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48th Program - 9/3/44 - #1.

Niech bedzie etc -
Friends of Poland - To begin with, I would
like to thank Father Hugo Bigosinski for
making it possible for me to take a vacation
without interrupting or suspending this pro-
gram, the Polish hour.

~~His~~ In his honor for a good job
well done, we play a Polka

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IN THE MOOD

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~~Niech bedzie pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.~~
~~Friends of Poland.~~ Five years ago at dawn on the first day of September, the armies of Hitler without declaration of war marched into Poland. The world then understood that a new war had begun against the aggressive militarism of Germany. No one however then fully understood the character of the new world war. No one appreciated the superiority of the Hitler army, its powerful technical achievements, the crushing might of its attack. No one comprehended fully the meaning of total war.

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 Thus when the Polish armies fought their bloody and heroic battles against the columns of German armored motor divisions, the world praised the courage of the Poles, but had no conception of the great unprecedented power that had overwhelmed the Polish forces, or of the immensely changed methods of modern warfare.

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Let's pause here to play the Polish National Anthem - Jozef Polska nie zyciela - Poland is not yet lost

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 When the German bombers turned open towns into rubble and brought death to helpless women and children crowding the roads, when thousands of young scouts fell on the market places of Polish towns and villages under the shots of German firing squads the world was incensed but still did not realize that the Germans had initiated a new kind of war, a biological war, in which it was no longer a question of victory only, but of the physical survival of the civilized world. And finally although the Polish army had resisted six long weeks, no one was able to evaluate properly that fact.

It was only as military events developed and the proud French army was defeated that the eyes of the world were opened. The world understood at last how powerful Poland's resistance had really been, and what a fundamental significance love of liberty and the courage of an unfaltering spirit was to have in this war.

Let's pause again & refresh our selves with a Polka, in honor of Mrs Frances Wisniewski who will celebrate her birthday next Friday -

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Frances Polka

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Five years ago the first shots in defense of human freedom were fired in Poland, defying Nazi aggression. Five years ago, with the German attack on Poland, our war in reality also began. It has cost us much effort, much suffering and many tears. Hardly any home has escaped paying the heavy price we had to pay. And yet none of us can say that freedom and peace are not worth it. None of us dare say this and face our first brave ally, Poland, whose people have so far suffered most in this war and who never once in these five terrible years have let themselves despair of victory or complain of their misery. This is their anniversary, the day which brings back echoes of the proud defense of Warsaw, the gallant stand of the Polish garrison at Westerplatte, off Danzig, where 160 men held on for a week, and where but 30 wounded soldiers and officers survived to be taken prisoners by the Germans.

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Let's now listen to the song of the Polish Under ground -
Pieśń Polski Podziemny -

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Five years have passed now since Poland said "No" to German demands. Those demands were apparently directed only to a small piece of land, but behind them lurked the German "new order" and human bondage. If it had not been for that brief Polish "no", the world would now wear a different aspect. True, there perhaps would have been ~~####~~ ~~####~~ no terrifying bloodshed on the battlefields - but there would have been something a hundred-fold worse - orders from Berlin, barbed-wire encampments and the guns of firing squads. The world would have become one gigantic concentration camp. The Polish "No" meant that men would rather perish than live in such a world. That "no" was repeated by all United Nations following the example of Poland.

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Let's pause again & now listen to -
Two Polish Folk Songs
Pogrzebki do wuj
Sam Sam w planie rybacki

Five years have passed since the Polish soldier first marched to battle. He marched and perished for lack of food without arms, often without a leader, and mostly without hope of victory, to oppose the powerful German columns armed with airplanes, tanks, excellent guns and the cruelty of professional criminals. Thousands fell at that time and found their eternal rest in the unhappy Polish soil, without even a wooden cross to mark their graves. But those who survived marched on... They marched in secret, by night over a well-guarded boundry; they fell in great numbers on roads through the Carpathian passes - but they marched on. Others joined them, run-aways from internment camps in Hungary and in Rumania, and still others whom the war had surprised in France, and again others - from all over the world. And they marched on to continue the struggle. They fought in France, in the skies above London, at Narvik, in Tobruk and the recent splendid victories at Casino and Ancona signify the march of the Polish Armed Forces. Yes indeed, the march of the Poles to victory is one of the most beautiful epics of the present war.

3. Let's continue with more Polish Folk Songs. *Mój wroniecki*
Kole dągię ogrodnika

Today we are approaching the end of the war, for the power of the totalitarian states is gradually crumbling under the blows of the Allied armies. Nevertheless on this fifth anniversary of the war a great task awaits us. We should gather our strenght, so that the fruits of the present conflict should not be lost in weakness and compromise. This war, as during the September Campaign in Poland, should remain a war of the highest ideals of mankind, such as were expressed in the Atlantic Charter. This we owe to history and the welfare & happiness of our children and grandchildren. These very ideals of freedom for which our own boys are dying today will be put to a final test, and they cannot and will not perish, if we but remember that what happens to Poland is not indifferent to us: Poland is the test of our faith.

The fate of Poland will give us a clue as to what we may expect from this conflict, as to what the world may expect - so let's not be indifferent to the fate & future of Poland.

Don't forget the I. C. Parish
is still collecting wearing apparel
for those left behind in Poland —
and winter is not too far ahead —
and the ~~winter~~ ^{can be} bitterly cold
in Poland.

And go to Wedgwick
until next Sunday at 5 —
God bless you & yours & Big
Zaplat for listening —