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#### East German Foreign Minister Holds Talks in Warsaw

The East German Foreign Minister, Otto Winzer, accompanied by his deputy, Oskar Fischer, and high officials of the ministry, arrived in Warsaw on an unannounced visit on January 11 at the invitation of Foreign Minister Adam Rapacki, Radio Warsaw reported the same day. According to the broadcast, soon after his arrival the East German minister started talks with his Polish counterpart "on matters of interest to both parties."

The importance of Otto Winzer's Warsaw visit was stressed by a Radio Warsaw commentary broadcast on the day of his arrival, dealing with East Germany's political initiatives. Contrary to the empty declarations coming from Bonn, said the commentator, East Germany is putting forward real proposals to improve the political situation in Europe, like the 10-point program proposed by Walter Ulbricht in his New Year's Address which could constitute the first step on the road to confederation of the two German states and which calls, among other things, for German recognition of present frontiers and renunciation of access to atomic weapons. The commentator recalled Minister Rapacki's latest interview in Trybuna Ludu (January 1) on Polish foreign policy. According to the commentators interpretation Rapacki meant that if the Bonn government desires constructive talks, (with the "socialist" countries), it should recognize the Oder-Neisse line and the GDR. "How can one believe the statements of West German statesmen, who say that they want to regulate disputed problems with the socialist countries of East Europe?" the commentator asked. "Do they imagine that that can take place of the principles proclaimed by the Bonn government, relying on the Hallstein doctrine of non-recognition of the GDR as a sovereign state?" The commentator also implied that both Czechoslovakia and Hungary support the Polish stand on the German question, and concluded by saying that Winzer's visit to Poland will undoubtedly contribute to further strengthening this unanimity of the socialist countries in "the common endeavor to secure peace and detente in Europe."

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Belgian Defense Minister Visits Poland

The Belgian Defense Minister, Charles Poswick, arrived in Warsaw on January 10 on an official visit, as guest of the Polish Defense Minister, Marshal Marian Spychalski. According to Radio Warsaw, (January 10), the Belgian guest was received the same day by Prime Minister Jozef Cyrankiewicz and met leading members of the Polish Ministry of Defense.

According to an RFE Special from Brussels (January 11), the Belgian Defense Minister's visit to Poland aroused comment and curiosity in certain sections of the Belgian press. But rumors published in last weekend's papers to the effect that Poswick might conduct talks about disarmament questions on a Benelux level have meanwhile been denied by the Belgian Ministry of Defense. The Special added that Minister Poswick is accompanied on his visit to Poland by his Chef de Cabinet, Colonel Werner, and the Belgian General Staff chief, Lieutenant-General Dessard, as well as Jacques Gerard, the head of the East European Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Reporting from Warsaw on the Belgian minister's visit to Poland, UPI (January 10) stressed that he is the first defense minister from a North Atlantic Treaty Organization country to visit Poland. But the Belgian Embassy spokesman, continued UPI, attached no special significance to that fact and said there would be no official discussions between Poswick and Polish officials. According to UPI, the Belgian minister was to spend two days in Warsaw visiting places of interest before taking a journey through Poland, including several visits to Polish military units.

Turkish Minister of Trade in Poland

Turkish Minister of Trade, Sadik Tekin Muftoglu, arrived in Poland on January 9 at the invitation of the Polish Foreign Trade Minister, Witold Trampczynski, Radio Warsaw reported the same day. On his arrival in Warsaw, the Turkish minister said that his visit takes place at a time of a favorable development of both political and economic relations between the two countries.

During the following two days, Minister Muftoglu was received by Prime Minister Jozef Cyrankiewicz and had talks with Foreign Trade Minister Witold Trampczynski, Foreign Minister Adam Rapacki, and the chairman of the Planning Commission, Stefan Jedrychowski, according to Radio Warsaw broadcasts (January 10 and 11).

No details were so far given on the talks conducted by the Turkish minister which, judging by the wide range of important personalities he has visited, might have had a political as well as an economic character. The Polish-Turkish trade protocol signed in Warsaw last spring is still valid until 1 April 1967.

Polish Ambassador to Rome Recalled

The outgoing Polish Ambassador to Italy, Adam Willman, paid a farewell visit to the Italian President, Giuseppe Saragat, Radio Warsaw reported on January 11. RFE Special from Rome (January 10) said that the visit took place on January 9 and was a regular matter of protocol.



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Ambassador Willman's term of office was rather long; he was nominated Ambassador to Italy in summer 1959. So far, there are no reports as to who will succeed Willman in the important post of Ambassador to Rome.