

AUTHORS' NOTE

This publication is a collection of papers prepared for the 12th European Congress of Rural Sociology in Budapest in 1983. Particular papers have been submitted to appropriate working groups. They reflect major areas of interest and research conducted by our team i.e. Department of Rural and Urban Sociology in the University of Lodz. Some of the papers are based on comprehensive Polish researches carried out in the late seventies (Maciej Frykowski, Paweł Starosta, Mieczysław Kowalski, Andrzej Majer, Wacław Piotrowski). The others are connected with individual interests of members of our research team and with conceptualization of their empirical studies (Andrzej Pilichowski, Marcin Piotrowski, Ewa Malinowska, Elżbieta Psyk-Piotrowska). Accordingly, this publication is neither a coherent thematic nor methodological entity but rather a presentation of different aspects of social reality of the Polish village in the late seventies. It represents the third publication in a series of English-language publications prepared by us on the occasion of international conferences of rural sociologists¹.

¹ The other two publications were: Transformations in Rural Life System in Poland, Acta Univ. Lodz. 1976, Ser. III, No 10, p. 161; Some Aspects of Rural Life in Poland Today, Acta Univ. Lodz. 1980, Folia sociologica 1, p. 140.