

Wyszynski in Warsaw

Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski and Archbishop Antoni Baraniak returned to Warsaw May 24, Radio Warsaw broadcast on the same date. The broadcast added that the Cardinal was seen off in Rome by the Polish Ambassador to Italy, Adam Willman, and by Franziskus Cardinal Koenig of Vienna.

The next day, Sunday May 26, Cardinal Wyszynski spoke at the end of a three-hour ordination ceremony for 36 new priests at St. John's Cathedral in Warsaw.

Earlier on the same day, Pope John XXIII's message to the Polish workers was broadcast by Radio Vatican. The workers, mostly Silesian miners, had gathered at Piekary for a traditional pilgrimage. The message was broadcast in Latin with simultaneous Polish translation.

Vice-Ministerial Appointments

Wladyslaw Kopec, heretofore Vice-Minister of Building and the Building Materials Industry, was appointed "Undersecretary of State" (i.e. Vice-Minister) in the Ministry of Agriculture, Radio Warsaw reported May 25. Kopec, born in 1916 in Lackauanna, USA, returned in 1920 to Poland, where he completed his general secondary education in 1935 and started working as a clerk in the building industry. With this professional background, using Communist Party membership as a ladder, he climbed after the war to the post of head (not minister) of the Ministry of Building in November 1956. Since he is referred to as "diploma engineer" he must in the meantime have completed full university education, probably through extramural studies. The reason for his transfer to the Ministry of Agriculture is difficult to ascertain.

Kopec's post in the Ministry of Building and Building Materials will be filled by another "diploma engineer" Edward Swirkowski. Very little is known about Swirkowski, except that he was vice-minister in the Ministry of Building and Town Planning in 1955 and 1956.

Transport Ministers' Conference Ends

This conference (cf. Sit. Rep. May 24) ended May 25, Radio Warsaw reported. "Unanimous resolutions" were adopted which

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aim at improving passenger and goods transport. Further electrification of railways, adoption of electronics and other means of "technical progress" in rail and road transport were decided upon. "Delegates of rail and road transport" of Albania, Bulgaria, (Red) China, Czechoslovakia, North Korea, Mongolia, East Germany, Poland, Rumania, Hungary, North Vietnam and USSR took part in the session. The session was chaired by Polish Minister of Transport Jozef Popielas.

Polish-Austrian Trade Protocol

A protocol on goods exchange between Poland and Austria in the period from 1 August 1963 through 31 July 1964 was signed in Vienna May 24, Radio Warsaw reported. The protocol^{provides}, within the five year trade agreement, for a ten per cent increase of overall turnover as compared to the year ending 31 July 1963.