

EDITOR'S NOTE

On the occasion of XIII European Congress for Rural Sociology in Braga (Portugal) in 1986, we are presenting the reader with another volume of articles and studies, prepared by the research workers of the Department of Rural and Urban Sociology of the University of Łódź. The following three volumes of our papers, also meant for the participants of international meetings on rural sociology, have previously been published in English:

- 1) Transformations in Rural Life Systems in Poland, Acta Univ. Lodz. 1976, ser. III, nr 10;
- 2) Some Aspects of Rural Life in Poland Today, Acta Univ. Lodz. 1980, Folia sociol. 1;
- 3) From Studies on the Polish Rural Society, Acta Univ. Lodz. 1983, Folia sociol. 7.

In the authors' opinion, the present publication is a continuation and an extension of the trends of interests and theoretical-methodological approach presented before. At the same time, we are trying to revert to the subject of XIII Congress, and particular articles and studies - concerning different aspects of continuity and change of the Polish countryside - have been delivered to the appropriate working groups.

In the course of editing this volume one of our eminent co-workers Dr. Mieczysław KOWALSKI died suddenly. This volume is dedicated to his memory.

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