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CRITICISM OF STATE FARM FORAGE PRODUCTION

The following information is taken from one of 28 commentaries made by dignitaries of the PZPR (United Polish Workers' Party) at the Seventh Plenum of its Central Committee, held 14 - 15 June 1952. Each of the commentaries is an amplification of President Bierut's opening speech and was presumably edited by Nowe Drogi.

In the following the first secretary of the Olsztyn Wojewodstwo Committee of the PZPR says that neglect of forage production on the Olsztyn FJR (Państwowe Gospodarstwa Rolne, State Farms) is hampering livestock production and that it is imperative that the wojewodstwo and powiat committees give more time to the problem and strengthen party influence in the state farms.

By Stanislaw Krupa, First Secretary
 Olsztyn Wojewodstwo Committee, PZPR

Comrade Bierut devoted much time in his speech to the problem of the PGR which play a very important role in the agriculture of Olsztyn, a typically agricultural wojewodstwo.

In the current year, the PGR are taking over 30,000 hectares of wasteland, which is more than the acreage of ten new state farm groups. In the course of the spring campaign, individual peasant farms, cultivation groups, and producers' cooperatives liquidated a total of 42,000 hectares of wasteland, 38,000 of which were plowed and sown. There are about 20,000 hectares left which will have to be liquidated in the fall. Part of this will be plowed by new settlers. To date 240 families have settled in Olsztyn Wojewodstwo but there are still more than 500 buildings ready for new settlers. The major part of the wasteland, however, will have to be cultivated by the PGR and the producers' cooperatives. The fact that the PGR are geared to grain production and that forage crop production and livestock production are neglected is a great drawback. The shortage

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of forage crop resources is really responsible for the lag in livestock production. There are still many good meadows and pastures in the wojewodztwo which are not being used. We have been very neglectful in this respect.

This is responsible for the low yield of milk per cow even in the best PGR groups in the wojewodztwo. For instance, the Rompy, one of the leading groups, obtained a yield of 1,750 liters per cow in 1949 and achieved 2,000 liters in 1951, whereas there are many farms in Poland which obtain a milk yield of more than 3,000 liters per cow.

Unfortunately, the wojewodztwo committees and the powiat committees have devoted the least time to the most important problem in agriculture. Much time has been devoted to small industrial establishments and very little time to PGR. Party work among the individual peasants is on a higher level than in the PGR. Yet the PGR, especially in Olsztyn Wojewosztwo, are supposed to constitute a nucleus of socialism and examples for the individual farms. Up to now, we have not worked hard enough to raise the level of party work in the PGR in the struggle to increase their productivity.

We must assist the PGR. The present PGR administration is no longer the administration of 1947 - 1949. At that time we struggled with Mikolajczyk meddlers, but there has been a basic change in the PGR staffs. No doubt, there are still some undesirables but these are being removed. However, a number of the committees and often even the wojewodztwo committee judge these people by the old standards. This state of affairs must be changed. The position of the staffs which are directing the work of the PGR must be strengthened.

In our management of the PGR in the wojewodztwo, in working with the PGR staffs, and in carrying on the party organization work in the PGR, we have the responsibility of giving the proper direction to the development of the PGR. How quickly we are able to raise the level of PGR depends on this direction, on our approach to the PGR worker, on our work with him, and on our party organization.

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