

ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL STRUCTURES OF THE SECOND POLISH REPUBLIC ON THE FIELD OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE TOURISM AND THE RECREATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS IN 1919-1939 YEARS

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Abstract:

The aim of this article is to present the business structures state apparatus the Second Polish Republic in relation to the organization of tourism and recreation school children and youth in the years 1919-1939. It shows the involvement of social tourism organizations and tourism development in the field of education. The work has been enriched by photographs and the figures, confirming the thesis adopted by the authors.

The outbreak of the World War I stopped the process of holding school trips in the Austrian annexed territory. In the Russian annexed territory using favourable conditions of the course of the war front especially in years 1915-1916, PTK for the request of the Committee of After school Classes and the physical education of the Committee of the Civil capital city of Warsaw for young people organised the number of municipal tours and country tours, in it in 1915 17 363 of pupils participated in trips from secondary schools and 1452 of craft schools, and into 1916 11 588 of pupils took part in trips from secondary schools¹.

On the area of the Prussian seizure, as well as details about the examined phenomenon on Polish land in years 1917-1918 is lacking notifications of the similar holiday movement.

After regaining independence by Poland from 1919 educational units reported to the Ministry of Religious Faith and the Public Enlightenment (MRFaPE).

School Circles of the Polish Tourist Company held the considerable contribution to the development of the tourism of holiday school children and teenagers which activity coordinated Committee of Tourist Circles of PTK secondary school children which in PTK structures acted from 1919 with her first manager L. Węgrzynowicz².

The first Chapter of Circles of Tourist Young People (ChCTYP) was covered in 1919 with the yr by the Cracow branch of the Polish Domestic Society, and then spread on all rungs of the common, average and general education in Poland. Popularizing an interests in the sightseeing amongst secondary school children was their purpose. ChCTYP apart from consisting of School Tourist Circles published the monthly popularizing the school tourism "Eagle's Flight".

¹ "PTK generation" from 1906-1916 years; the "Earth", 1910-1914; *Temporary report on PTK activity in Warsaw in 1914; Temporary Report on PTK activity in Warsaw in 1915; PTK - Report for 1917; PTK - Report for 1918.*

² *PTK report on the activities in 1920*

Difficult economic situation of the Polish state which took place up to regaining independence from one side and aspiring to the reconstruction of human substance put challenging before the government as well as before the society. On the development of the brawn of secondary school children in 1919 a convention of teachers already debated the yr. Above the program of hygiene and the physical education during the debate a Hygiene section X worked school and physical education under sb's management of Stanisław Ciechanowski from Cracow and Eugeniusz Piasecki from Poznań³.



Title page of the tourist monthly for of young people Fri.: Eagle's Flight ", spent through Polish Tourist company in 1919-1939 years.

³ *The Teaching Sejm, Warsaw 14-17 April, 1919 r.*, [in:] "Museum. Magazine of the Company of Teachers of higher education institutions ", for 1919 R. 34 notebook 5, 165-171 p.; *Protocol of the teaching downward slope undergone on days 14, 15, 16, 17 April 1919 in Warsaw 1-5 No.*; R. Wroczyński: *Universal history of the physical education and sport*, Wrocław-Kraków-Gdańsk-Łódź, 1979, p. 329; H. Młodzianowska: *Development of the physical education and sport in Poland in 1914-1945 years*, [in:] *from the history of the physical culture in Poland*, Warszawa 1967, p. 119; Bolesław Grześ, *Teaching union Polish from roots for the present*, Warszawa 2000, p. 32-34; *100 years Polish Teachers' Union - people, facts of the case, events*, joint publication under the ed. Janina Jura, Warsaw 2005, 357-358 p..



Accommodation in the forest, during holiday hikes of pupils of the junior secondary School in Rydzyna, T. Lopuszański: ... Rydzyna, qtd. d. p. 213.

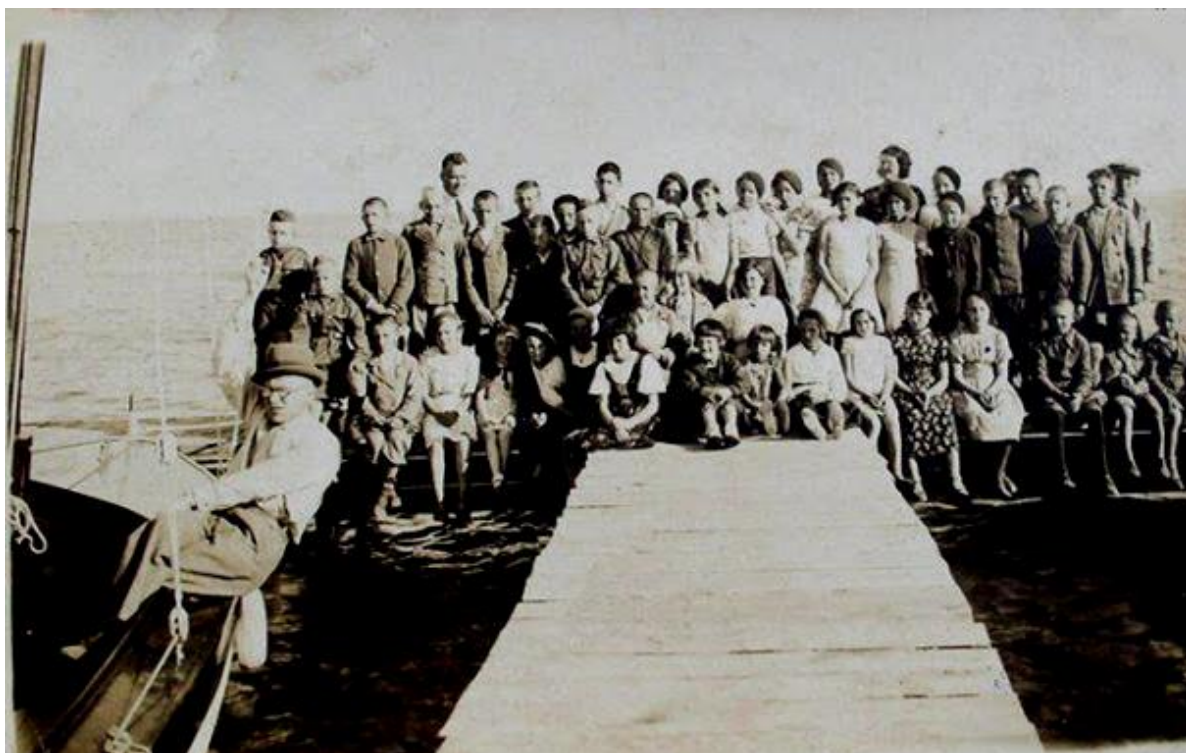
On behalf of MRFaPE indirectly a Department of the MRFaPE physical education dealt with the supervision of the program of the school holiday tourist and the sightseeing, and directly education offices of school circles and directors of schools. ChCTYP ministry along KO in 1920 in recommendations for the organization of the school year convinced managements of schools and teachers of carers of school tourist wheels about scientific and cognitive meaning in relation to delivering by tours possibilities of deepening the message, widening the limits of one's mental abilities of pupils, as well as developing cognitive advantages of the country⁴.

The program of the biological regeneration of the Polish people was implemented in the form of hikes in 1922, as the form of the basic training to state secondary schools, professional and of teaching seminars⁵. Among others in 1922 in the instruction attached to *Of temporary Program of the basic training at secondary schools, professional and at teaching colleges* in the chapter III Fri.: *Of the trip and field exercises, and messages associated with it* descriptions of leading the university class in the basic training were⁶.

⁴ *Curriculum at universal schools . seven-class Geography with the theory about contemporary Poland*, Warsaw 1920, p. 20.

⁵ *Circular of the Ministry of Religious Faith and the Public Enlightenment from 10 February 1922 for probation officers of School Circles and attendance officers, secondary school and professional Managements of State secondary schools, State Teaching and National Colleges Preparand teaching, directly of the Religious Denominations subject to the Ministry and Public enlightening on the basic training of young people*, D. Urz. Min. Wyz. Rel. and Axis. Pub. No. 13, pos. 128; *Regulation of minister Faith Religious of both Public enlightening and minister matter of Servicemen from 1 December 1922 on the Organization of the basic training at secondary schools and Professional*, D. Urz. Min. Wyz. Rel. and Axis. Pub. from 1923 No. 1, pos. 2; *Regulation of minister Faith Religious and of Public enlightening from 5 January 1923 on the basic training of secondary school children*, D. Urz. Min. Wyzn. Rel. and Axis. Publication No. 1, pos. 3.

⁶ "Physical education" 1922, for 54-55 Sr.



1925 Class trip of pupils of the universal school from Komajsk to the Narocz Lake, (www.postawyiokolice, the 22.08.2014 access).



Flow by kayaks on the river great sallow in the Forest Dawidgródzki, of pupils of the junior secondary School in Rydzyna, T. Łopuszański: ... Rydzyna, qtd. d., p. 212.

The Narocz lake was in 1921-1939 years in Poland (earlier also before disassemblies and of Republic) was the biggest lake in the II Republic of Poland. above his edges few bases were for practising water sports. In the summer it enjoyed the special popularity, attracting the sequence of sightseeing tours in it school. Above all a population living in the area participated in trips Brześć and of Minsk (at present on Belarus).

In 1925 the foreign balance of payments was so vexing since the ChCTYP Ministry banned organising overseas tours⁷.

School study tours peculiarly were backed up by inspectors of circuit education offices. Them, as the form supplementing classes in geography and the history of Poland were treated. The particular interest of organising these forms of the tourism displayed MRFaPE⁸.



História Archiwum Edukacji, sygn. 1-11-760-2

Class trip by the fossil rhinoceros at the Polish Academy of the Ability, pupils in an exhibition hall examining the fossil rhinoceros from Staruni, NAC, ref. 1 - N-760-2.

Organising cognitive-subject trips among others: botanical, mathematical, historical, natural, technical as well as religious they were recommending in ministerial circulars. In 1927 The ChCTYP ministry sent a circular, in which recalled forms of the cognitive tourism were on leading places, in it encouraged directors of schools and teachers organising trips in order to prepare pupils to distribute picture albums from photograph of visited places, their including curiosities of cities architecture, documenting the folk culture, natural advantages.

⁷ *Circular Min. Wyz. Rel. and Axis. Pub. from 13 February 1924 to probation officers of School Circles for all authorities and offices on limiting holiday departures foreign countries*, Dz. Urz. Min. Wyz. Rel. i Oś. Pub. Z 1925 r. Nr 9, poz. 93.

⁸ A. Janowski: *Class trips*, "the Education and the Upbringing", for 1930 Sr 508-512.



1928 Biological trip of pupils of State K. Hoffmanowa Junior Secondary School in Warszawa to Wilanów, with sets: microscope, planktoskop, magnifying glass, of ... Poland, qtd. d. p. 548.



1935 trip of pupils of universal schools from Pińska to Cracow, I. Kienzler: the interwar period, vol. 24, bringing up at school and at home, Warsaw 2014, p. 37.

Among others on the base recalled the photograph was being suited school object studies which they prepared for the participation of program tours⁹.

In 1927 ZHP in the Scout Summer Action organised by its structures conducted 326 male camps and 156 female, which 8392 boy scouts and 3117 girl scouts gathered on¹⁰.

It pursued its MRFaPE politics through circulars, among others in 1928 with this form of information recommended to directors of schools for organising trips to Poznań to the Universal trade show, on which to every class trip which registered with the special Exhibition Committee organised by the education office in Poznań the special guide to the exhibition expected the Circuit¹¹.

The ChCTYP ministry in 1924 sent an encouraging circular for organising exclusively domestic class trips, appealed for resignations from organising overseas tours due to skimpy mottos which the government had, ... *because these trips require considerable means in the foreign exchange and are contributing to worsen the ... balance of payments*¹².



Class trip of pupils of the junior secondary School in Rydzyna, with kayaks and boats on the Lake Wigry Lake, T. Łopuszański: ... Rydzyna, qtd. d., p. 197.

MRFaPE applied joining in organising to the management of schools and teachers for peculiarly of colony and of summer play centre, on 10 March 1924 in this matter gave the

⁹ Circular of the Ministry of Religious Faith and the Public Enlightenment to the education office of School Circles on spreading tourist and natural photographs of Polish news agency, D. Urz. Min. Wyzn. Rel. and Ośw. Pub. From 1927 No. 15, pos. 259.

¹⁰ "Physical education", 1928 from. 5, p. 143; *the Sightseeing but summer camps of girl scouts*, the "Earth", 1928 No. 13, p. 58.

¹¹ Circular Min. Wyz. Rel. and Axis. Pub. from 28 October 1928 to probation officers Okregów School, of inspector of Krzemieniecki Secondary School and the head of department of the Public Enlightenment at the Silesian province office on the class trip to the General Exhibition in Poznań, D. Urz. Min. Wyz. Rel. and Axis. Pub. No. 13, pos. 214.

¹² Circular Min. Wyz. Rel. and Axis. Pub. from 13 February 1924 to probation officers of School Circles on trips of young people foreign countries, D. Urz. Min. Wyz. Rel. and Axis. Pub. No. 7, pos. 66.

special circular containing detailed guidelines one should fulfil which to the yr in order to organize the colony¹³. Ministerial, self-government and social initiatives associated with organising holiday rest from the beginning Temporary Advice coordinated for Matters of Koeln Summer which in 1930 the yr was replaced newly with created at MPiOS - with Advice for Koloni Summer, on the bottom rungs of the Civil Service and the police Station of the Government of the capital city of Warsaw i.e. committees entertained with the coordination of the organization of rest of children for koloni summer. Guidelines on the organization of summer colonies were widened in the next MRFaPE circular which was announced on of 19 May 1933¹⁴.



1938 Train which brought 1000 children from schools universal Polesia to Warsaw, NAC syng. 1 - N-2940-1.

In 1931 during the III Convention of Reporters of the Tourism acting by province offices in order to increase the organizational supervision of provincial reporters of the tourism with schools, a resolution was passed for appointing reporters of class trips by education offices of school circles. MRFaPE responsible for the realization of the school programme with letter dated 27 July 1931 due to the market low figure of jobs, refused to appoint health resort of reporters of the tourism. In the letter the Ministry announced also the

¹³ Circular of minister Faith Religious and of Public enlightening from 28 April 1927 to Kuratorjów of School Circles, the management and managements of schools and to the whole of teachers on the cooperation in organising colony and summer play centre summer, D. Urz. Min. Wyz. Rel. and Axis. Pub. No. 7, pos. 100.

¹⁴ D. Urz. Min. Wyz. Rel. and Axis. Pub. No. 5, pos. 107.

fact that special inspectors, reporters and instructors of the physical education were conducting the supervision of class trips¹⁵.



Holiday expedition of the pupil of the junior secondary School in Rydzyna, by kayak after Black Hańczy, T. Łopuszański: ... Rydzyna, qtd. d., p. 196.

Class trips were in annual plans of teaching at universal schools and at secondary schools, which workmanship was obliged to look after headmaster. It arose from the order, MRFaPE which was given 31 August 1931¹⁶. Section 7 obliged orders managements of secondary schools and secondary school for allocating the 3% from the administrative charge (was it is a write-off from tuition fees), of management amounting to the 25% of the income of the school, among others to class trips¹⁷.

Along with the development of the inland water transport on Wisła sequence of trips used of this form of the tourism. MRFaPE in the circular from 1937 encouraged the yr using the river transport, among others they proposed "Vistula" to benefit from the route from Cracow to Sandomierz from services of the ship, and in 1938 from Warsaw to Gdynia and from Warsaw to Sandomierz.

¹⁵ *Letter of the Ministry of Public Work from 8 August 1931 to the Management of Public Work by Provincial Office in Kraków, APK Cracow province office, Management of Public Work, Tourism ref. 377 B, the file: tourism 1931.*

¹⁶ *Curriculum (temporary) at the state comprehensive secondary school with Polish language of the teaching. Geography and geology, Lvov 1937, p. 9; there, Picture, p. 26; there, Bodily exercises, p. 8 - 9, 13 and 15; Circular of the Ministry of Religious Faith and the Public Enlightenment [from 18 April 1922] to the education office of School Circles and attendance officers, of Management of all schools, reporting directly for Ministry of Religious Faith of both the Public Enlightenment on organising and backing the physical education up, D. Urz. Min. Wyz. Rel. and Axis. Pub. No. 14, pos. 145*

¹⁷ *Circular No. 7 from 16 January 1932 (the II No. 9-19619 / 31) about the administrative charge at state secondary school secondary schools, AAN, the Ministry of Religious Faith and the Public Enlightenment in Warsaw, Set of circulars and prescriptive orders in thematic arrangement 1932, ref. 24, near 205.*



Narodowe Archiwum Cyfrowe, sygn. 1-0-4448

1936-1939, going up the harbour serving passengers through the river navigation "Vistula" on Wisła in Warsaw - view with night, NAC, ref. 1 - G-4448.



Narodowe Archiwum Cyfrowe, sygn. 1-0-4449

1936 Electrical clock for measurements of the water level on For the Vistula being located by the Kierbedzia Bridge at a harbour Of river navigation "Vistula", NAC, ref. 1 - G-4449.

The MRFaPE circular advised also country and agricultural schools of the possibility of using services of the tourist office of the tourist-holiday cooperative "Bunch", which with one's field of activity spread through the countryside¹⁸. The circular kept an eye on other Polish travel agency "Orbis" which published the special guide, Fri.: "class trips", where organisers of class trips found descriptions of sightseeing routes along with their costs¹⁹.

With pattern still from years 1917 / 1918 also led educational MRFaPE structures trainings and pedagogic courses for carers of class trips²⁰. For the financial security of the participation of provincial teachers of organisers and carers in trainings and courses funds were amassed among others in accounts of the "School Motherland"²¹. The cost of the participation of teachers of carers of class trips was compensated in the form of settlements of expense account official travels it being entitled to national employees²².



1939 Secondary school children from Bystrzycy (Zaolzie) after the arrival to Warsaw, NAC, ref. 1 - N-2943-1.

¹⁸ There, pos. 113, *Announcement of the tourist-holiday cooperative "Bunch"*.

¹⁹ *Announcement of the publishing company "class trips"*, D. Urz. Min. Wyz. Rel. and Pers. Pub. From 1938 No. 6, pos. 192.

²⁰ *Pedagogic course in the Department of Religious Denominations and the Public Enlightenment. The draft of the schedule of hours*, AAN, the Ministry of Religious Faith and the Public Enlightenment in Warsaw. Department of the teacher education, ref. 178, near 7 and 10.

²¹ *Access courses for provincial teachers. Draft budget for the current half year from 1 December to 1 June 1918*, AAN, the Ministry of Religious Faith and the Public Enlightenment in Warsaw. Department of the teacher education, ref. 178, near 34 and 107-109.

²² § 1 and 2 MRFaPE orders from 14 February 1929 on paying travel expenses and diets to teachers, for drivers class trips, D. Urz. Min. Wyz. Rel. and Pers. Pub. No. 4, pos. 41; amendment to the MRFaPE order mentioned above from 28 September 1936 (No. BP-17395 / 36) teachers on paying travel expenses and diets, drivers class trips, D. Urz. Min. Wyz. Rel. and Pers. Pub. No. 9, pos. 169.

Of ruling MRFaPE especially in the thirtieth 20-letnia years interwar recommended to school managements, in order to predicted objects with school programme to strengthen with participation in thematic study tours²³ which much strengthened educating through their demonstrative values, among others: scientific, education, health, cognitive and the like. Among others in the MRFaPE circular in recommendation concerning scientific and education values resulting from the holiday movement wrote: ... *scientific and education maximum values of tourist move amongst young people [...] study tours are deepening and are supplementing the knowledge purchased at school in accordance with programs being in force, especially whereas of the knowledge of geography, the nature and the Polish culture, and forcing to overcome the problem, are enhancing the brawn through adding for longer marches and layings of discomforts...*²⁴. In 1927 SKKM was transformed in Chapter of Tourist Circles of Secondary School Children of the Main Board of the Polish Tourist Society (ChoTCoSSCotMBoTPTS)²⁵ which worked based on separate regulations²⁶. SKMS RGPTK regulations defined the make-up of authorities of the Section in the following manner: the Commission was subject to RG PTK, and therefore RG controlled, settled and approved plans of the work of the commission²⁷. They constituted the power of the Committee: the chairman, the vice-chairman, the secretary, the deputy secretary, the treasurer, the editor of the "Eagle's Flight" and delegates of circuit wheels. RG PTK²⁸ appointed the SKKM committee chairman. Also carers of school tourist circles of secondary school children which were active in schools in Poland were a member of a Commission²⁹.

In order SKMS RGPTK it was ... *disseminating the avocation for getting to know the country amongst secondary school children, bringing up future pioneers of the research movement in Poland ...*³⁰. The commission conducted activity developing structures of School Tourist Wheels, coordinated the functioning of School Tourist Circles in Poland and with foreign countries, kept in touch with other youth tourist and tourist organizations in the country and with foreign countries, organised trips of wheels in the country and with foreign countries, she gave aid to organised tours, published publications popularizing the tourism and the sightseeing in it from photographic materials and descriptive drawn up by the young stock³¹.

Tourist prepared class trips he was by School Tourist Circles, which trips were reported to the Committee of Tourist Wheels of secondary school children of the Polish Tourist Company. Education offices of School Circles demanded that tourist class trips were included in the annual plan of every school³².

They were recommending to directors of schools to organize trips within the school entire year both in the autumn, in the winter especially in the period of the winter holidays

²³ Circular No. 66 from 8 July 1937 (II W-4412 / 37) on the tourist move amongst secondary school children, D. Urz. Min. Wyzn. Rel. and Pers. Pub. No. 8, pos. 288.

²⁴ Circular No. 66 from 8 July 1937

²⁵ § 6 and 11, Bylaws of the Committee of Tourist Circles of secondary school children of the Main Board of the Polish Tourist Society, brw. and bpn.

²⁶ Bylaws of the Committee of Tourist Circles of secondary school children of the Main Board of the Polish Tourist Society, brw. and bpn.

²⁷ There, § 16.

²⁸ There, § 12-14.

²⁹ There, § 5, 7 and 10.

³⁰ There, § 2.

³¹ There, § 3.

³² Circular of minister Faith Religious and of Public enlightening [from 21 May 1927] to education office of School Circles and the Department of the Public Enlightenment in the Silesian Province on school tourist-tourist trips, D. Urz. Min. Wyz. Rel. and Axis. Pub. No. 9, pos. 147.

with using winter sports and trips and camps in spring and in the summer colonies and camps³³, into tops³⁴.

Amongst destinations of organised class trips apart from supplementing the school education, the improvement in the health, getting to know both developing the aestheticism and the wealth of the native earth ...*they aroused also patriotic emotions and national-creative instincts*...³⁵ the photograph above is presenting the participation of children from country universal Kisiny schools, of Fords and Prugałki during the trip to Warsaw, under the care of patrons mentioned above of schools - of pilots and the Aviation Regiment with the banner with the patriotic inscription "I won't throw the earth where from our family"³⁶.



Harodowa Archiwum Cyfrowe. sygn. 1-G-4444

1936-1939, passenger liners on the river harbour by the Kierbedzia Bridge in Warsaw, NAC, ref. 1 - G-4444.

³³ Circular No. 159 from 23 November 1933 (and WF-3825 / 33) on taking care of children and secondary school children during the winter holidays, D. Urz. Min. Wyz. Rel. and Axis. Pub. No. 16, pos. 213; Circular No. 170 from 19 November 1934 (and WF-4394 / 34) on organising winter sports for secondary school children and teachers, D. Urz. Min. Wyz. Rel. and Axis. Pub. No. 9, pos. 97, Letters of the Ministry of Religious Faith and the Public Enlightenment on the international scout ski competition in Zakopane from 23 January 1937 and march ski the II Brigades of Legions from 26 January 1937, AAN, the Ministry of Religious Faith and the Public Enlightenment in Warsaw, the Set of circulars and prescriptive orders 1937, ref. 178, near 39, 40, 41, encouraging participating in competition, allowing to dismiss pupils participating in competition from compulsory school classes and teachers and carers.

³⁴ Circular No. 34 from 13 March 1934 (and WF-1007 / 34) on class trips into mountain areas, D. Urz. Min. Wyz. Rel. and Axis. Pub. No. 2, pos. 26.

³⁵ Circular of minister Wyznanie Religious and of Public enlightening [from 21 May 1927] to education office of School Circles and the Department of the Public Enlightenment in the Silesian Province on school tourist-tourist trips, D. Urz. Min. Wyz. Rel. and Axis. Pub. No. 9, pos. 147.

³⁶ I. Kienzler: *the interwar period*, vol. 24, bringing up at school and at home, Warsaw 2014, p. 111.



Historyczne Archiwum Cyfrowe, sygn. 1-II-2939-5

1937 School children from Huculszczyzna during the trip in Warsaw, NAC, ref. 1 - N-2939-5.



Pupils of country universal schools from Kisiny, of Forda and Prugalki during the trip to Warsaw, under the care of patrons mentioned above of schools - of pilots and the Aviation Regiment, I. Kienzler: *the interwar period*, vol. 24, *bringing up at school and at home*, Warsaw 2014, p. 111.