

AUTHORS' NOTE

In 1976, in connection with the IVth World Congress of Rural Sociology held in Toruń (Poland), the research team belonging to the Department of Rural and Urban Sociology in the Institute of Sociology, University of Łódź, prepared a collective work on "Transformations in Rural Life System in Poland" within the same editorial series¹. Wishing to continue this form of presentation of our research interests and contributions, we are submitting for the Vth World Congress of Rural Sociology in Mexico a collective publication entitled "Some Aspects of Rural Life in Poland Today".

Articles of Wacław Piotrowski, Elżbieta Psyk, and Ewa Malinowska represent a contribution to the problem area concerning functioning of rural institutions and organizations system as well as the role of the system in reintegration processes of the contemporary Polish village within the framework of rural communes - basic units in administrative-spatial division of the country.

Paweł Starosta, Mieczysław Kowalski, and Andrzej Majer present fragments of results produced by researches conducted over the last few years in the Department of Rural and Urban Sociology, University of Łódź, within Government Programme No 5 "Comprehensive Development of Housing Construction" and connected with the subject "Problems of Forming Residential-Service Centres in the Light of Social Attitudes of Rural Communes' Population".

Marcin Piotrowski and Andrzej Pilichowski make reference in their articles to their own research connected with different forms of collective activities in the present-day village.

¹ Transformations in Rural Life System in Poland, "Zeszyty Naukowe UL" 1976, ser. III, No 10, p. 161.

We believe that our publication will enlarge the scope of knowledge about the contemporary Polish village, and at the same time, we are treating it as a form of scientific contacts with research centres dealing with rural sociology in other countries.