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Inspections and confiscations of monastic book collections
in Poland after World War II as exemplified by the action taken
by the Communist authorities towards monastic libraries in Toruń
in August 1960

Summary

Drawing on numerous documents found in the State Archive in Bydgoszcz, the Bydgoszcz branch of the Institute of National Remembrance, and the Archives of Modern Records in Warsaw, the author examines a nationwide campaign of inspections carried out in monastic libraries in 22–24 August 1960, focusing on Toruń as an example. The campaign, conducted by the Communist authorities, affected 67 book collections (26 libraries of diocesan seminaries, 38 seminary libraries of various religious orders, as well as 3 libraries belonging to other Church institutions). The process is exemplified by the fate of the Toruń libraries belonging to the Society of Jesus and the Minor Seminary run by Redemptorist Fathers. The present paper, referring to the nationwide scope of the inspections, describes the assumptions of the campaign, its course, and its aftermath.