

HUSSARS OF MERCY

THE GRAY SAMARITANS OF 1919



POLISH AMERICAN NURSES HELP A REBORN NATION

WW1: How POLES WERE IMPACTED



- **3,376,800 POLISH MEN CONSCRIPTED IN GERMAN, RUSSIA, AUSTRIAN-HUNGARIAN ARMIES**
- **1.6-1.8 MILLION PEOPLE FORCIBLY RESETTLED BY RUSSIA & AUSTRIA-HUNGARY**
- **300.000 MEN CONSCRIPTED FOR FORCED LABOR BY GERMANS, MAINLY IN NORTHERN AREAS**
- **1.08 MILLION POLES KILLED, 870,000 IN THE MILITARY, 200,000 CIVILIANS**
- **2/3 OF THE MILITARY DEATHS WERE BY FAMINE, FROSTBITE AND DISEASE**

AFTERMATH: FAMINE IN CENTRAL EUROPE

Follow the Impulse
Make a generous lenten offering
for the **Cold, Hungry and Homeless Women and Children of Poland**



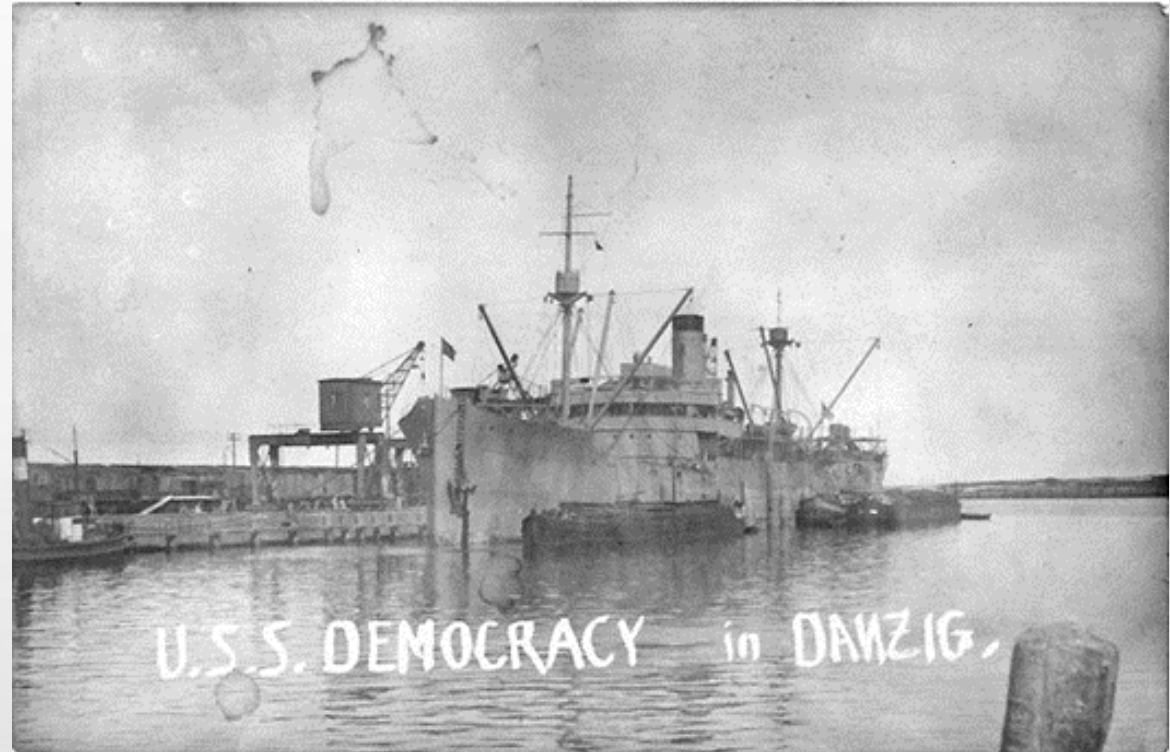
Home for Polish Girls' Fund
MME. HELENA PADEREWSKA, HOTEL GOTHAM, NEW YORK



REPAIR, REPLACE, RESTORE

- 700,000 refugees
- 140,000 orphans
- 50% of livestock lost
- 50% of railroad cars lost
- 50% of bridges destroyed
- 85% industrial unemployment
- \$10 billion property damage
(\$200 billion+ in today's dollars)

Photo # NH 104447 USS Democracy at Danzig, 1919



ONE AMERICAN WOMAN'S IDEA IN 1916

LAURA BLACKWELL DE GODZAWA TURCYNOWICZ



- **Lived in Suwalki**
- **Germans seized her home after Russians attacked**
- **Escaped to US in 1915**
- **Wrote a book in 1916**
- **Husband Chief of Russian Sanitary Engineers -MIA**
- **Opera singer producer/director**

**GEN. PAUL VON HINDENBERG:
TURCYNOWICZ'
UNWANTED 1915 HOUSE GUEST**

**HIS STAFF TRASHED HER PLACE,
HELD FAMILY HOSTAGE EIGHT MONTHS**



YWCA, ARA, HOOVER TRAINING, COMPETITION



Grey Samaritan volunteers in training at the New York School of Philanthropy. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Leon Lustyk with assistance from Ms. Kathleen Urbanic.



Anna Badura, a volunteer from Rochester, N.Y. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Leon Lustyk with assistance from Ms. Kathleen Urbanic.

Meet the Team

- **ELEANOR WASIELEWSKI**
- **SHE WAS THE 1ST RECRUIT**
- **A COLLEGE TEACHER IN MINNEAPOLIS AT U OF M**
- **SPOKE POLISH, SLOVAK & CZECH**

POLISH GRAY SAMARITANS OF THE Y. W. C. A. WORKING UNDER AMERICAN RELIEF ADMINISTRATION INSPECTORS IN THE FIELD

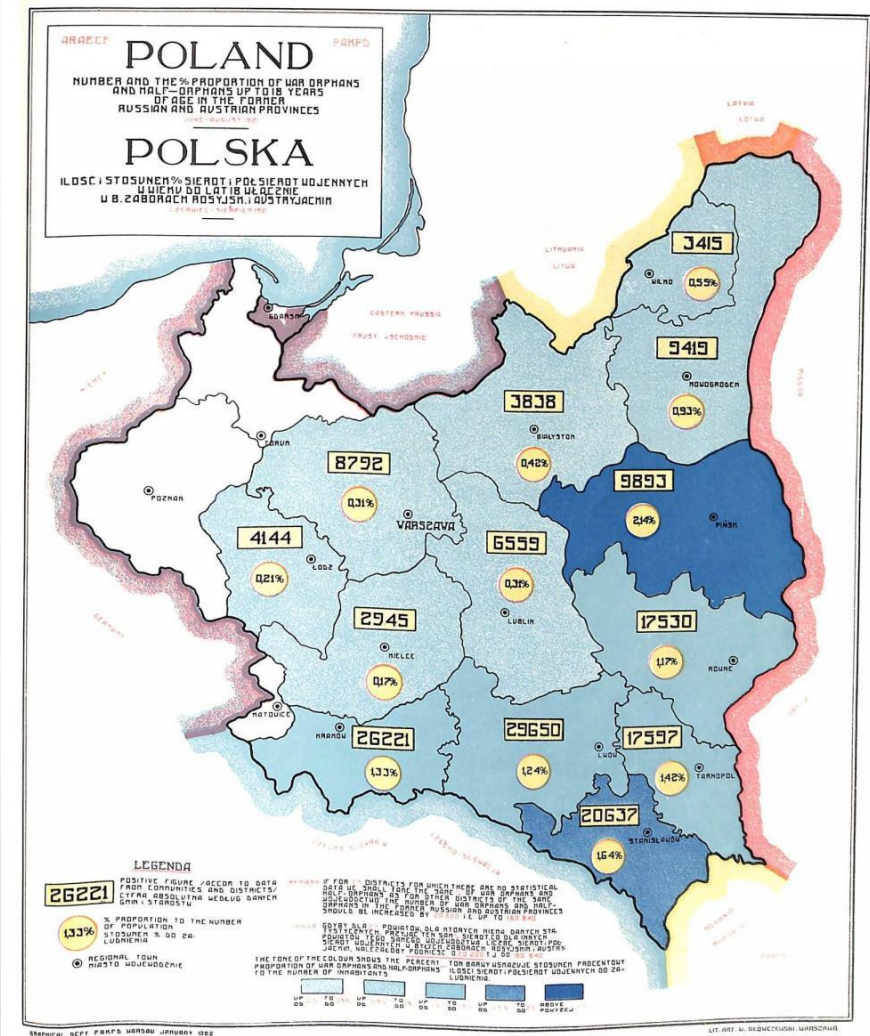
	(Home Address)
Amy P. Tapping, Supervisor	Utica N. Y.
Mary Andrzejewska	Milwaukee, Wis.
Helen Chmielewska	Detroit, Mich.
Anna Czaban	Rochester, N. Y.
Sophia Kosobucka	Trenton, N. J.
Felicia Krutewicz	St. Louis, Mo.
Anna Michalowska	St. Louis, Mo.
Leocadia Myszyńska	Rochester N. Y.
Josephine Tarkowska	Cleveland, Ohio.
Christine Zduleczna	Wilkesburg, Pa.

PREVIOUS MEMBERS OF THE GRAY SAMARITAN UNIT IN POLAND:

Helen Cichowicz, Katherine Ciesicka, Josephine Czarnik, Annette Friebe, Mary Gash, Martha Graczyk-Giedgowd, Helena Gustowt, Stanisława Kendzierska, Anna Kopec, Katherine Krzyżanowska, Stella Lysakowska, Helen Mielczarek, Stanisława Mucha, Helen Piotrowska, Carolina Sławinska, Valentine Smentkowska, Frances Sobczynska, Valeria Staszko, Valeria Tomasik, Eleonora Wasilewska, Eugenia Winckiewicz.

Gray Samaritans' To Do List

- **SUPERVISE MILK STATIONS & SOUP KITCHENS SERVING AS MANY AS 4,000 CHILDREN PER DAY**
- **CREATE, MANAGE ORPHANAGES, ADOPTION PROGRAMS**
- **DISTRIBUTE CLOTHING, SEW NEW CLOTHING**
- **PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE TO CHILDREN, CONVALESCING SOLDIERS**
- **TRAIN LOCAL STAFF**
- **EVACUATE DURING SOVIET INVASION**



STORIES OF SERVICE

- **ONE NURSE WOULD BE REMEMBERED FOR CRITICIZING THE TRAIN STATION MASTER IN POZNAN FOR DISPLAYING REGIONAL BIAS AGAINST POLES FROM THE RUSSIAN PARTITION, DECLARING THAT ALL OF POLAND WAS NOW UNITED.**
- **ANNA BADURA OF ROCHESTER, N.Y. GAVE UP A CHANCE TO SEE HER POLISH-AMERICAN HUSBAND IN WARSAW FOR 1ST TIME SINCE HE HAD LEFT 2 YEARS EARLIER TO JOIN HALLER'S ARMY. SHE SAID HER RELIEF WORK ASSIGNMENT IN KALISZ TOOK PRIORITY OVER A REUNION.**
- **WORK CONTINUED DURING THE POLISH-BOLSHEVIK WAR AND AFTER THE TREATY OF RIGA THAT ENDED IT IN MARCH 1921. ONE OF THEIR RANKS WAS SAID TO HAVE DELIVERED SIX BABIES ONE WINTER NIGHT**

ALL SERVED EQUALLY



A group of children ready for their daily meal in the open air at a kitchen in Boryslaw. This town is the center of the Galician oil industry. While awaiting for industry to regain its prewar momentum hundreds of thousands of workers in factory towns were without means of earning their daily bread. The ARA-PAKPD kitchens rendered a particular service during this period in preserving the health of children in these industrial towns.

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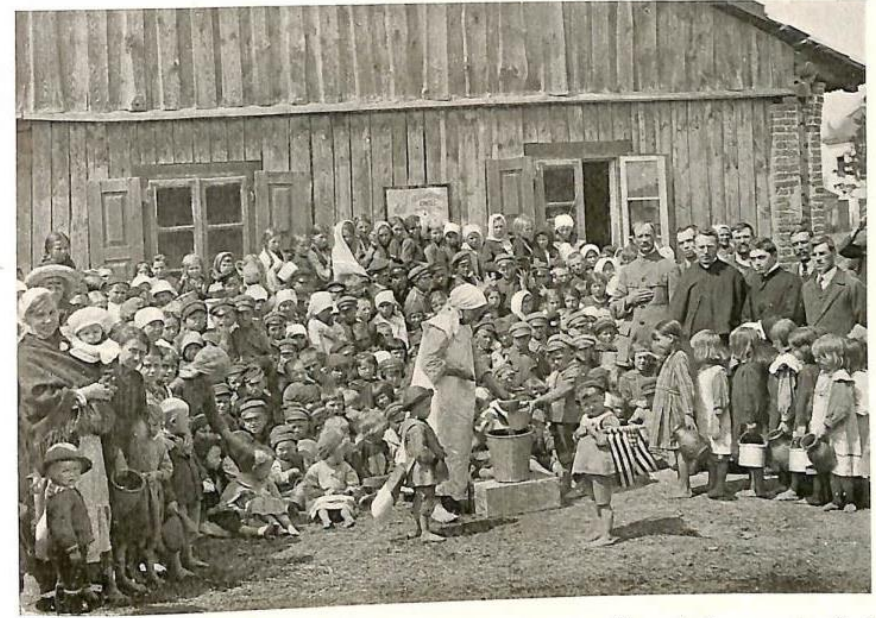


poor children in Jewish kitchen No 13 at Kosow. The use of kosher laws and the preparation of food by Jews to meet religious requirements have resulted in the establishment of special kitchens to comply with these. The child relief work in each community is supervised by a joint committee representing various religious orders, various national elements. Of the total number of children fed approximately 29% are of the Jewish population of Poland numbers less than 15% Israelites, the former and larger figure arises from the greatest needs and most intensive feeding have been in the cities where the Jewish population varies from

FACES OF NEED - EASTERN VILLAGES



Children in an orphanage at Brzezany, Eastern Galicia. Galicia (formerly that part of Poland under Austrian rule) has been particularly active in providing shelter for its war orphans. This section of the country alone has 15,000 children in institutions pending their adoption or their ability to support themselves.



A kitchen at Minak Mazowiecki. In the summer time the children, as far as possible, eat in the open air. To the right is a group of local social workers. In addition to the persons regularly employed in the child relief operation over 14000 volunteers working in 7600 institutions and kitchens located in 3222 towns throughout Poland have given their active assistance in the relief action.

RELATIONSHIPS THAT MADE A DIFFERENCE TO THE AID EFFORT

- **HERBERT HOOVER & IGNACY PADEREWSKI**
- **IGNACY PADEREWSKI &
HELENA DE ROSEN PADEREWSKA**



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**Founded Polish White Cross,
Forerunner of Polish Red Cross
Partnered with TURCYNOWICZ**



IMPACT LARGER THAN NUMBERS



The first contingent of Grey Samaritans on the docks in New York directly prior to embarking on the S.S. Rochambeau. Photo courtesy of Mr. Ted Perkosi.

HOMEFRONT HELP BEFORE AND AFTER WW1

- **LOU HENRY HOOVER &
FOOD CONSERVATION**
- **BOHEMIAN
AUXILIARY,
AMERICAN RED
CROSS**



CZECHOSLOVAKIA

A DIFFERENT APPROACH

**“THE VERY STICKERS ON SWIFT PACKING CASES AND CROSBY’S FLOUR
ARE BELOVED” -- YWCA 1919 NEWSLETTER ABOUT CZECHOSLOVAKIA**

**RUTH CRAWFORD MITCHELL CAME FROM PITTSBURGH US AT REQUEST
OF ALICE MASARYK, FOUNDER CZ-SL RED CROSS**

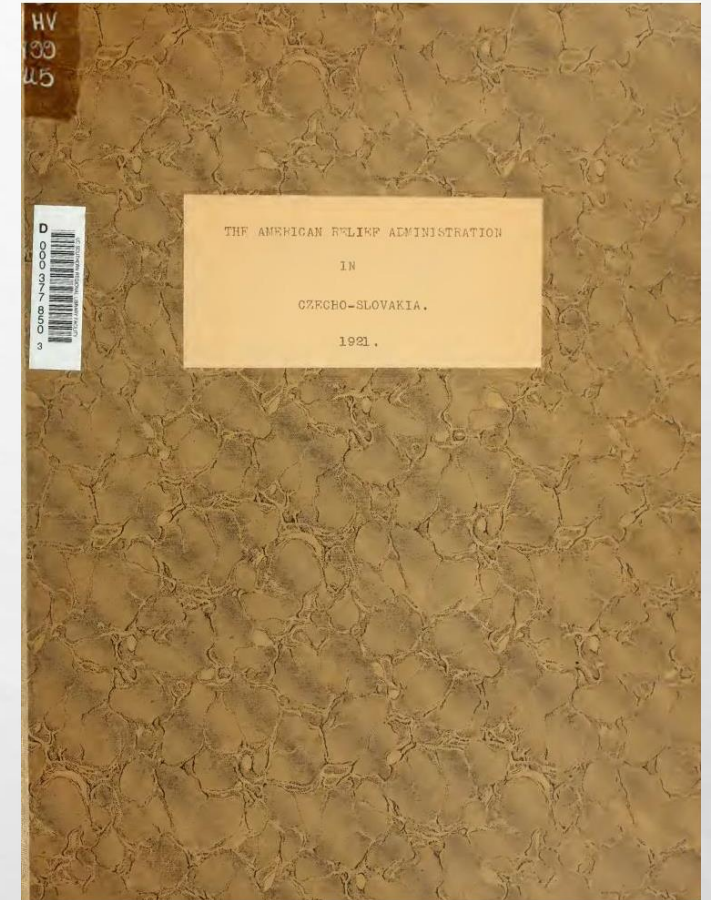
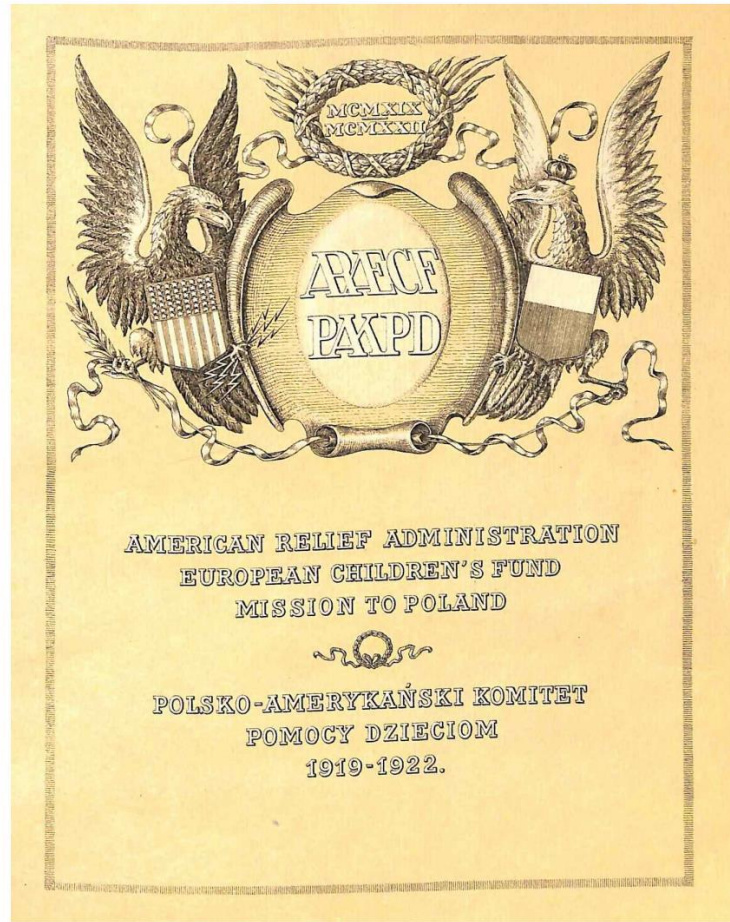
**PRAGUE REPORT FOCUSED ON MACRO DATA AND MINIMIZED
DISCUSSION ON FAMINE ON SLOVAKIA, NO PHOTOS**



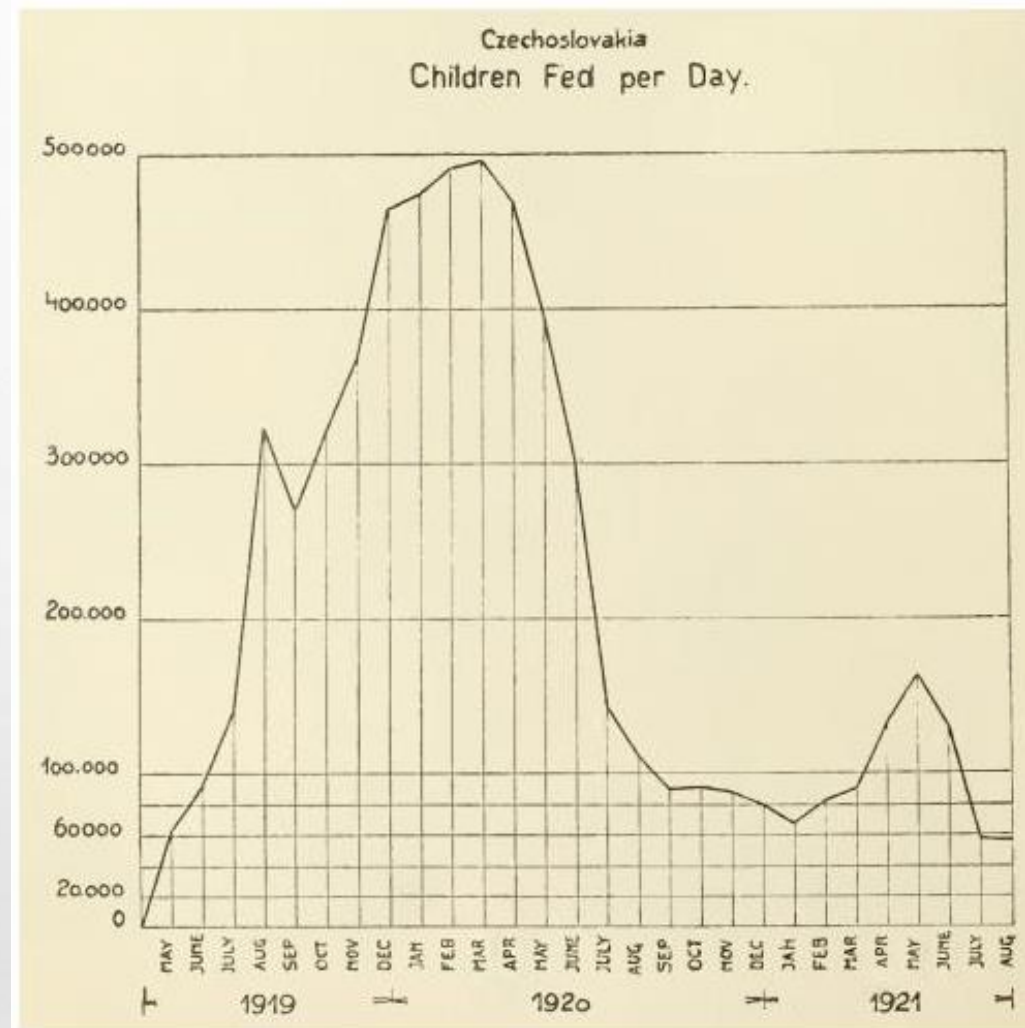
CONTRASTING REPORTS

**POLAND'S EMOTIONAL
PARTNERSHIP VS. PRAGUE'S DRY
DATA, CLINICAL WRITING**

**POLAND NAMED ALL WHO HELPED
VS. JUST TOP OFFICIALS**

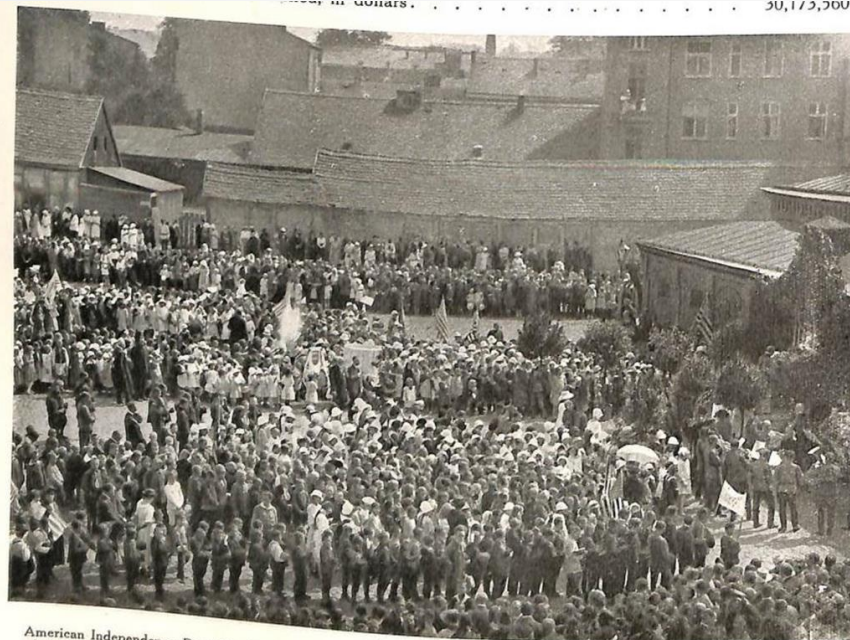


AN EQUALLY HUGE NEED, BUT NO HUMAN STORY OUT OF PRAGUE



LEGACY AND GRATITUDE

- **STATUTE IN HOOVER SQUARE, WARSAW**
- **ACPC TO RECOGNIZE WITH WREATH LAYING SUNDAY 9.8**



American Independence Day, July 4, 1921. The children of Zgierz, an industrial town, gather for a service in celebration of the American holiday. Similar manifestations were held on the same day in every town and in hundreds of villages throughout Poland. In the schools the children are taught the lesson of America's friendship with Poland dating back to Kościuszko, Poland's foremost patriot and General under Washington in the American Revolutionary War. July 4-th has annually been the occasion of special services in churches and synagogues throughout the country.



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