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EDUCATION

Educational Problems and Sovietization

Beginning next semester the Polish high school system will undergo a thorough reform.

The reform is expected to affect both the scientific research methods of professors and their assistants as well as the education of the students, and entirely new methods are anticipated. Various departments will be added to the schools where professors and their assistants will undertake scientific research. The results of their work will be incorporated into the school curriculum and become available to all students. An example of such research departments is the MICZURIN and LYSENKO Institute where the scientific doctrines of the two Soviet scientists, whose names the institute bears, and the results of Soviet scientific research will be adapted to special Polish conditions. The same method will be applied to other scientific spheres: Soviet scientific principles will be introduced into the curriculum of the WARSAW High School for Economic Planning and Statistics.

Following the Soviet example, the duration of high school studies will be cut from four to three years, beginning in the fall of 1951. Three years are now considered sufficient to prepare the student for his future scientific tasks. A fourth year's study will be allowed to only those students who need special theoretical training in order to continue their research work in a special field of science. After completing three years of study, the average student will receive the title of "Master of Science." This means that he has received theoretical and practical training deemed sufficient for his individual job. The student who studies for the extra fourth year, which is not obligatory, becomes a "candidate of science," exactly like in the Soviet system. This means that he is capable of performing independent scientific research.

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I don't believe this, it seems to be reversed. IM