

REACTION TO MACMILLAN'S SPEECH

A note of hurt disappointment rather than chauvinistic rage accentuates the reaction of the Polish press and radio to MacMillan's defense of West German policy. This is reflected in overall appeals to British public opinion and in the form of such reminders as "Mr. Chamberlain" and "Munich". On the other hand, Gomulka's reply to the British Prime Minister on Friday is greeted once again as the "voice of Poland, expressing everybody's thoughts and feelings". As noted by Zimmerer (Die Welt, Oct. 2), it would be wrong to dismiss the "popular wave of protest" which the Polish press agency reports takes the form of spontaneous mass meetings, and a flood of letters and telegrams - as entirely instigated by regime. Such reference in Gomulka's speech that Western powers seemed to treat Poland as an "exchange coin" for West German cooperation, has no doubt struck a potent and popular response. At the same time great stress is given to Gomulka's conciliatory overtures towards the American people and government, especially as expressed by him on Saturday (Pulaski Day) in his meeting with representatives of the American "Polonia" and in his radio interview over CBS. Similarly Gomulka's meeting with former Governor A. Harriman are noted with great satisfaction. It is by now fairly clear that the Polish team at the UN is anxious to salvage from the fiasco of the "socialist alliance" in New York some measure of sympathy from the West which it could profitably exploit for its own benefit, if not vis-a-vis the West then at least with its own people at home.

CHINESE ANNIVERSARY

While no official government or party delegations journeyed to Peking, Warsaw marked the event with a gala concert and a reception given by the Chinese ambassador, who also spoke over the Polish radio on Saturday. His address contained the usual self-glorification of Chinese achievements and assurances of friendly relations between