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Minister Rapacki in Geneva

Polish Foreign Minister Adam Rapacki gave an interview to journalists on 12 March at Geneva airport on his arrival for the disarmament conference. In the interview Rapacki said that the Polish delegation had no new plan to offer to the conference, but that the one bearing his name was still on the agenda. Although this plan is territorially limited to the Central European region the Polish delegation was most interested in general and complete disarmament and the Rapacki Plan could serve as a starting point for achieving wider solutions. (cf Radio Warsaw 12 & 13 March, Reuter 12 March).

Radio Warsaw of 13 March, commenting on Rapacki's interview, added that "the plan of an atomfree region, especially after President Kennedy's saying that certain of its aspects deserve attention, is causing much anxiety in Bonn."

Scientific Conference in Warsaw

On 14 March a 3-day conference of representatives of the Academies of Science from nine Communist countries began in Warsaw. The countries are: Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, Rumania, Soviet Union and North Vietnam. Absent were Albania, China and North Korea.

The language of the conference is Russian and the subject matter is "problems of mutual and international cooperation in the field of scholarship" or to put it in plainer language bilateral and general cooperation at the academies level. It appears that cooperation is limited, if not exclusively then at least predominantly to economic and technological sciences. This is borne out by the fact that on behalf of the Polish government the conference was greeted by Eugeniusz Szyr, Deputy Prime Minister, and an influential and prominent economist, and that, of the three Polish speakers, both Szyr and Tadeusz Kotarbinski, President of the Polish Academy of Sciences, touched on economic and technical subjects as probably did the Polish Academy's Secretary-General, Henryk Jablonski, though this was not indicated in the short radio report of his speech. (Radio Warsaw 12-14 March).

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Polish Delegation in Moscow

A Polish governmental delegation consisting of Deputy Prime Minister Piotr Jaroszewicz, Chairman of the Planning Commission, Stefan Jedrychowski, Deputy Minister of Heavy Industry, Franciszek Kaim, and a team of experts left for Moscow on March 12. The delegation's task is to "discuss problems of Polish-Soviet cooperation". From the composition of the delegation one can gather that the Soviet supply of heavy machinery for Poland's expanding industry will be the subject of discussion. (cf Radio Warsaw 12 & 13 March 1962).

Polish Writers at the Florence Conference

A five-man strong delegation of Polish writers, headed by the chairman of the Polish Writers' Union and including Jerzy Putrament, the most brilliant and most flexible of the line-toeing Party writers, is taking part in the Conference of the European Writers, which opened in Florence on 12 March. (cf. Radio Warsaw 14 March and RFE Special, Rome of the same date).