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#### Communist Preparatory Commission Meets in Warsaw

Delegates of 19 European Communist Parties met in Warsaw on February 22 to start what the official Polish media called a "session of the drafting (redakcyjna) commission for preparation of the materials for a conference of the European Communist and workers' Parties on the problem of European security."

The 19 participants in the meeting were listed by Radio Warsaw (February 22) as follows: Communist Parties of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Spain, [West]Germany, Portugal, Great Britain, Italy and the Soviet Union; the Socialist Unity Party of West Berlin, the [East]German Socialist Unity Party, the Polish United Workers' Party, the Swiss Party of Labor, and the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party.

There was to date no additional information on the meeting from Polish official sources. However, L'Humanite of Paris reported on February 22 that the meeting was imminent, that it would prepare for a conference on European security, and that the French representatives, Raymond Guyot of the Politburo and CC member Jacques Denis arrived in Warsaw on February 21.

In connection with these official announcements, it should be noted that Germany as a whole is represented by three Parties: the KPD for West Germany, the SED for West Berlin, and the "big" SED for East Germany. The most important point is the absence from the meeting of three European ruling Parties, the Albanian, Yugoslav, and Rumanian. Of the non-ruling Parties, no delegates came from Norway, Sweden, Iceland and the Netherlands.

Additional details on the Warsaw meeting came from Western sources. UPI reported on February 21 that the Italian CP is represented by Carlo Galucci, head of the CC Foreign Department, and Agostino Peccioli, a member of the Party leadership. Bernard Margueritte reported for Le Monde (February 22) that the French delegation

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is headed by Guyot, while Politburo member Zenon Kliszko is in charge of the Polish delegation.

As to the subject of the future conference, it seems that the main item on the agenda will be European security. As the Hungarian Party leader Janos Kadar declared on February 22: "We consider it necessary to call a congress of the European Communist Parties dealing with the question of European security, and we will take part in such a congress." But such a conference will also have to concern itself with the main subject of a future, general Communist summit conference -- China.

#### Rapacki in London

Earlier speculations about possible results of Foreign Minister Adam Rapacki's political talks in London (cf. SR February 20) seem to find confirmation in the initial reports on the visit.

This was particularly evident in an incident which occurred at the London airport on February 21. When Rapacki said that the United States might become a major threat to the easing of tensions in Europe, Foreign Secretary George Brown interrupted him with: "This is what we are here to discuss," and led him out before newsmen could ask further questions.

Nor did Rapacki change the British views during his meeting with Brown on February 22. The subject of Vietnam was confined principally to a "restatement of views held by each government," an RFE Special from London reported. On the problem of Germany, Brown was said to have stressed that all European nations should refrain from polemical attacks on West Germany and, by supporting the democratic forces inside the GFR, avoid creating the conditions of the twenties and the thirties. "Let us not walk that road again," Brown reportedly told Rapacki.

#### Renewal of Polish-Czechoslovak Friendship Treaty

A treaty on friendship, cooperation, and mutual assistance between Poland and Czechoslovakia, signed on 10 March 1947 for a period of 20 years, will be renewed "at the end of this month," PAP and Ceteka announced on February 21.

The signing of the new treaty will take place in Warsaw, and the Czechoslovak Party-Government delegation will be headed by Antonin Novotny, PAP said.