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SIGNS TRADE FACT WITH INDONESIA -- Zurich, Neue Zuercher Zeitung, 21 Jun 51

Under a one-year trade agreement concluded in Warsaw on 17 June 1951 between Polsma and Indonesia, Foland is to supply textiles, metal products, sewing machines, glassware porcelain, chemicals, and other commodities, in . return for industrial raw materials and foodstuffs, including tea, coffee, pepper, and quinine, the latter to be used to combat spidemic malaria in the Polish swamp regions

AUSTRIA WANTS MORE FOLISH COAL -- Zurich, Neue Zuercher Zeitung, 5 Jul 51

Austria wants to import one million tons of black coal from Poland against shipments of rolling stock, cellulose wool, aluminum, and nitrogen fertilizer. At present, 82 percent of the imports from Poland consist of coal, while Austria ships, for the most part, iron goods, machines, and firebricks. Despite the extraordinary price increases, imports for the period from January to April dropped from 156 million schillings in 1950 to 139 million schillings in 1951, so that Poland's share of Austrian imports was reduced from 4.7 to 2.0, so that ports was reduced from 6.7 to 3.9 percent During April 1951, Polish coal shipments to Austria totaled only 77,000 tons compared with 127,500 tons supplied in April 1950

SAY USSR CONTROLS FOLISH FOREIGN TRADE -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt, 26 Aug 51

The following comments on the effect of Soviet influence on Polish foreign trade have been taken from an article by K. Brzonski, staff writer of the Polish-language periodical Kultura (Paris). The article originally appeared in Der Monat (The Month), an international monthly.

In 1938, Poland's foreign trade with the countries of the present-day Soviet bloc amounted to barely 11 percent of its total import-export transactions. By 1947, this figure had risen to 37 percent, and in 1949 it was 44 percent. Under the Six-Year Plan, trade with the satellites will amount to 68 percent of Polish foreign trade by 1955 to 68 percent of Polish foreign trade by 1955.

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Within the scope of inter-Communist trading, the USSR occupies a highly privileged position. Poland, for example, is forced to import Rumanian petroleum from the USSR, which pockets the middleman's profits. Nor can Poland sell her coal directly to Finland; such export transactions, too, must be channeled through the USSR.

The natural economic cooperation between Poland and Czechoslovakia, so greatly stressed in 1947, is gradually fading out.

EGYPT TO SEND PHOSPHORITES TO POLAND -- Dusseldorf, Chemische Industrie, No 8, Aug 51

The former trade and payment agreement between Poland and Egypt which expired in September 1950 has been replaced by a revised agreement ratified some time agc by the Egyptian Council of Ministers. The new agreement provides for expansion of trade between the two countries. Egypt will supply Poland with phosphorites among other things and will receive chemicals and minerals from Poland

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