

Polish Workers Party Condemns Anti-Semitism

WARSAW, Oct. 25.—The Polish United Workers Party today condemned anti-Semitism and any other discrimination based on national origin. The Central Committee of the party adopted a resolution which also emphasized that all attempts to drive a wedge between Poland and the Soviet Union are doomed to failure. A delegation headed by Party secretary Wladyslaw Gomulka was scheduled to leave for Moscow today or tomorrow.

Cost-of-Living Index At New High, Says BLS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The cost of living index rose to a new high in September, the government disclosed yesterday. The Bureau of Labor Statistics said the index went up by 0.3 percent in the month and stood at 117.1, or 17.1 percent above the 1947-49 average.

The New York City's cost-of-living index rose even more steeply for the month—by 0.6 percent, with all items but transportation going up, and with medical costs unchanged. In New York City all food groups except fruits and vegetables mounted in price.

The price trend nationally and in the city has been almost steadily upward through the year, except for a temporary halt in August. Since January, 1953, when the Eisenhower administration took office, according to BLS, the cost of living index rose 2.8 percent. But most of that rise has been within the past year.

The government, apparently cog-

nizant of the political dynamite in the issue, especially with the housewives of the country, hastened to add that the take-home of the wage earners — earnings after taxes, that is—for a worker with three dependants, rose by \$1.10 a week to \$74.04 for the month and \$2.69 over September, 1955.

The earnings figure reflected to a considerable extent the raises won by the steel workers after a strike, and by other unions through the summer, and the rise in the minimum wage from 75 cents to \$1 (which Eisenhower sought to cut to 90 cents).

Because of the rise in the cost of living, the real purchasing power of wage earners rose by no more than two percent for the past year, the Bureau disclosed.

"The party condemns views and methods introducing artificial lines of distinction in the party ranks according to national origin, or manifestations of discrimination against any group of the population because of its origin, which fosters anti-semitism and all kinds of nationalist tendencies alien to the ideology of the party and demoralizing the party cadres."

The resolution called on Poles to "consolidate Polish socialism." It said the working class should be on good terms with the intelligentsia.

The Central Committee meeting was the first since Gomulka took over last week from Edward Ochab as first secretary of the party.

The official news agency PAP reported the situation throughout the country was "back to normal" following nearly a week of demonstrations. The agency said Russian troops which had moved from their barracks when the disturbances started were returning now to their specifically defined Warsaw pact bases.

Work in factories was proceeding normally, PAP said, and students have returned to their studies.

It said the people were "expressing their admiration" of Communist Party workers who dispersed the last of the demonstrations outside the Hungarian Embassy last night. The "mechanical copying" of other countries' methods, it said, was incorrect, and Poland must find its own way of doing things.

But it warned that "the forces of reaction . . . trying to take advantage of the democratization of political life . . . and drive a wedge between Poland and the Soviet Union" must be stamped out.

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