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More Details on Church-State Meeting

Additional details on the Church-State meeting of January 20 (cf. SR January 23) have been supplied by Bernard Margueritte writing from Warsaw for Le Monde (January 26). According to this source, Politburo member Zenon Kliszko and Health Minister Jerzy Sztachelski represented the state. (Previous reports indicated that Aleksander Skarzynski was also taking part in the discussion. Since Margueritte does not mention his name, it is to be assumed that he was present in the capacity of an expert only.)

The meeting resulted in an agreement to set up a special sub-commission to study the problem of seminaries, in which the Church will be represented by Bishop Bronislaw Dabrowski and the state by Skarzynski. The sub-commission will present its recommendations to the next meeting of the Joint Church-State Commission.

Polish-Brazilian Economic Talks Concluded

Polish-Brazilian economic talks, which started in Warsaw on January 22, ended with the signing on January 25 of a joint protocol. Reporting on the ceremony, Radio Warsaw said that both sides declared in the protocol that the most important problems of Polish-Brazilian trade were discussed. Particular attention was paid to the necessity of taking appropriate steps aimed at increasing mutual exchanges, for its present level does not correspond to the possibilities of the two partners. According to the broadcast, the possibility of Polish deliveries of merchant ships to Brazil was discussed, whereby it is envisaged that a Polish technical mission will be sent to Brazil to discuss details of this problem. The PAP dispatch (January 25) said that the planned contracts would provide for deliveries of Polish ships to Brazil on a credit basis and would be rather large. Radio Warsaw reported the previous day that

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the Brazilian purchases would include 30 million dollars of Polish ships. The importance of exports of Polish ships to Brazil was also stressed by Foreign Trade Minister Witold Trampeczynski, who conducted the talks on behalf of Poland (Radio Warsaw, January 25). The Polish minister added that exports of complete Polish factories, agricultural machines, and combines to Brazil would contribute to increased trade exchanges, which are of importance for Poland since goods imported from Brazil are very valuable for the Polish economy. In the words of the Minister of Industry, Paulo Edydio Martins, who headed the Brazilian mission, the protocol signed in Warsaw opened wide prospects for the development of economic cooperation between Poland and Brazil.

For details on the arrival of the Brazilian mission in Warsaw, cf. SR January 23.

Polish Cooperation Deal with West German Company

A seven million mark (1.75 million dollars) deal was signed between the Polish foreign trade organization Motoimport and the West German heavy industry concern of Rheinstahl Henschel AG, Kassel. When the deal was announced by the West German company, its spokesman said (January 13) that it provided for a delivery of 22 Rheinstahl-made special machine tools and other equipment to be used in servicing their Diesel motors being produced in Poland under a licence. The licence deal between Rheinstahl Henschel AG and Motoimport was signed in March of last year, said the spokesman.

According to the statement of the Rheinstahl manager at the Poznan Fair last June, the Rheinstahl Diesel engines were to be made under licence at the "Nowotki" plant in Warsaw.

Note: Attention is drawn to the article "A Few General Remarks on the Changes in the System of Planning and Management" by Wlodzimierz Brus, available in English translation in Polish Press Survey No. 2046 of January 25.