

Polish-Yugoslav Economic Cooperation

On April 10 a bulletin on a meeting of the Fifth Session of Polish-Yugoslav Committee for Economic Cooperation was published, Radio Warsaw reported on the same day.

The session lasted from 8 to 10 April. The Yugoslav delegation was led, as usual by Deputy Chairman of Federal Executive Council Mijalko Todorovic, the Polish by Jaroszewicz. The respective Ministers of Foreign Trade and ambassadors formed the delegations.

The Committee stated that during the last year economic cooperation between the two countries was extended and the goods turnover between the two countries reached the \$ 70 million mark. The Committee recommended the cooperation of experts, especially in machine, electronic and shipbuilding industries. The Committee decided that a mixed commission for cooperation in industrial production should be formed to ensure continuity in co-operation and the preparation of suggestions for its further development. Another measure adopted says that organs of planning and foreign trade will arrange consultations regarding their plans till 1970. While scientific cooperation was considered satisfactory it was found that its links with actual industrial production should be strengthened. Finally it was resolved that cooperation in the fields of agriculture, transport, finance and banking should be organized.

Polish information medias seem to attach considerable importance to this meeting. Not only was it reported in great detail by Radio Warsaw but an article on it in "Zycie Warszawy" was at once distributed by PAP's foreign service. (Radio Warsaw 8,9 & 10 April, PAP 9 April).

Polish Writers Meet Zawadzki

The Board of the Polish Writers' Union, led by its Chairman, Jaroslaw Iwaszkiewicz, was received by Aleksander Zawadzki on April 9, and informed him on its "activities, interests, achievements and difficulties, as well as plans for the future" reported Radio Warsaw on April 10.

Zawadzki from time to time receives such visits, e.g. a delegation of regime priests a year ago (cf Situation Reports March 5 & 8, 1962), but unless such a visit is motivated by some particular occasion Zawadzki usually appears in his capacity of the Chairman of the Front of National Unity. In this case, however, only his position of the Chairman of the Council of State was mentioned.

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From the short news item, summarized above, it is difficult to say what was behind the visit, but certainly it was not a routine one. From the formulation that Zawadzki "was informed" by writers it might be conjectured that the writers came with certain complaints.

The Friendship Train to the Soviet Union

The train of friendship will leave Warsaw for Leningrad and Moscow on April 19, Radio Warsaw reported on April 10.

It will carry 330 activists of the Polish-Soviet Friendship Society including a group of combatants from the former Polish Army in the Soviet Union (Berling's) and of partisans. The group will be led by Mieczyslaw Wagrowski, Deputy Chairman of the Society and a retired general of Berling's army.