged in the numerous discussions over Poland's contemporary history that have taken place in the past few years. Rather divergent views on the evaluation of inter-war economy came out in those discussions. This problem, however, is too complex to be presented in a few lines without fear of running into over-simplifications of essential character.

The years 1961 - 1971 saw the appearance of a large number of works analyzing the state and needs of research concerning the various problems of Polish economy. E.g., I. Pietrzak-Pawłowska has presented the situation in research on industrial enterprises in the world and in Poland.⁵ Other authors took up similar problems with regard to industrial plants in the various regions of Poland.⁶ J. Żarnowski has presented in an interesting way the programme of further research on the social structure of inter-war Poland.⁷ Comprehensive reports on the present state of knowledge on the history of the industrial proletariat have been published by M. Drozdowski, I. Pietrzak-Pawłowska and M. Trawińska-Kwaśniewska.⁸ H. Jędruszczakowa has formulated concepts of directions in syntheses of economic history.⁹ Much interest has also been shown in problems of history of the co-operative movement.¹⁰

3. WORKS OF SYNTHETICAL CHARACTER. Of greatest social importance among the numerous publications, are those which present Poland's economic situation in the years 1918 - 1939 in a comprehensive manner. The 2nd edition of the *Outline Economic History of Poland 1918 - 1939* appeared in 1962, and the 3rd revised edition — in 1971.¹¹ In 1963, W. Ruśiński published a university textbook devoting considerable attention to the problems that interest us here (2nd edition, 1969).¹² In 1964, two popular books appeared: one by W. Długoborski,¹³ the other by J. Ciepiewski, A. Jeziński and E. Kaczyńska.¹⁴ In 1965 — the mimeographed text of lectures by R. Gradowski,¹⁵ and a synthesis of Poland's economic history by B. Zientara, A. Mączak, I. Ihnatowicz and Z. Landau;¹⁶ in 1966 — a textbook by I. Kostrowicka, Z. Landau and J. Tomaszewski;¹⁷ in 1967 — the first volume, and in 1971 — the second volume of *The Economy of Inter-War Poland*;¹⁸ in 1968 — a popular outline by Z. Landau and J. Tomaszewski.¹⁹ As can be seen, almost each year saw the publication of at least one book showing a comprehensive picture of Poland's economy in the years 1918 - 1939, which bears witness to the great interest in these problems.

The publications enumerated above can be divided into three distinct groups. The first group includes university textbooks in which the period 1918 - 1939 constitutes but a fragment of the work (see notes 12, 16, 17). The second group consists of popular books intended for students of vocational courses (notes 13, 14); in these publications, too, the period of the 2nd Republic is only a fragment of the whole. The third group comprises works dealing exclusively with the economy of the years 1918 - 1939. The *Outline* (n. 11) and the *Difficult Independence* (n. 19) by Z. Landau and J. Tomaszewski were books of popular character, while *The Inflation Era* and *From Grabski to Piłsudski* (n. 18) were attempts at a monographic presentation of the economic history of Poland from 1918 to 1929.

Besides book, several articles of synthetical character have also appeared. One should first of all cite the paper by K. Secomski characterizing the transformations of Poland's economic structure in the past half-century.²⁰ Of a similar character was the study by A. Jeziński, devoted to an analysis of the main economic transformations in the period from the regaining of independence until 1968.²¹ Both authors were interested exclusively in the interpretation of developments, not in their description, since their aim was to present a synthetical picture of the changes that have occurred in the Polish economy within the past 50 years. Of a similarly generalizing character was J. Tomaszewski's essay devoted to the basic tendencies of inter-war economy.²² A different approach was presented by Z. Landau,²³ who examined not only the

economic development of the 2nd Republic but the place of her economy against the background of world economy. Landau tried to find the answer to the question of essential importance whether the gap between Poland and the more developed countries increased or diminished in the period between the 1st and 2nd World War.

Various authors differed in their evaluation of the economic achievements of the years 1918 - 1939. As a rule, however — while pointing to a number of unquestionably positive phenomena, such as the economic integration of Poland's territories, the development of new branches of production, the expansions of the railway system, the creation of Gdynia and of the Central Industrial Region — they all stressed that the chances which the regaining of independence had offered to Poland, had not been taken full advantage of. This view is expressed by most authors, though with different shades of opinion.

4. RESEARCH IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE SOCIETY. DEMOGRAPHIC RELATIONS. Studies concerning social structures were an entirely new field of research. In Polish post-war historiography of the contemporary era, they were initiated by J. Żarnowski's work devoted to the social structure of the intelligentsia in Poland in the years 1918 - 1939.²⁴ Żarnowski's next book also remained within the same range of problems but was of a more general character, its subject being the structure of the whole Polish society.²⁵ The successive chapters dealt with the characteristics of the various groups of population: the workers,²⁶ the peasants and farm-hands, the intelligentsia, the petty bourgeoisie and the propertied classes. In view of the popular character of the book, many problems could only be mentioned in it. The problems were presented in an even more synthetical manner in the paper prepared for the 50th anniversary of the regaining of independence.²⁷

Among other authors engaged in research in social structures was M. Drozdowski. His main work in this field dealt with the composition and structure of Warsaw's working class.²⁸ Drozdowski also studied the questions of the social and occupational structure of Warsaw,²⁹ the social structure of working-class youth in Poland,³⁰ the social structure of the 2nd Republic.³¹ The structure of Warsaw's working class was also studied by J. Ławnik,³² while A. Ajnenkiel dealt with the structure of farm-hands.³³ Also J. Tomaszewski studied the composition of the working class.³⁴ The latter has also presented the social structure of the Voivodship of Polesie on the basis of the 1931 census results.³⁵ Similar research concerning the Voivodship of Silesia was done by J. Jeziarska.³⁶ J. Ziemia analyzed the numerical force and the structure of the proletariat in Upper Silesia and in the Dąbrowa Basin,³⁷ while Z. Landau undertook the attempt

to estimate the numerical force of the Polish bourgeoisie and of the so-called financial oligarchy.³⁸

Of a somewhat different character were the works by S. Bronsztejn³⁹ and E. Strzelecki,⁴⁰ because they were concerned not so much with studies of the social structure but with more broadly conceived demographic problems. Bronsztejn analyzed the demographic and economic phenomena taking place in the Jewish population, Strzelecki — the demographic phenomena in Warsaw. A separate group of works consisted of studies of emigration problems. The most important place here belongs to H. Janowska.⁴¹ Also published was an interesting study by L. Landau on Polish seasonal emigration to Latvia and Germany,⁴² as well as several articles by other authors.⁴³

The research in structures conducted so far, dealt above all with social problems, to a lesser extent with occupational and nationality problems. Almost not undertaken at all, on the other hand, have been studies concerning the economic structure of inter-war Poland, its transformations, the integration⁴⁴ and disintegration tendencies in the country's economy, the co-existence of the highly developed industry in Silesia and the semi-natural peasant economy in the eastern and north-eastern parts of Poland.

5. THE ECONOMIC POLICY OF THE STATE. Research in the economic policy of the Government and in the role of the State in the country's economy became a new field of interest. These problems aroused lively interest before the war, too,⁴⁵ but practically until 1961 they were analyzed only incidentally, and in many cases very superficially. After 1962, they found themselves in the centre of attention of many authors. The economic policy of the Government in the period immediately after World War I, was examined by Z. Landau⁴⁶ and T. Grabowski.⁴⁷ The latter presented in an extensive and interesting book the role of the State in the economy in the period from the regaining of independence until the outbreak of the great economic depression.⁴⁸ J. Tomaszewski dealt with the policy of the Skrzyński Cabinet,⁴⁹ Z. Landau — with the impact of J. Piłsudski's *coup d'état* upon the economic conceptions of the subsequent governments.⁵⁰ J. Ciepiewski and Z. Knakiewicz concentrated their attention on the period of depression: the former presented the policy of the State towards agriculture,⁵¹ the latter — the financial policy.⁵² The period of stimulating the business activity became the subject of a very interesting book by M. Drozdowski.⁵³ The same author also published materials concerning the economic policy of the Polish Government with regard to the Zaolzie region (the part of Cieszyn Silesia annexed by Poland in 1938).⁵⁴

R. Gradowski undertook the attempt of a comprehensive presentation of the role of the State in the economy but did not go beyond outlining the subject.⁵⁵ Several authors analyzed the policy of the Government with regard to specific branches of economy. Thus B. Dopierała carried on research in the formation of the maritime policy.⁵⁶ A similar subject was also taken up by S. Ordon.⁵⁷ R. Gawiński dealt with the textile industry⁵⁸ and Z. Landau with the Government's attitude towards the inflow of foreign capital to Poland.⁵⁹

The above review shows that, apart from Drozdowski's work on the policy of the Government in the years 1936 - 1939, we do not yet possess equally comprehensive monographs covering other periods.

6. WAR-ORIENTATED ECONOMY. This sphere of research has also greatly developed in the past few years. While formerly these problems were dealt with primarily by émigré historians, the scholars in Poland can by now boast quite considerable achievements. Those, however, are not easy to follow by civilian historians, since the results of research are in some cases published in strictly military periodicals. This is why the completeness of the review of publications presented below leaves room for doubt.

The problems in question have been dealt with most extensively by T. Grabowski. Two of his works have already been mentioned in paragraph 5, above. In the studies cited there, the author devoted much attention, among other things, to the role of the war economy in the economic system of the country.⁶⁰ This current of research was continued in the book devoted to armaments investments but concentrated mainly on the period 1936 - 1939.⁶¹ Also interested in the problems of the building of armaments industry were J. Czajor,⁶² S. Ciastoń⁶³ and P. Stawecki.⁶⁴ At the same time, there appeared works concerning transportation,⁶⁵ food supply,⁶⁶ financial matters,⁶⁷ economic mobilization,⁶⁸ the development of armed forces — approached from the point of view of the country's defensive needs.⁶⁹

7. INDUSTRY. Beside the co-operative movement, industry and the situation of the industrial proletariat attracted the greatest attention of research workers, and it is in this field that the greatest number of works have appeared. This was to some extent due to the work of the Commission for the Co-ordination of Research in the History of Industry within the Committee on Historical Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences. It was on the Commission's initiative that, among others, a conference devoted to industrial plants in the 19th and 20th centuries was organized.⁷⁰ A special volume of studies was also published presenting, *inter alia*, the conditions of industrial development in the period of the 2nd Republic, the processes of concentration taking place in the

mining, metallurgical and textile industries, and the development of the chemical and food industries.⁷¹

Of the most general character, however, is the book by A. Jezierski and S. Zawadzki, treating of two centuries of history of Polish industry.⁷² The authors concentrated on showing the main development tendencies rather than on description. Also interesting are: B. Skaradziński's essay on the conceptions of Poland's industrialization,⁷³ and I. Pietrzak-Pawłowska's paper discussing, among other things, the industrialization tendencies in inter-war Poland against a comparative background.⁷⁴ J. Tomaszewski dealt with methodological questions concerning the construction of the general index of industrial production.⁷⁵ His considerations are of great importance for assessing the rate of growth of Polish industry because two different general indices of industrial production were used in pre-war Poland, and divergent conclusions can be reached, depending on which of them is adopted.

The above list comprises all the works dealing with industry in a comprehensive way. It should be remembered, however, that problems of industry were also included in the publications cited in paragraphs 3 - 6 and 9. All other works treating of industry, either dealt with a specific branch, region or period — or were simply histories of specific industrial plants.

Let us now pass to publications presenting the history of specific branches of industry. Mining can boast two separate monographs already,⁷⁶ as well as a number of fragmentary contributions dealing with the development of non-ferrous ore mining in Upper Silesia,⁷⁷ oil mining,⁷⁸ and the history of mines.⁷⁹ Writing generally about the development tendencies in the mining and metallurgical industries were W. Długoborski and J. Jaros.⁸⁰ The textile industry is the subject of works by R. Gawiński⁸¹ and of articles by L. Kieszczyński⁸² and Z. Bąkowski.⁸³ Developmental tendencies in the textile industry were discussed in the paper by G. Missalowa and J. Fijałek.⁸⁴ Single studies have been devoted to timber,⁸⁵ paper,⁸⁶ shipbuilding,⁸⁷ sugar,⁸⁸ alcohol-distilling,⁸⁹ agricultural and food,⁹⁰ cement,⁹¹ and dye-stuff⁹² industries. The works dealing with arms production have already been cited in paragraph (6).

The above list is not impressively long. It ought to be remembered, however, that in many cases the history of the various branches has been dealt with in regional studies. The authors were not so much interested in the history of a specific branch of industry but rather in the problems of industry in a given part of the country. Relatively, the most has been written about the industry of Great-Poland. We have already named the work on sugar industry and that on timber industry. Besides, E. Ziółek gave a brief presentation of the development of industry in the city of

Poznań,⁸⁸ and S. Kowal — the history of that industry in the years of the great economic depression.⁸⁴ Research was also conducted in the industry of Warsaw and the Warsaw region,⁸⁵ of Bielsko-Biała,⁸⁶ of the Old-Polish Basin,⁸⁷ Częstochowa⁸⁸ and Poznań.⁸⁹ If we analyze the state of research from the chronological point of view, it will turn out that most authors were interested in the impact of the depression of 1930 - 1933 on industrial production (among those already cited — Kieszczyński, Mikołajczyk and Kowal; among those not yet mentioned — B. Wachowska¹⁰⁰), and in the period immediately after World War I (Czajor, Grabowski¹⁰¹ and Landau¹⁰²).

Also appearing were more and more works devoted to the history of individual industrial plants. A part of them (small, in fact) are thoroughly prepared scientific monographs, a part are publications issued on anniversary occasions. The value of the latter is very uneven, as a rule however, they contain interesting source material. For lack of space, we are unable to give here the titles of these numerous publications, or even of selected examples.

Research in the history of industry has been conducted, generally speaking, in a very traditional manner. It dealt, as a rule, with problems of production. Yet, modern studies of industry call for a much broader approach. Beside production, of very great importance are problems of capital, of the organizational forms of industry, of the state of concentration, of capital investment problems, the cost of production, the markets, etc. So far, these matters have been mentioned marginally at most but — apart from isolated cases — have not become the subject of separate studies. In the years 1962 - 1971, one book was published on the organization of industrialists,¹⁰³ one article on stock companies,¹⁰⁴ and one on the organizational forms of industry.¹⁰⁵

8. HANDICRAFT. The sum total of information on the crafts is also modest, in spite of the fact that handicraft played an immense role in the economy of inter-war Poland. It gave work to more people than mining, metallurgy and all manufacturing plants employing more than 20 persons, together. In the shoemaking trade alone, more people were employed than in the most developed branch of industry, namely textile. Yet, while we have a considerable number of publications on the textile industry, there is not a single one devoted to the shoemaking trade. The absence of research in crafts seems to result from two causes: the inadequate awareness of their importance in the years 1918 - 1939, and the difficulties with regard to the sources.

The years 1962 - 1971 saw the appearance of only one book and a few articles devoted to crafts. Territorially, research was concentrated on Great-Poland,¹⁰⁶ Upper Silesia,¹⁰⁷ Warsaw¹⁰⁸ and Częstochowa.¹⁰⁹ Only one

article dealt with the problem on the national scale.¹¹⁰ Missing altogether were works aimed at presenting the place of crafts in the economic system of the 2nd Republic, speaking of the competitive struggle between workshops and the more and more monopolized industry, presenting the material situation of the artisans, etc.

9. THE MATERIAL SITUATION OF THE WORKING CLASS AND OF THE INTELLIGENTSIA. The achievements of research in this field seem particularly remarkable; also the proportion between synthetical and fragmentary works in this field seems to be the most satisfactory. What is more, the publications have covered a wide range of problems — geographically, chronologically and as far as the question dealt with are concerned. We have already named some of these publications, in paragraphs 4 and 7 above. Among those not mentioned so far, of the most comprehensive character is the book by Z. Landau and J. Tomaszewski, dealing with all aspects of the material conditions of industrial workers.¹¹¹ Of a more popular character are the works by M. Ciechocińska on the working class,¹¹² and by J. Żarnowski on the intelligentsia.¹¹³

The articles presenting the situation of the working class on the national scale, dealt among others with such problems as the proportions of employment and of the labour market,¹¹⁴ wages and family budgets,¹¹⁵ unemployment.¹¹⁶ Some of the articles concentrated on a given chronological period rather than on selected problems. Thus, e.g. Z. Landau studied the situation until 1923,¹¹⁷ while M. Ciechocińska and W. Ratyński — the years of depression.¹¹⁸ Many valuable studies have also appeared dealing with the workers' living conditions in various industrial centres. The subject matter of such studies is broad and varied, their value is uneven. As a whole, however, they provide interesting comparative material. Research was mainly concentrated on Warsaw, Silesia and Łódź. Among the works on Warsaw, the most important are those by M. Drozdowski¹¹⁹ and J. Ławnik;¹²⁰ the same problems were also dealt with by Z. Szczygielski.¹²¹ A great many authors wrote on Silesia and the Dąbrowa Basin. There, too, the subject-matter was very much differentiated. There appeared works on the wages of miners, the employment in the coal industry, the labour market, the working time, labour legislation, social security, living conditions.¹²² Likewise, the problems of textile workers were also rather richly represented.¹²³

Besides works devoted to Poland's three main industrial centres, the studies concerning other regions have also been stimulated to greater activity. Represented in publications were: Great-Poland,¹²⁴ the region of Cracow,¹²⁵ the Baltic Coast,¹²⁶ Lublin,¹²⁷ Krosno,¹²⁸ Białystok.¹²⁹ A great amount of information on the situation of the working class has been

included in various studies dealing with political problems and the class struggle. For lack of space, we are forced to desist from enumerating them here but the existence of this immense body of literature must be taken into account in all research on the situation of the industrial proletariat.

10. AGRICULTURE AND THE SITUATION OF THE COUNTRYSIDE. Of the most basic character in this field is the collective work which presents a wide range of problems concerning the situation of the rural areas in the period under consideration — the problems of grain, animal and horticultural production, of the material situation of farmers, the methods of cultivation and farm implements used, etc.¹⁸⁰ Apart from this book, monographs of a more detailed character were predominating among publications devoted to agriculture. Among the most interesting of them are studies in the history of agriculture in the period of the great economic depression. J. Ciepiewski concentrated on the agrarian policy of the Government (see paragraph (5) above), and J. Orczyk examined the problems of farm production, the causes of the outbreak of the agrarian crisis, the price gulf and its consequences, etc.¹⁸¹

Also dealing with agricultural production were O. Baehr (flax and hemp)¹⁸² and J. Orczyk (cereals in Great-Poland).¹⁸³ There appeared a work on forestry¹⁸⁴ and several minor contributions on the land reform and the consolidation of split-up plots.¹⁸⁵

The situation of the peasants has been presented in two works dealing with the period of depression,¹⁸⁶ in no less than five essays on financial encumbrances,¹⁸⁷ and in one study on the diet of peasants in the region of Łowicz.¹⁸⁸ A. Ajnenkiel,¹⁸⁹ R. Wapiński,¹⁴⁰ and S. Warkoczewski¹⁴¹ wrote on the situation of the rural proletariat.

11. FINANCE. PROPERTY INSURANCE. FOREIGN CAPITAL. Research in these matters continued to be very animated.¹⁴² Among the synthetical works, one should cite the study by Z. Karpiński devoted to the evolution of monetary systems,¹⁴⁸ those by K. Ostrowski dealing with the history of financial legislation and the general problems of inter-war finance,¹⁴⁴ and by A. Zawadzki — on the history of the financial system of the local self-government.¹⁴⁵ The fiscal and monetary problems of the period of inflation and the Grabski reforms enjoyed considerable interest.¹⁴⁶ Another period attracting much attention of authors was that of the great depression,¹⁴⁷ the basic work on this subject was written by Z. Knakiewicz.

Interest in the history of banking has also increased. There appeared monographs on the Bank Cukrownictwa (The Sugar Industry Bank),¹⁴⁸ the Bank Handlowy (The Bank of Trade) in Warsaw,¹⁴⁹ and on the credit co-operative movement in Great-Poland,¹⁵⁰ as well as a number of other works on credit institutions.¹⁵¹

Works concerning rural taxation and the indebtedness of the countryside have already been mentioned in paragraph 10 above, those dealing with military finance — in paragraph 6.

One can notice, on the other hand, a distinct decline of interest in problems of property insurance¹⁵² and, which is more remarkable, in those of foreign capital. Until 1961, the question of activities of foreign capital in Poland remained in the very focus of research interest. At present, authors visibly abandon these problems. Z. Landau has remained faithful to the problems of foreign capital. He published a monograph on the stabilization plan¹⁵³ and, together with J. Tomaszewski, a collection of documents on the activity of foreign capital in Poland.¹⁵⁴ The documents are preceded with a comprehensive introduction analyzing the role of foreign capital. C. Madajczyk published an interesting selection of documents concerning the interest of foreign countries in the electrification of Poland.¹⁵⁵ N. Davies — an article on the attitude of the British capital towards the problem of Galician oil,¹⁵⁶ and B. Sziotka — on foreign capital engaged in the Polish zinc industry.¹⁵⁷ Besides, Z. Landau published a synthetical article on the impact of foreign capital on Poland's economy,¹⁵⁸ a review of the Government's foreign loans,¹⁵⁹ and an essay on the economic relations of Poland with the United States in the years 1918 - 1920.¹⁶⁰ There also appeared articles: by P. Stawecki on the French loan of 1936,¹⁶¹ by J. Krasuski on the Polish-German financial settlements,¹⁶² by A. Grodek on the size of foreign capital engaged in Poland in the late '30s,¹⁶³ and by R. Gawiński on the role of French capital in the Żyrardów Textile Works.¹⁶⁴

12. DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN TRADE. Very little has been written on domestic trade. Apart from works on co-operative trade, only three articles have been published on this subject.¹⁶⁵ Considering the importance of the problem, this is clearly insufficient. The situation is equally bad in regard to works concerning Poland's foreign trade. In this field, research was, for the most, concentrated on the bilateral relations of Poland with the various countries. The most important works dealt with Poland's economic relations with Germany. Writing about them was B. Ratyńska.¹⁶⁶ A few contributions have been published on the economic relations with the USSR,¹⁶⁷ and on the development of exchanges with other countries.¹⁶⁸ Practically speaking, however, we still know very little on Poland's foreign trade.

13. TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS. In this field, a number of interesting works have appeared. Z. Landau wrote most generally on the reconstruction of transportation after World War I.¹⁶⁹ I. Bujniewicz dealt with problems of building a uniform railroad system in the inter-war period.¹⁷⁰ M. Mikulski¹⁷¹ and A. Glass¹⁷² published contributions

concerning aviation. There also appeared a few works on the maritime economy,¹⁷³ on the merchant fleet,¹⁷⁴ and on the building of radiophony.¹⁷⁵

14. THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT. This seems to be the most fully examined sphere of the Polish economy. It has its own history written by W. Rusiński,¹⁷⁶ monographic books on farm and trade co-operatives in Poznań and Pomerania in the years 1918 - 1939,¹⁷⁷ on the German co-operative movement in Pomerania in 1920 - 1938,¹⁷⁸ on workers' co-operatives,¹⁷⁹ on farmers' co-operatives in the time of the great depression,¹⁸⁰ on producers' co-operatives in Upper Silesia,¹⁸¹ on dairy co-operatives,¹⁸² as well as work on credit co-operatives cited in paragraph 11 above.

In addition to the above works, there have appeared a great many articles dealing with various manifestations of the co-operative movement.¹⁸³

15. HOUSING PROBLEMS. COMMUNAL ECONOMY. The past few years have seen the publication of a large number of books devoted to the history of the various cities and towns. These books, almost as a rule, mention housing and communal problems. There have also appeared a few works dealing with the development of housing construction and with the housing situation on the national scale,¹⁸⁴ as well as in the various cities, e.g. Warsaw,¹⁸⁵ Łódź,¹⁸⁶ and the cities of Silesia.¹⁸⁷ A few fragmentary contributions on the problems of communal economy were also published.¹⁸⁸

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NOTES

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³ T. Cieślak, *Badania nad historią Polski od 1914 do 1964 r. w Polsce Ludowej* [Research in the History of Poland from 1914 to 1964 in People's Poland], KH, 1965, No. 1.

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