

Sixth Plenum

The Sixth Party Plenum has passed and published a resolution on the decisions made at the Bucharest Conference in June, which were eminently pertinent to the lingering and burgeoning Sino-Soviet dispute. The plenary resolution placed Poland squarely behind Khrushchev and his position of peaceful coexistence in his struggle with the bellicose Chinese: "The conference of Communist leaders in Bucharest last June has correctly considered the struggle for peace as the chief task of the Communist movement.

The resolution was however marked by considerable restraint, even dignity, and the tone of the statements deprecating dogmatist and sectarian elements of international socialism was much milder than that used by Deputy Premier Zenon Nowak at the recent North Vietnamese Party Plenum in Hanoi.

It is difficult to speculate on Poland's position vis-a-vis the Chinese, but it is interesting to note that the second Gomulka speech at the Sixth Plenum, has not been published. Stehle, writing in today's "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung" says that, "wie man hoert," Gomulka reviewed the entire history of the Sino-Soviet dispute and was quite strong in his condemnation of the Chinese. However, for reasons known best to Gomulka himself, he elected to make public the mild plenary resolution and has thus far suppressed the publication of his own address at the Sixth Plenum.

Party -- Reappearance of Albrecht

"Trybuna Ludu" of September 11 has reported the reappearance on the Polish political scene of Jerzy Albrecht, a Party Secretary who virtually disappeared from public life in the early part of April this year. He was reported as present at a fete in honor of the Czechoslovak Party and government delegation held in the Palace of Culture last weekend. He was also one of the official party which saw Novotny off on the train at Warsaw's Main Terminal.

Both Zimmerer and Wetz reported (on April 5 and 6 respectively) that rumors were being bruited about Warsaw that Albrecht had been removed from the Party Secretariat. This gave reason for considerable consternation among liberal political elements, since Albrecht had long stood in opposition to the Stalinists and actively supported the return of Gomulka in 1956. His rumored removal from the Secretariat, when linked with the fact that strong-armed Stalinists like Szyr, Tokarski and Witaszewski had been politically resuscitated by Gomulka, seemed to indicate that retrograde tendencies were afoot in the PUWP. It is somewhat reassuring to see that Albrecht is somehow still hanging on.

Items Sent in Clear

Two Zimmerer and one Stehle article, all pertaining to sixth plenum resolutions, are being sent in clear. The entire Polish Press Survey is being sent air pouch. Also sent in clear is a research and analysis note: "A Decrease in the Number of Polish Production Cooperatives."