

COMECON SESSION IN BUDAPEST

The 13th session of COMECON is now meeting in Budapest, according to a July 25 PAP report which told of the Polish delegation's departure from Warsaw and quoted delegation chief Vice Premier Jaroszewicz as saying that "it is difficult to speak of the agenda (of the meeting) because in accordance with generally recognized customs the participants in the session must adopt the agenda." However, he added that many problems would be discussed, "for example, development of cooperation in agriculture, the machine building industry, building, light industry, etc.," and said there would also be discussion of "certain problems resulting from the long-range coordination of the economic plans of the member countries." There has been no report thus far from Hungarian regime media on this meeting.

SOCIALIST COMPETITION

The system of "socialist brigades" promotes competition, production increase, development of productive forces and education of the "socialist man" more effectively than any other, according to the "directives" issued on the future work of the brigades July 25 by the Council of Hungarian Cooperatives. The Council also suggested that technical and economic leaders participate, as members or as sponsors, in the competitions organized by the brigades, and demanded elimination of bureaucratism and a closer cooperation of the brigades with KISZ (Communist Youth Organization) factory units.

INTERNATIONAL

Talks concerning a long term economic agreement, covering the period up to 1965, between Yugoslavia and Hungary began yesterday in Budapest. The Yugoslav delegation is headed by Stanislas Kopcok.

Deputy Chairman of the Soviet Council of Ministers Alexander Novikov was received yesterday in Budapest by the Hungarian Premier Muennich and by CC Secretary Marosan. Purpose of the visit is not yet disclosed.

ITEMS POUCHED TODAY

The full text, as published in NEPSZABADSAG, of the harvest report of Minister of Food Kovacs (see also Hungarian Situation Reports of July 22 and 25).

A "Nepszabadsag" article calling for speedy development of Hungary's chemical industry, slated to be the most important branch of its industry and to be Hungary's special contribution to COMECON. The article makes it clear that present plans call for expansion of existing chemical plants rather than creation of new ones.

The "Nepszabadsag" report on harvesting in County Vas mentioned in yesterday's Hungarian Situation Report.