

Polish CC Delegation to East Germany

On the invitation of the East German CP, a delegation of the CC of the Polish United Workers' Party headed by Politburo member and CC Secretary Zenon Kliszko spent three days (May 17-19) in East Berlin. The purpose of the visit was to discuss "the forms of further cooperation and an exchange of experiences of the two Parties."

This was not a routine visit to a Fraternal Party, as for instance the visit to Rumania of last December which lasted 11 days and was headed by Witold Jarosinski, or a similar eight days' visit to Hungary under Wladyslaw Matwin in March.

Zenon Kliszko's trip to East Berlin seems to have been for business. It should be recalled that he made a similar business trip to Moscow between April 2 and 4 where he was received by Nikita Khrushchev on April 4. The purpose of Kliszko's trip to Moscow is as unknown as his last journey to East Berlin. Although in the latter instance a joint communique was issued on May 19, it offers no clue as to the real subject of the talks. It merely states that the subject of the discussions were "problems connected with further development of cooperation and exchange of experiences between the two parties. Both delegations confirmed their full unanimity of views on the problems under discussion." Knowing the kind of "friendship" existing between the two Parties, one cannot but view with a measure of suspicion both the "unanimity" and the final sentence of the communique asserting that "the talks were conducted in a spirit of warm friendship and brotherhood."

Just as mysterious is the composition of the Polish delegation. In addition to Zenon Kliszko and the Polish Ambassador to the Pankow regime, Feliks Baranowski, four rather minor Party functionaries took part in the delegation: Tadeusz Wieczorek, First Secretary of the Voivodship Party Committee at Zielona Gora; Jozef Kowalczyk, deputy head of CC Foreign Department; Jan Kowarz, deputy head of CC Organization Department; Wladyslaw Pilatowski, a member of the Executive Committee of the Voivodship Party Committee at Wroclaw.

On the other hand, the names of the German participants in the discussions may suggest that agriculture was one of the subjects. Both Erich Mueckenberger, SED Politburo member and First Secretary of the Party Provincial Committee at Frankfurt/Oder, heading the East German

delegation, as well as Gerhard Grueneberg, candidate member of the SED Politburo, are experts on agriculture. However, no definite conclusions can be drawn at this moment.

Polish-Brazilian Communique

A joint Polish-Brazilian communique on the talks between the foreign ministers of the two countries was released in Warsaw on May 19. In addition to points of general political interest (cf. Sit. Rep. May 17), the communique deals with economic cooperation. It has been agreed that Poland will supply to Brazil such capital goods as a thermo-power station of 200,000 KW capacity, equipment for a coal mine and for a coal processing plant, as well as equipment for a tractor and an agricultural machinery plant. Brazil will increase its exports to Poland of coffee and cocoa beans, cotton, rice, iron and other ores. The "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung" of May 21 added that Poland will also supply a complete sulphuric acid (on the basis of pyrite) factory of a daily production capacity of 150 tons. The trade turnover between the two countries will increase from the present 50 million dollars to 70 million per annum.