

Justice

The impression that the state judicial apparatus is being revamped at the top was strengthened this weekend with the announcement that the State Council has nominated Deputy Prosecutor General Marian Mazur to the post of a chairman of the Supreme Court and that Henryk Ciesluk and Kazimierz Switala were named deputies to the Prosecutor-General. The single-sentence announcement by Radio Warsaw June 3 did not explain whether Mazur is stepping into the position of the First Chairman of the Supreme Court or one of the subordinate posts in the penal or the civil chambers. Mazur was nominated Deputy General Prosecutor in 1957, at the time when a commission headed by the Prosecutor-General was formed in the Ministry of Justice to study the problem of responsibility of the Office of Security UB for the pre-1956 political terror. The action was reportedly soft-pedalled and delayed by the Central Committee and Gomulka, since no open trial has taken place against the well-known culprits, some who have been reported either in mothballs, holding down comfortable provincial party jobs, or enjoying reasonably soft living in detention.

The scanty information about the other two new appointees suggests that their advancement might be more important than that of Mazur. This is particularly true of Ciesluk, a man who has earned a bad reputation during the Stalinist period and who was once relieved of his position as Vice-Minister of Justice without announced cause in April, 1956. Further evaluation of these new appointments will be given if merited by political significance (cf. Replacement of the Attorney General, Situation Report, May 25.)

Party

One of Gomulka's closest associates recently reported as having slowed down due to illness has given a tangible proof of renewed political activity. One of the eight secretaries of the CC, PUWP under First Secretary Gomulka, and member of the Politbureau, Roman Zambrowski, has written on party matters in the latest issue of Party Life. The article has been reprinted by the party daily Trybuna Ludu (May 29) and will be pouched soonest. Zambrowski's special assignment in the CC-- in addition to the two formal tasks, supervision of national councils and local administration, and national minorities -- continues to be party cadres. While praising/^{the}unprecedented numerical increase of the nearly one and one quarter million-strong PUWP, Zambrowski calls for renewed effort at improving work with Party candidates so that they may take part in

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the autumn party campaign of reporting and electing as full-fledged members of the Party. He criticized the present "quite general neglect" of Party candidates which has denied full party status to about 50,000 eligible candidates. This 20 percent of the total number of candidates has been kept longer on the candidate lists than provided by the Party statute, according to Zambrowski, and ought to be given encouragement by a more audacious nominating of younger elements to the positions of members of local executive committees, where they could learn the profession of full Party members. Zambrowski's complaint that the old schematic treatment of Party candidates will not do follows in the wake of press articles which have criticized the cool and often outright unfriendly attitude of Party ranks towards the newcomers (e.g. Trybuna Ludu, December 19, 1960, "Drastic Facts" by Jan Brodzki). His gratification with the numerical increases of newly recruited party candidates (15,000 in January; 17,000 -- February; 24,000 -- March), which he attributes in part to the recent upsurge of political activity during the recent elections to the National Assembly and national councils, is clearly dimmed by an explicit admission that a lowering of membership qualifications has taken place.

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