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Canadian Airman Is Veteran Of Polish Fight For Freedom

By HUGH MacLEOD

MONTREAL. - "We want other freedom-loving na- Polish-German spies were distions to profit from our experience and realize that there is no such thing as peaceful co-existence with commundeal with them he remarked ism." said Stephen Korbonski. Chairman of The Commis- wryly. "It was not always easy to sion of Polish Political Par-

ties, at a re-union of the Polish Home Army Ex-Servicemen's Association here. Just arrived from Washington,

Chairman Korbonski, spoke to the veterans, including an in at Flight Lieutenant, as they marked the ill-rated Warsaw uprising in 1944. The insurrection failed when the German army crushed the revolt after the fallied" forces of Marshal Rokossowski treacherously held back in the city's sub-

Messages of good from Prime Minister St. Laurent and External Affairs Minister Las B. Pearson were read at the meeting. A telegram was also received from Quebec Premier Maurice

Also at the gathering of free Poles was Senator L. M. Gouin Commis-Chairman of The sion of External Affairs in the Senate and Senator John C. Connol-

In a place of honor was Can-adian Flight Lieutenant Hubert Brooks, a veteran of two years with the Polish Home Army who

was personal representative of Chief Air Marshal C. R. Slemon, In April 1942, the RCAF navi-gator's Wellington bomber was



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shot down while raiding Hamburg. For 13 months he was a prisguards and headed for the Polish frontier where he hoped the unhis squadron.

When comrades-in-arms The ENSIGN.

Brooks learned the language and bute to the heroes of Warsaw. with his command hid out in the

ed in Poland and spoke the lauguage perfectly." From June 1943 to January 1945, the airman turned guerilla

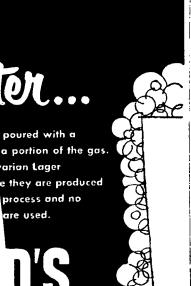
battled German units. Then in January, after the Soviet betray-Warsaw uprising Brooks left Poland, Because of his Canadian citizenship the Russians could not stop him, he explained Free Poland was grateful for his aid. The government in exile gave him the Cross of Valor (equiva-lent to our Distinguished Service Cross) and the Cross of Merit with Swords. He also holds the Canadian Military Cross.

Other Canadians are bered by Poles in exile. One veteran told of the young bomber pilot flying supplies to the shrinking garrison in Warsaw. As the defenders closed thinning formations, the Canadian had to five dangerously low so 'drops' would not fall in German lines. He sheared the roof from a house and crashed. After burying the bomber's crew, the Poles stripped guns from the twisted, smoking wreck and raked the enemy.

Ten years have passed since the Warsaw stand. As Brooks sat with fellow Home Army veterans oner. Then, after two unsuccess he spoke of Polish associations, ful escapes, he slipped by his now more social than official. They have been that way since he returned to Canada in 1945 via derground would return him to Odessa, Cairo and Britain. Now he is stationed at Summerside, P.E.I.

He was due back that night. couldn't do this, he did the next he told The ENSIGN. For the best thing and joined the Polish anniversary event he had flowed anniversary event he had flown Home Army. Given lieutenant's anniversary event he had flown rank, he took over a platoon and with compades still striving for rank, he took over a platoon and with comrades still striving for struck at the Germans, he told Poland's freedom. But not the kind of liberation that an outrag-Ignorance of the Polish tongue ed wartime Prime Minister Churhalt his new mission chill spoke of when he paid tri-"When the Russians entered the

Carpathian mountains, where he city three months later they found continued, they raided Nazi posi- little but shattered streets and tions, destroyed munition dumps the unburied dead. Such was their and sabotaged railways and troop liberation of Poland, where they convoys. Like similar units, he said, end of the story."



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