

Polish Delegation in Moscow

It seems that the text of the Polish-Soviet communiqué on the talks, has not yet been published and, judging from the lack of references to it in information media, it is possible that it will not be made public for the time being.

A study and comparison of the speeches made by Gomulka and Khrushchev, however, do indicate some of the subjects in the mutual talks and the views taken.

Both speakers dwelt on the deep friendship and close cooperation between the two countries. Khrushchev spoke also in defense of Poland's present frontiers, supported the Polish initiatives on denuclearized zones in Europe, said some warm words not only about Gomulka, but also for Cyrankiewicz. This boosting of Cyrankiewicz may be quite significant in view of the hostility toward the Premier shown by the neo-Stalinists. A great part of the rest of his speech, well over half of it, was devoted to an onslaught on China. Gomulka touched similar problems, but his emphasis was much different. He devoted more attention to polemics with the recent pronouncement of Erhard on Oder-Neisse line than to arguing with the Chinese. On the Chinese problem there was also a basic difference in approach between the two leaders. For example, Khrushchev speaks of the "Chinese leaders", Gomulka about "Chinese Comrades". Khrushchev speaks about the wilful efforts of the Chinese to split the Communist unity. As Victor Zorza wrote in the April 16 "Guardian" "he regarded the breach as irreparable". Gomulka rather pleaded with the absent Chinese, condemned their line, but also patiently tried to explain where they had gone wrong and what should be done to have the unity repaired.

On the vital point of the conference of all Communist parties Gomulka conceded a little but not much. What Khrushchev wants from such a conference is quite clear. Gomulka's attitude is obviously much different. "If a new conference of Communist and Workers Parties would bring us nearer this goal (of unity) and help to blunt the acuteness

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of the ideological and political differences separating us from the Chinese Communist Party, our Party would consider calling such a conference desirable." (There is obviously much similarity between this attitude and that of the Rumanians).

In the present situation these differences of approach are important but it should be stressed that they can have little effect in the atmosphere of genuine warmth and cordiality in which the whole Gomulka visit has taken place.