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RULKA LANGER



Vassar graduate and leading journalist of Poland, Rulka Langer lived through the German siege of Warsaw and several months of German occupation of her country before managing to get away to America. Now she has written *The Mermaid and the Messerschmitt* which Pearl Buck calls "The Polish Mrs. Miniver" and Lewis Gannett of the *New York Herald Tribune* describes as "one of the best books that have come out of the maelstrom."

She comes from a family of distinguished Polish intellectuals—writers, university professors and statesmen—and was born and reared in Warsaw. Fond of books from her cradle, she was a brilliant student and at 19 was awarded a scholarship to study in America. She graduated from Vassar in 1928, having mastered the English language and fallen in love with America and its democratic way of life.

Returning to Poland, she became a political and economic writer on the leading daily newspaper and did special writing for radio and advertising purposes. Her articles were distinguished for their thorough-going economic research and the clarity and soundness of her opinions. Visiting this country for a second time in 1934, she came as the wife of an official of the Polish Embassy in Washington but had returned to Poland for a visit when the Blitz struck. With her two small children and her old mother, she survived the siege of Warsaw and 5 months of the Nazi "New Order."

Young, attractive, full of vitality and enthusiasm, she delivers stirring addresses that are bound to be remembered for their substance and importance. She brought out of this ordeal a strong conviction that war experience, for all its horrors, makes for positive values which, if we take full advantage of them, will favorably influence the post-war world. And she has a great faith in democracy and the future influence of this country and its ideals.

Lecture Topics: BLITZ GRADUATES FACE THE FUTURE
A FOREIGNER LOOKS AT AMERICAN DEMOCRACY
FIVE MONTHS OF THE NEW ORDER
THE FUTURE OF SMALL NATIONS
THE WAR MAKES A GREAT OPPORTUNITY