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Escape of a Diplomat

Wladyslaw Tykocinski, Minister Plenipotentiary and Chief of the Polish Military Mission in Berlin, asked the US authorities in that city on May 17 for political asylum and was flown to West Germany. His wife refused to go with him and, together with their small daughter, left for the Polish Embassy in East Berlin (cf UPI May 16 and 17, Reuter May 16 and Daily Telegraph May 17).

Tykocinski is a career diplomat who was on the staff of the Polish Commission in Korea, then of the Polish mission in Vienna, later with the Polish Embassy in Rome and, from May 10 1957, in his Berlin post.

Polish-Austrian Trade Protocol Signed

The protocol regulating Austro-Polish trade for the year beginning 1 August 1965 and ending 31 July 1966 was

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signed in Vienna on May 13, after negotiations lasting from May 3. The protocol provides for a turnover valued at the sum of \$ 100 million, an increase of some 30 per cent compared with this year. The main difficulty in the negotiations was the adverse trade balance which Austria has with Poland. In 1964 Austria imported goods to the value of \$ 41.4 million while her exports to Poland amounted only to \$ 24.4 million. The main reasons for this disparity were the Polish cuts in imports of investment goods as a result of changes in Polish planning. Now, however, the Polish trade representatives have announced that imports of Austrian machinery, steel products, chemicals and industrial installations will be increased in order to try to rectify the balance of trade. (cf RFE Special, Vienna, May 3 and 13, PAP May 13).

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On Comecon Bank

Attention is drawn to an article by J. Wysokinski: "The First Anniversary of the International Bank of Economic Cooperation." This is an interview with Henryk Kotlicki, Director-General of the Ministry of Finance. It was published in Trybuna Ludu of April 24. English translation of the article was published in the Polish Press Survey No. 1846 of May 13 (cf. SR, May 3). See also in this connection Trend EERA paper of May 12.

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