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West Berlin and Coexistence

Please note first two items pouched today which reflect the tenor of the propaganda treatment given to Khrushchev's statements on Berlin. The first article deprecates the importance of West Berlin by pointing out that "no one, in the name of some imaginary responsibility, would sacrifice 40 million American lives for two million Berliners." The second article deals with the implications of the Vienna meeting, a subject on which Warsaw has shown great sensitivity (cf. Zycie Warszawy attack on Cardinal Wyszynski's sermon on the disadvantages of summit meetings).

Eighth Plenum of the Third Congress

The inaugural meeting which was opened in Warsaw yesterday by Gomulka does not appear to be of special weight, to judge from the roster of speakers who took the floor. Zimmerer reports that the CC Plenum is devoted to questions of decentralizing the government, presumably by augmenting the mission of national councils, the lowest rung in popular participation in the government in People's Poland. Close analysis of the proceedings will follow, of course, if the issues raised are known and merit thorough treatment.

Bloc Cooperation: Yugoslavia

The agreement signed between the two countries for cooperation in the field of social welfare for the years 1961-1963 is typical of the cordial state relations which have been maintained between Poland and Yugoslavia despite the sharpened ideological conflict which has been threatening Bloc unity and which has involved Yugoslavia, Albania, Red China, USSR and other members of the Bloc. Despite Yugoslavia's involvement in a sharp debate with Red China and Albania, cross-reporting on the internal developments in Poland and Yugoslavia by the respective press has been marked with candor and mutual respect.

Economic Model Not Forgotten?

A paper is being prepared on the published plea for the reintroduction of some of the provisions of the new Economic Model, which has fallen in disuse since the Third CP congress. A counter-offensive by the devoted backers of the Economic Model against centralization may be in the making, as evidenced by a recent issue of the economic weekly Zycie Gospodarcze. The paper deals with the central question of making production incentives the fighting cause

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of decentralized industry and introducing laws of market economy right down to the factory director and worker. If resolutely pursued, such proposals would bring Poland closer to Western economic theory and practice by insistence on the profitability of all industrial production.

The latest communique by the Central Statistical Office underscores continued squeeze on housing, both urban and rural. What small gains have been made in new construction and rehabilitation of old dwellings have been largely offset by the population growth and migration of labor force from the village to the big cities, mostly by the so-called peasant workers.

Another interesting voice added to the continuing economic debate deals with the status of the peasant worker who has been at times praised for his diligence, condemned for his avarice, and depicted as a man who loses touch with his land and contributes to the continuing dispersion of individual farms. The latest expression of concern in *Zycie Gospodarcze* over peasant workers' trade qualifications and cultural life places his problems in a fair light.

Please note E&A comment on the favorable picture in the production of meat telexed today.

Pouched:

Slowo Powszechne 16.6.61

Stef.: The Necessity of Coexistence

Trybuna Ludu 17.6.61

KOWALEWSKI, J.: Ways to Agreement (on the political status quo)

Przeglad Kulturalny 15.6.61

FALKOWSKA W.: Life Sentence and Cut Rate (on some practices of the courts)

KUJOWSKI A.: A True and a False Discovery (on translations of Polish literature)

Zielony Sztandar 21.6.61

(ks): Three Agricultural Circles for Every Five Villages ^{ic}

Express Wieczorny 15.6.61

GRUSZECKI W.: It Is Not the Customer's Concern (on the responsibility of the retail trade toward the customer)

Unsigned: Questions and Answers on Customs Charges (on parcels from abroad)

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Express Wieczorny 17-18.6.61

MIKLASZEWSKI G.: The Days of Fire Defense (planned economy -for
the fire brigades)

Kierunki 4.6.61

SLON D.: We Shall Employ Immediately Nurses With Diplomas (on
the shortage of nurses)

Przekroj 4.6.61

R. & B.: On the Problem of Hotels