

Comments on UNO Session

The press and radio continue to maintain a moderate tone in reporting on the United Nations session. The two New York correspondents of Warsaw Radio, Osmanczyk and Pawlak, on the whole restrict their comments to factual news obviously waiting for the "main event", i.e., today's Khrushchev address to the Assembly and Gomulka's speech which is scheduled for next Tuesday. President Eisenhower's address is being described as "calm" but offering essentially nothing new to the debate on world disarmament and peaceful coexistence, which continue to be stressed as the main issues facing the world. Significantly enough, though not in the least surprising, among the press comments the most blatantly propagandistic is that in the PAX daily, Slowo Powszechne as reviewed by Warsaw Radio this morning. The paper dismisses President Eisenhower's speech as lacking any constructive counter-proposals on the key issues of world disarmament and volunteers beforehand that the "sole initiator" of the present debate will have ample to offer in this matter. Moreover, while other regime media have thus far refrained from attacking the person of the Secretary General of the UN, Slowo Powszechne sees in Mr. Hammerskjold's intervention in the Congo, an open bias in favor of Western interests. Once again, Piasecki's PAX, with its usual pro-Soviet zeal is outdoing the official Polish party spokesmen. In fact, the editorial in today's Trybuna Ludu entitled "Problems of Peace and Socialism" prefers to stress the issue of unity within the socialist camp as the basic condition for its success in international affairs.

Party

On the domestic scene a plenum of the Warsaw city committee of the PUWP is reported to have discussed yesterday the main direction of action of the party organization in educational institutions. Although such meetings on ideological questions are routine this one was obviously held following the CC Plenum resolution regarding the ideological Sino-Soviet dispute which is euphemistically referred to as the "Conference of Communist Leaders in Bucharest." At yesterday's Warsaw meeting, the report on "Bucharest" was given by W. Titkow, CC member and Secretary of the Warsaw Party Executive. The duly adopted resolution among others draws attention to "some instances where party members in educational institutions failed to take a stand on views and opinions alien to Marxist ideology." Undoubtedly similar indoctrination meetings will be held in quick succession in other party centers in the rest of the country.

Investment Plan

The make-do and mend process of the 1961-65 investment plan is still under way. The first result of planned revisions have been disclosed at a press conference held in the Ministry of Heavy Industry. Further cuts and savings which are claimed not to affect the overall production goals have been announced. Out of 14 new industrial plants originally planned in the metallurgical industry, 10 are to be scrapped with resultant savings of 1 billion zloty. As in 1957, once again, the main stress is given to the achievement of actual profit returns, rather than merely to impressive but uneconomical production, as was the case in 1958 and 1959. It is apparent that the five year investment is as yet very much in a state of flux and a full analysis must await the official figures when published after the present revisions in all sectors are completed.

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(1) Nowa Kultura, (September 18) "Are They Edited?" (results of a poll among the readers of the daily press and some of their comments on how to improve it); (2) the same paper carried an article by A. Wirth "The Warsaw Thearer", (another voice in the discussion on "socialist theater"); (3) Glos Pracy (September 13), M. Specjal, "Not Just Privileges - Duties Too" (on lack of responsibility and socialist inspiration among young miners); (4) Express Wieczerny (September 12) A.H. "On Whose Side?" (an incident showing the lack of popularity of the People's Militia).