

Chinese Anniversary in Warsaw

Now that last weeks newspapers are at hand, a closer look at the treatment accorded by the Polish regime to the 11th anniversary of Red China is warranted (cf. Situation Report, October 3). The party mouthpiece Trybuna Ludu of Saturday October 1, gives extensive coverage to the Warsaw end of the celebrations which were organized to mark the event. The overall tone contained in the messages exchanged, speeches and editorials is one of ostentatious friendship and brotherly unison with the Chinese. It is apparent, that, whatever the seriousness of the Sino-Soviet dispute, no effort is spared to disguise its existence. Moreover, despite the alleged Chinese rebuke about "Philistine tendencies" in Poland, charges to this effect were reportedly contained the post-Bucharest circular letter from Peking (cf. Situation Report, September 22), the Polish party is bending over backwards not to take issue on any point whatsoever and continues to stress the importance of "brotherly spirit and unity within the socialist camp." This accent permeates the congratulatory official party and government message to Peking in such phraseology as: "The relations of brotherly friendship between the Polish and Chinese nations are based on the unshakeable principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism ... the continued deepening of this friendship and cooperation between our countries constitutes an important contribution to the task of consolidating the socialist camp; its unity and force are the best guarantee for the maintenance of world peace..." The same and even stronger sentiments were expressed by Vice-Premier Z. Nowak, the official spokesman for the regime. In his opening address during the gala concert which was organized as a joint effort by the "All-Polish Front for National Unity" and the Polish Chinese Friendship Society, Nowak assumed the role of spokesman for Red China and Poland stating: "Both nations support with all their heart the peace and disarmament efforts of the USSR... There is no force which could undermine the brotherly unit of the socialist camp." This "positive" note of accord is also accentuated in the Trybuna Ludu editorial entitled "Eleven Years of People's China". Therein it is again proclaimed: "Together with all other socialist countries both our countries fully support the Soviet Union in her efforts to relax international tension." While such adamant claims about "unity" are in themselves a fair indication that this very element is somewhat shaky within the bloc and needs to be bolstered up, they are by the same token an indication that the Polish PUWP is equally anxious not to see the Chinese completely

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ostracized by the Soviet Union.

### Party

The voivodship party sessions continue to take place according to what seems a pre-arranged schedule. In addition to those already reported, provincial party debates in Wroclaw, Szczecin and Kielce may now be added to the list. A separate background report will deal with this phase of party life in greater detail.

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(1) Polityka (September 24) M. F. Rakowski "Illusions, Myths, and Reality" (Polemics with Tygodnik Powszechny); Polityka of September 25, A. Bobruk "The Circles Turn and Move" (on agricultural circles) and E. Szaraniec "Our Roads to the Forest"; Nowa Kultura (September 25) J. Rogozinski, "The French Clan".