



VISITS BLOODMOBILE . . . Frederick Bernard Folts, 1219 Fonthill Ave., recently gave his 59th pint of blood during a recent visit of the bloodmobile in Torrance. Mrs. Robert Orsini, blood chairman for the Red Cross in Torrance, was present for the noteworthy event.

Poland Wears Two Faces, Holds to Communist Line

Editor's Note: Another in a series of impressions of a trip through Russia and the bloc countries by The Herald co-publisher.

By KING WILLIAMS
In this year of 1963, only seven after the liberty-loving Polish rioted in sympathy with the Hungarians and won two important concessions, Poland wears two faces in concert with her communists behind the Iron Curtain.

They talk of freedom and in many ways act like free men. Overall, is the heavy hand of a government run by hard core Communists with a hot line to the Kremlin.

Beset by crop failures and plagued by a generally weak economy, the country, more ravaged than any other in Europe during the last war, sees the comparatively prosperous past five years slipping away to a memory.

These years saw great strides in new housing, new industrial expansion and increasing foreign trade with the USSR, Great Britain, West Germany, and India.

More consumer goods have become available in the stores and thence into the hands of the people who somehow give the impression of being happy.

Despite an elaborate currency control system, money changers offering up to three times official rates for American dollars, approach tourists. Tips are welcome, especially if they are in American money.

Because of the great number of Poles with relatives in America, the country is enjoying a spirited tourist business. East Germans also are there in large groups as are visiting delegations from other Communist countries.

Poland has had millions in American aid and has enjoyed "favored nation" trade agreements. Private American foundations have helped rebuild 74 per cent of destroyed Warsaw. Yet, the tourist guides never mention American aid until forced to concede by persistent probing that "American help has been very great."

Sympathetic rioting in Warsaw during the Hungarian uprising, brought promising concessions to the country from the Gomulka government. Included was more freedom to the Catholic church, spiritual attachment for 93 per cent of the population. For a time the government made good on its promises, but recently more and more pressure is being applied to restrain the influence of the church, including censorship of the Catholic press.

Other concessions were evidenced by collectivization of the farms, curbing activities of the dreaded secret police, elimination of the jamming of the radio and more freedom of press generally.

Generally, the Communists have been renegeing on their promises with no prospect of letting up. The church-state

controversy is in high pitch once again, more police activity is complained of by Poles who dare to talk, and farmers seem to be staging a deliberate slow down on land that historically is productive.

The systematic destruction of Warsaw by the Nazis beggars description. A park and monument mark the scene of trials and arrests of Jews, some 230,000 of whom were executed on the spot or led away to concentration camps and gas chambers.

Polish government spokesmen say they have more fear of the Germans than hatred. They oppose unification but are doing a brisk business with West Germany.

Restoration of Old Town in Warsaw represents one of the best jobs of its kind to be seen anywhere in Europe. The area is a great attraction for visitors who are impressed also with the progressive character of the plan planning going into the new city now rapidly arising from the hovel of bricks, monuments and mortar in which hundreds of thousands of homeless lived for years after the end of World War II.

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Firm Forms New Division For Services

Glendale Federal Savings and Loan Assn. has formed a new administrative services division, President J. E. Hoelt has announced.

Gordon A. Klett has been promoted to vice president in charge of the new administrative services division. Klett has been associated with Glendale Federal for eight years and has been vice president and assistant branch operations officer since early 1962.

The new division will be responsible for administrative services, personnel and training, and research.

The continued expansion of Glendale Federal, which has seen assets grow from \$100 million in 1955 to more than \$560 million, necessitated the new division, Hoelt said.

Horse races at this year's California State Fair and Exposition, Aug. 28 through Sept. 9 in Sacramento, will net the West Coast's finest thoroughbreds, quarter horses and sulky racers \$219,000 in prize money.

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