

Prime Minister Cyrankiewicz's Return

Prime Minister Cyrankiewicz returned to Warsaw on 19 March from his official visit to Mexico. On his return journey he made stops at New York, Rome and Vienna. The stages of his return were officially defined by Radio Warsaw of March 20 thusly: in New York took place a meeting with U Thant, in Rome there were diplomatic talks. No Polish information media reported the two-day stop-over in Vienna. This was apparently a strictly private visit to Cyrankiewicz's old personal friend, Communist ex-mayor of Vienna Dr. Heinrich Duermayer, and Reuter (on 19 March) learnt of it only through indiscretion of an official of the Polish embassy (RFE Special, Vienna 19 March).

In Rome Cyrankiewicz met Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs on 14 March, just few hours before the latter's departure for London. Next day he had dinner with the Prime Minister Fanfani and received the Mayor of Florence, LaPira. He was also received by President Segni. (Radio Warsaw 14 through 20 March).

The Forthcoming Visit of the Brazilian President

The President of Brasil, Goulart, will pay a visit to Poland in June this year. He was invited by the Polish Government through her Brazilian Ambassador.

Goulart wishes to see International Poznan Fair during his visit, which is slated to develop into a European tour including, besides Poland, also West Germany, France, Italy and possibly Yugoslavia. (UPI 20 March).

Polish Dockers Refuse to Load Coal for France

The Polish Union of Sailors and Dockers has refused to load ships with coal for France in order to express their solidarity with the striking French miners, reported Radio Warsaw on 18 March.

This is a rather belated token of sympathy as the strike began on 2 March. Probably it was influenced by a similar action of Soviet trade union announced on 11 March. The Polish government is, after all, the commercial agent selling Polish coal to France.

Ideological Visit

Members of the editorial team of "Nowe Drogi", theoretical organ of the CC PUWP, headed by Stefan Wierblowski, editor-in-chief, arrived in Berlin on 19 March. They are thus returning a visit of their East German opposite number, editors of "Einheit", who visited Poland last year, according to Radio Warsaw of March 20.