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POLITICAL

PRO-COMMUNIST HEAD OF FRENCH ZIONIST FEDERATION RESIGNS -- Tel Aviv, Davar,
3 Jul 60

Paris, 2 July 1960 -- The executive body of the Zionist Federation of France has accepted the resignation of Andre Blumel as its president. Blumel's recent visit to the GDR, followed by publication of articles sympathizing with the regime and his appearance at public meetings of the French Jewish Communists, caused friction with the leaders of various Zionist parties affiliated with the federation. His refusal to abstain from joint activities with anti-Zionist groups finally forced his resignation. He will, however, remain a member of the executive committee.

[Comment: The Tel Aviv daily Herut of 4 July 1960 expressed surprise that Blumel, who became president of the Zionist Federation in 1955, should have held the post so long "in view of the increasing resentment against his Communist tendencies." He is also vice-president of the France-USSR Association and recently visited the USSR in this connection. According to the Paris independent daily Le Monde of 5 July, the Zionist Federation of France issued a communique announcing "with regret Blumel's resignation as president of the federation" and expressing "most sincere thanks to Blumel for his devotion and great service to the Zionist cause." The Paris Communist daily L'Humanite, which has previously reported on Blumel's activities, did not mention his resignation.]

ECONOMIC

EAST GERMAN DISCUSSES CEMA MULTILATERAL CLEARING SYSTEM -- Berlin, Der
Aussenhandel, No 10, May 60, pp 21-22

The CEMA (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance) multilateral clearing system was established about 3 years ago, but except for a few isolated multilateral clearings, payments have continued to be settled through bilateral clearing. Doubtless, bilateral clearing has played a great role in the development of our foreign trade and the socialist world market; however, it

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sets certain limits to the development of foreign trade and has to be supplemented by multilateral clearing among socialist countries. Full utilization of all the possibilities of the international socialist division of labor and a corresponding expansion of commodity trade will become possible only if in the payments relations new forms are used which facilitate this development. Therefore, the CEMA multilateral clearing system is becoming increasingly important and should attract the attention of theory and practice more than heretofore.

Comment: Details will be given in External Economic Relations of Bloc Countries (20).

POLAND TO EQUIP ITS OCEAN-GOING SHIPS WITH RADAR -- Warsaw, Trybuna Ludu, 10 Jul 60

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The Polish Ministry of Communications recently announced plans to install domestically manufactured radar equipment on ocean-going ships shortly after 1961. This equipment has passed the experimental stage and is now being tested.

USSR TRANSPORTATION IN FIRST HALF OF 1960 -- Moscow, Gudok, 13 Jul 60

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In the first half of 1960, USSR transport hauled more freight and accounted for more freight turnover than in the same period of 1959. Railroads carried 921 million tons of freight, an increase of 7 percent over the same 1959 period, produced a freight turnover of 736 billion ton-kilometers, an increase of 5 percent, and fulfilled the plans for these two indexes 102 percent. Electric and diesel motive power accounted for 41.5 percent of the total railroad freight turnover, i.e., 37 percent more than in the corresponding 1959 period.

River transport moved 83 million tons of cargo, an increase of 9 percent, accounted for a cargo turnover of 38 billion ton-kilometers, an increase of 10 percent, and fulfilled the cargo transportation plan 104 percent and the turnover plan 103 percent.

Common carrier motor transport hauled 714 million tons of freight, an increase of 25 percent, produced a cargo turnover of 11 billion ton-kilometers, an increase of 23 percent, and fulfilled the cargo haulage plan 106 percent and the turnover plan 103 percent, respectively.

Pipelines pumped 61 million tons of products, an increase of 18 percent, produced a cargo turnover of 25 billion ton-kilometers, an increase of 29 percent, and fulfilled the pumping plan 105 percent and the cargo turnover plan 106 percent.

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[Comment: Although the USSR hauled more freight and produced more freight turnover than ever before, the rate of increase in the first 6 months of 1960 over the same 1959 period declined from that of January-June 1959 over the corresponding 1958 period. Thus, for railroad freight turnover it was 7 percentage points less, for river cargo turnover, 5 percentage points less, and for common carrier motor freight turnover, 7 percentage points less. However, it was up 5 percentage points for pipeline cargo turnover.]

CHINESE EXPERT FINDS MOROCCO SUITABLE FOR GROWING TEA -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 7 Jul 60, p 6

With the aid of Chinese experts, Morocco, a great tea-consuming nation (about 14,000 tons annually, mostly imported from China), has discovered land suitable for growing tea domestically. In 1959, at the invitation of the Moroccan government, China sent a tea-growing expert and a soil expert to 45 key areas in eight Moroccan provinces who discovered over 98,000 hectares suitable for growing tea. These inspection tours were personally arranged by the Moroccan Ministry of Agriculture. A French newspaper ridiculed the Chinese experts and insisted that Morocco was unsuited for growing tea. Previously, in 1958, Morocco had invited UN tea experts from the Netherlands; however, being armchair-specialists, they proposed that commercial tea orchards not be established immediately.

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CHINESE INCREASE NATIONAL GRAIN TAX AND PURCHASES OVER 1959 -- Peiping, Ta Kung Pao, 27 Jun 60, p 2

Up to 22 June 1960, the amount of summer grain purchased and collected for tax purposes by the state increased 51 percent over the same period in 1959. The purchase, tax collection, and storage of the summer grain crop of winter wheat production areas throughout China is at a peak. Hupeh and Chekiang provinces fulfilled their summer grain purchase and tax collection quotas ahead of schedule and Szechwan and Hopeh provinces have fulfilled their plans over 70 percent. Shantung, Honan, Shensi, Kiangsu, Anhwei, and Shansi provinces are storing large volumes of grain.

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DAIREN AREA INDUSTRY CONVERTS TO COAL GAS -- Peiping, Hua-hsueh Kung-yeh, No 10, 21 May 60, p 18

The 66 boilers used by the heavy industry system of Lu-ta (Dairen-Port Arthur) are now all being fired by coal gas; this change-over is resulting in large savings in coal and manpower. For example, by using this fuel, the Lu-ta Potassium Chlorate Factory is saving 5,000 metric tons of high-grade coal and 430,000 kilowatts of electricity annually and is achieving a 40-percent reduction in manpower.

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SOCIOLOGICAL

SOCIAL SCIENCE UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHED IN NORTH CHINA -- Peiping, Pei-ching
Jih-pao, 27 Jun 60, p 3

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To meet the demand of the various provinces, municipalities, and autonomous districts in northern China for trained, red, and specialized theoretical research workers and political and theoretical teachers for colleges and specialized schools, Hopeh, Shansi, Inner Mongolia, and Peiping have jointly established a new social science university: the Hua-peï (North China) People's University. In 1960, the 4-year university will temporarily have only the schools of philosophy, political economy, and history, but in the future, the Chinese-language, foreign-languages, and education schools will be added. Each school will teach more than 20 subjects.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL

EAST, WEST NUCLEAR RESEARCH CENTERS TO EXCHANGE ATOMIC SCIENTISTS -- Paris,
L'Humanite, 19 Jul 60

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The Joint Institute for Nuclear Research at Dubna near Moscow has just made an agreement with the CERN (Centre Europeen de Recherche Nucleaire, European Nuclear Research Center) in Geneve to exchange three scientists.

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