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Conference on Economic Reorganization

"How is it possible that after 10 years of widespread discussion, and after a considerable amount of experience, there still exist such great differences of opinion amongst our economists, both theoreticians and men of practical bent, regarding changes that should be introduced into our economy..." This plaintive question was asked by Maciej Slotwinski, Radio Warsaw correspondent to the national conference of economists which discussed the role of associations and enterprises in Poland's national economy. With one exception, Slotwinski's report does not mention the participants in it, nor their individual opinions, but from his report it seems that the conference was expected to submit an analysis of ^{the} economic functions of associations and enterprises and to define their inter-relationship and the scope of the enterprise's independence of and degree of subordination to the association. In actual fact, however, the conference discussed a whole range of problems regarding planning and management, including new proposals of i.a. prices, wages and

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financing. They were apparently most contradictory and confusing and it is small wonder that to the correspondent of Radio Warsaw the shape of things to come in economic organization appeared in a very "foggy outline."

In spite of the divergences of opinion, Deputy Prime Minister, Eugeniusz Szyr, in his closing speech on the second day of conference (April 24), stated that "work on the changes in planning and management in industry, conducted already for some time in numerous committees is so far advanced, that within the next two months it should be possible to publish basic formulations on the subject." As a concession to differing opinions Szyr promised that the results of those decisions would be carefully studied and no rash conclusions would be drawn. (Radio Warsaw, April 23).

New Commander of Internal Security Corps

The Internal Security Corps has a new commander. He is Major General Bronislaw Kuriata, the Corps' former Chief of Staff. He replaces Maj. Gen. Wlodzimierz Mus, who commanded the Corps for over ten years. The intriguing angle of the change is the fact that it had not been officially announced. Instead, it could be learned from a Radio Warsaw broadcast of April 22, in which Kuriata was at least twice referred to in his new capacity. It is difficult to evaluate this news at this moment, but the manner of the "announcement" suggests that Mus must have been demoted rather than promoted.