

Poznan Near Normal, Westerners Report

BERLIN, July 2.—Businessmen returning to Berlin said the 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. curfew imposed on Poznan last Thursday was lifted yesterday. The Polish Radio said mass meetings were held at factories throughout the country today, where workers expressed indignation at the Poznan riots.

Meetings were held at several factories in Poznan itself and at Charzow, the May Day Cotton Mill in Lodz, the Bieegut Truck factory in Lublin and the Railway Factory in Wroclaw.

Many workers "emphasized their devotion to the party and government," Warsaw Radio said.

Although some 50,000 persons participated in a strike called to protest low wages and high living costs, officials said that only "several hundred" were involved in the rioting and shooting.

Western visitors to Poland said the food supply was almost back to normal today. Movies, theatres and churches were open as usual yesterday.

Lech Jestzka, editor of the Communist Party newspaper "Gazette Poznanski," asked by telephone in Poznan if the churches were crowded, replied: "The churches are always crowded in Poland."

Western businessmen in Berlin reported today that hundreds of workers have stopped work, although official Polish sources reached by telephone said the strike

which started the riots last Thursday was over and that factories were operating normally.

Thousands of Polish soldiers combed Poznan today in a search for leaders of the riot here.

Two armored divisions were used in the search, it was said here.

They circled Poznan with roadblocks and probed through rural orshouses and barns, while interrogators questioned more than 300 of those arrested, according to reports.

United Press correspondent Konrad Osterloff reported from Poznan that 50 persons were killed and more than 300 wounded in three days of rioting. About 20 persons were set free from jails during the fighting, Osterloff reported, but some of them returned of their own accord.

Westerners arriving here from Poznan, were they attended a world fair, estimated that as many as 1,000 persons were arrested.

The Poland-East Germany border remained open. The Polish military mission in Berlin denied it has been closed. Train and car traffic from Poznan was crossing the border.