

Powers' Trial

Radio Warsaw (August 16) has given a gradual build-up of its coverage of the Moscow show trial. Radio Warsaw III commentator E. Uzdanski analyzed the case in order to stress that American official circles are responsible for the over-flight which could have triggered off World War III. The commentator took a sympathetic view of the personal tragedy of the Powers family and added that Powers' supervisors have already given their death verdict to the captured pilot by placing an automatic time bomb in his cabin.

Czestochowa Pilgrimage

As in past years, the annual pilgrimage to the Black Madonna was an orderly affair. J. Wetz (Le Monde, August 16) describes administrative obstacles put in the path of the pilgrims who have converged in Jasna Gora from all parts of Poland. Despite regime-avowed disowning of administrative interference in religious cults, under the pretext of traffic difficulties the progress of pilgrims was impeded.

Party

Despite reports of his political demise (cf. Situation Report August 16) R. Zambrowski is being shown around the countryside. His frequent appearances (three within four days) at important party meetings appear to be calculated to prove that (a) he is active despite reported infirmity and (b) he may ^{have returned to} Gomulka's favor. The last point has been dramatized at official functions when he has stated that he brings the greetings of the CC, PUWP, and a personal message from Comrade Wieslaw (Gomulka). Although no solid information is as yet available, what differences might have existed between Zambrowski and Gomulka might have been patched up. As to the anti-Semitic attack directed against him by PAX official Przytakiewicz (who once called Zambrowski a "bad" Jew, it is highly doubtful that Zambrowski would use his return to political grace as an opportunity to resume ^{actively his quarrel with} PAX itself or Przytakiewicz, who himself has returned to his Warsaw post since his anti-Semitic outburst and subsequent banishment to the provinces.

Mrs. Roosevelt in Warsaw

Her scheduled arrival in Warsaw September 5 as delegate to the WFUNA meeting, has provided Warsaw press with an opportunity to recall Pres. Roosevelt's wartime collaboration with the USSR. It may be expected that her presence in Warsaw will be given full coverage.

Harvest

Despite unfavorable weather and resultant floods, the outlook of the delayed harvest continues favorable, although it will necessitate intensive manual labor in both private and state sectors. In contrast to East Germany and Czechoslovakia, where the extent of collectivization is much greater than in Poland and agricultural losses may be much greater, private farmers may be expected to successfully cope with the additional field work and mass mobilization of soldiers and other effectives may overcome the adverse harvesting conditions in the state farms.

Collective farming in Israel has been given an unexpected boost by Polish Ambassador A. Bida (RFE Special Correspondent from Tel Aviv, August 16). His statement that "we don't have in Poland such modern and advanced villages as you here" in kibbutz would be no more than a statement of fact if not for the context of camp-wide pro-Arab and anti-Israeli propaganda.

Kardelj

Radio Belgrade in Polish continued to broadcast its cycle of programs by the Yugoslav Vice-Premier entitled "Socialism and War". The last program heard August 16 summarizes some of the main points of Kardelj's paper dealing with Chinese views on coexistence and war which stand in sharp contrast to Yugoslav formulations.

Economy

First straws in the wind may be seen in Zycie Gospodarcze articles which are taking ^{the} side of the new economic policy as revised at the Fifth Plenum of the PUWP. Increased investments are interpreted in this weekly well-known for its enlightened views as favoring quick return on investments and profitable exports. In this connection, T. Diedrich's successor to the post of Minister of Finance has not been named to date.

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