

Soviet Paper Is Critical of Polish Press

MOSCOW, Oct. 21.—Following is a translation of the text of Pravda's article yesterday entitled "Anti-Socialist Articles in the pages of the Polish Press" from its Warsaw correspondent.

Articles have been appearing in recent days with increasing frequency in the pages of the Polish press that sound like preachments for rejection of the Socialist path.

This may sound strange but it is a fact. The press, which is called to serve as a sharp effective weapon in the struggle to strengthen the people's democratic order, now publishes articles from day to day shaking the pillars of this system, sowing suspicion in building a new life and polluting readers' minds with imported poison of an ideology alien to the workers.

Until recently, writers of these outpourings covered themselves with the guise of ostensibly exposing the consequences of the "cult of the individual" and taking

up the cudgels for reestablishment of "the Leninist standards of party life."

However, today these phrases, which incidentally come as blasphemy from the lips of slanderers who have availed themselves of the opportunity of using the Polish press to the detriment of the Polish United Workers Party and the people's state, have also been discarded. Throwing off the mask, these people publicly repudiate Lenin and Marx.

DECLARED WAR

One need not go far for examples. Today a certain Florcak declared war on Marx with an article bearing the highly significant title, "Talk with the West," published in the Polish Writer Union journal, Nowa Kultura. With cheap jauntiness this author calls for "an end to the jargon the Communist camp developed for talking with the masses."

What "jargon" does he mean? Florcak unblushingly declares without qualms, "We must do

away with catchwords, 'Workers of the World Unite!' 'reaction,' 'Building Socialism,' because they were slogans of battle, slogans of armed stage of revolution, now the slogan, 'Workers of the World, Unite!' means nothing."

Thus this unbridled youth, who falsely styles himself a man of letters, suggests with infinite cynicism burial of the slogan sacred to every proletarian, a slogan for which for more than a century the cream of the world's working class struggled and died, for which they battled to win victory after victory, which inspires them to build and establish a new society.

Mr. Florcak—yes, mister, for how can one call comrade a man who openly calls for trampling underfoot the banner of proletarian internationalism and for abdicating the struggle to build socialism—takes upon himself the liberty of offering a "new world" in place of Marxism.

What is it?

"Talk with the West," he writes,

"should be conducted along different lines than hitherto. The universal proletarian is an obsolete concept. Now we have to think of the universal human being."

Further, realizing that this hash of verbiage is incomprehensible and obscure, he refers to authority more weighty in his eyes than Marx, to a certain "Belgian journalist Lambilutte, who visited Poland recently."

What did this new-fangled oracle, whom Florcak is now ready to serve, pronounce? This: "The cause we must take up is to ultimately enrich the human being." **'VERY THINLY VEILED'**

This Brussels oracle and this Warsaw proselyte avoid making clear who is to be enriched and how. For them it is important to spread ideas and let everyone enrich himself as he can. That is how the organ of the Polish Writers Union has opened a call for restoration of capitalism, very thinly veiled, in prudish allegation that "... both systems air for one

and the same, to wit, 'merging a one-world organism.'"

One may try—with true great pains!—to explain the appearance of this sordid concoction of an ignoramus on the pages of the Polish Writers Union as being due to some incomprehensible slip-up on the part of its editors.

But the point is that of late articles of this ilk have been appearing more and more often in some Warsaw papers—and whether the heads of the ideological front in Poland know it or not—these writings constitute a wide campaign shaking the very pillars of the people's democratic system.

"SUBVERTING SOCIALISM"

In 39 years our people have accustomed to this spate of slander coming from the bourgeois camp. It does not frighten us. But the fact that today the spate of slander is openly being pushed ahead in the press of a people's democracy, bound to the Soviet Union by a

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treaty of friendship, grieves the Soviet people.

Alarming also is the circumstance that the campaign, as sallies appearing in the Polish press the last few days show, is aimed first and foremost and primarily at subverting socialism in Poland itself.

Today, for example, *Zycie Warszawy* carried a long article by Jersey Putrament entitled "The Gist of the Matter" directly in harmony with the sermon of that newborn downgrader of Marxism, Florchak.

Putrament lyingly claims "the economic system [which] until now has been obligatory with us," i.e., the Socialist economy "has failed indisputably and irrevocably."

Culling his political arsenal from the *Voice of America*, he takes upon himself the freedom to allege that this system "could only operate in definite political conditions, in conditions of suppression of criticism and police terror," to liquidate, as he puts it, "the omnipotence of the central administrations."

"HAS STOOD TEST OF LIFE"

What then does he suggest as a substitute for the system that has taken shape in People's Poland and has stood the test of life? He advances four "slogans": "Publicity of state affairs, decentralization, democratization and sovereignty."

Well, and what of socialism, the goal for which the Polish people so successfully fought and are now fighting? This word got stuck in the author's throat, he did not get it out. More than that, actually, the whole of his article attempts to somehow substantiate the abdication of socialism.

We could also name other and just as candid outpourings openly aimed at underlining Socialist gains of the Polish people.

This anti-socialist campaign developed in certain Polish papers, this open flirting with bourgeois elements, evokes legitimate resentment and disgust of honest patriots and the broad masses of the workers of the people's republic.