

Polish children in the German education system



"German teacher beating a Polish child". A drawing made in 1946 as part of a nationwide competition announced by the editorial board of the weekly *Przekrój* with the consent of the Ministry of Education at the time (AAN)

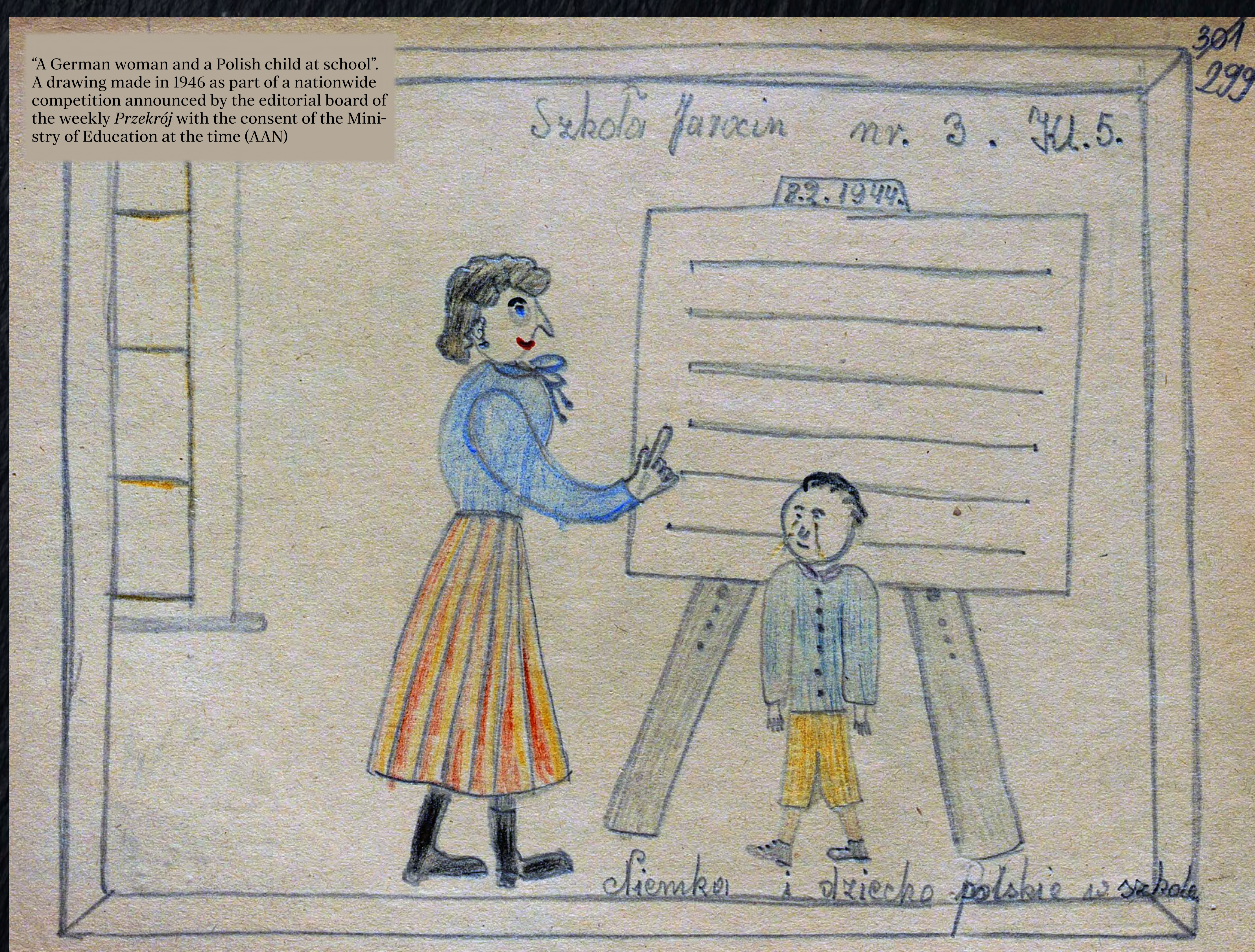


"Children being beaten in a German school". A drawing made in 1946 as part of a nationwide competition announced by the editorial board of the weekly *Przekrój* with the consent of the Ministry of Education at the time (AAN)

In the areas incorporated into the German Reich, all Polish schools were closed, and Polish children were placed under the German educational system. On 22 September 1939, Albert Forster announced regulations governing education in West Prussia. Those regulations introduced compulsory education for children aged 6 to 14 and outlined the policy towards those Polish children who were to be Germanized.

Pomerania. From recent arrivals from the Świecie area we learn of the terror faced by Polish children. These families came to the General Government secretly and voluntarily to spare their children the misery of school, made unbearable by both the official punishment of flogging and the individual brutality of teachers (primarily for using the Polish language).

Information and Press Department of the Government Delegation for Poland in a note on the attitude of German teachers towards Polish students, 30 October 1941



"A German woman and a Polish child at school". A drawing made in 1946 as part of a nationwide competition announced by the editorial board of the weekly *Przekrój* with the consent of the Ministry of Education at the time (AAN)