

PARTY

A special session of an enlarged presidium of the so-called NATIONAL UNITY FRONT COMMITTEE (FJN) was held yesterday in Warsaw. In attendance were leading representatives of the three principal parties which form the "coalition" i.e. the PUWP, the United Peasant Party and the Democratic Party. Also present were provincial chairmen of the National Councils and leaders from the provincial branches of the FJN. The meeting was said to be principally devoted to an assessment of the recent elections which were conducted under the banner of the FJN. Also considered were the current tasks of district and local branches of the FJN and their cooperation with the National Councils on local levels. The principal address at the meeting was delivered by the Chairman of the State Council, A. Zawadzki, and in the discussion which followed W. Gomulka also took part.

From what both of them had to say it would transpire that the regime is now anxious to maintain the facade of a joint three-party political front particularly in the countryside where the PUWP alone is most ineffective. The provincial FJN committees would be expected to bring new life into the stagnant network of local National Councils. Greater stress is once again to be given to a more decentralized form of local government in which the tri-party FJN committees would assume a greater political role in the rural councils, also guide if not control activities in carrying out tasks allotted to the various sectors in the countryside. Special propaganda committees of the FJN which were put into operation during the pre-election campaign are now expected to continue their work on a permanent basis. They are to act parallel

with the councils as "consulting points" and would be expected to meet with the various strata of the population in order again to guide their political as well as social activities. Gomulka dwelt particularly on the fact that the FJN committees should not duplicate the work of the local councils but supplement them in helping to create the "proper atmosphere" on the local level particularly with regard to solving local economic needs such as building of roads, schools etc. These are now expected to be done as a joint social effort without involving investment outlays by the central administration.

AGRICULTURE

According to the Ministry of Food (Radio Warsaw May 29) the State purchase of live animals for slaughter during the month of May has thus far been a record one. The monthly plan for bacon alone was fulfilled by 115% and a total of 110,000 pigs are estimated to be delivered by the end of the month. Prospects for June are also expected to be good.

In lower Silesia an experimental campaign is under way to merge small State farms (PGR) into larger units. In one district alone (OLESNICA) in the last two years the number of PGRs was reduced as a result of merger by one-third, from 25 to 16 State farms. This concept of merger is as yet not an official policy but is said to be having good results particularly in the case of adjoining State farms.

POLISH - EAST GERMAN BORDER

The news service of the SPD (West German Socialist Party) of May 24 reports that along the Polish-East German border the Poles are building reinforcement points, consisting of watchtowers, bunkers, troops lodgings and searchlight mountings. Stronger security precautions have been

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have been observed lately especially in the Gorlitz and Zittau areas. Similar movements have been observed on the border between the GDR and Czechoslovakia.

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Kolakowski L.: "Small Theses 'de Sacro et Profano' (on the conflict between the Church and the so-called lay socialist humanism). Argumenty 7.5.61

"The Number of Craftsmen-Pensioners Has Doubled" - Slowo Powszechne 17.5.61

Dat: "Announcement of the Meeting "(on the Kennedy-Khrushchev meeting) -

Slowo Powszechne 18.5.61

Zbr.: "A Conference Was Held in the Ministry of Heavy Industry Devoted to the Improvement of Labor Conditions" - Glos Pracy 19.5.61

Rybinski J.: "A Victory which Does Not Please..Hooligans Should Be Turned Out of Stadiums (on the incidents at the football match Poland versus USSR) - Glos Pracy 22.5.61

Rolinski B.: "With the Comrades from the Polytechnic Against One-sidedness"- Trybuna Ludu 18.5.61.