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This to inform you that the following article appeared in the Aug. 11th issue of the "Daily Mirror".

WARSAW TRAGEDY.

The third + battle of Warsaw, fought without Allies, without even the material aid that might well have been expected, is still going on. The situation is desperate but it can yet be saved, though the citizens-men, women and children, -facing the extremities of vicious reprisals, rightly demand "where are our friends?"

Maybe they were ill-advised in their rising, but for five years they have felt the savage bitterness of German rule, and they wanted to have their place in the triumphant march of the Allied Forces. After all, they were the first of all the nations to fight Hitler. Moreover, in the distance they could hear the glad sound of the Russian guns, a growing promise of freedom-or so it seemed.

So, ill-armed, suffering from five years of privation and brutality-but five years that have not produced one Quisling - they rose and fought the Germans. The early attacks on the enemy garrison met immediate and considerable success. Large parts of the city were freed. At one time even the bridges across the Vistula were held by the Poles. Soon, they thought, our Soviet Allies will be here to help us.

Then the Russian advance paused some distance from the city, and the Germans taking fresh hope, counter-attacked the citizens.

With aid, all might have been well. But the Germans were using heavy bombers flame throwers, artillery, tanks. The Polish arms were toys in comparison.

And there was no outside aid. The Polish Commanders sent appeal after appeal for arms. Nothing was sent. They fought the Third Battle of Warsaw as they fought others-alone.

No doubt there are good reasons why the Russians paused; why no arms were sent until now, at the last minute.

But they will have to be the best reasons, for the crumbling walls of Warsaw and the broken bodies of her children demand an explanation why the help was delayed.

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- 1/ The refusal in 1939 to surrender to Germany and the heroic fight against what was then the greatest military power in the world.
 - 2/ The battle early this year in the Ghetto where the Jews lived. A battle of extermination, it was fought street by street, house by house. The outside world, including Poland's Allies, received the news placidly.

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