

TOP POLE BLAMES OFFICIALS IN RIOT

Ochab, Party Chief, Concedes Poznan Job Grievances

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WARSAW, July 20—Edward Ochab, Polish Communist leader, said today that "the soullessness of the authorities" rather than the machinations of imperialist agents was a chief cause of the recent riots in Poznan. He made the charge in a speech at the party's Central Committee meeting.

M. Ochab conceded that the Poznan workers had had many real grievances. He confessed that Poland's Six-Year Plan not only had failed to produce enough coal and food but also had fallen short by 50 per cent of its goal to raise the workers' real wages.

This failure was largely a result of the amounts spent by Poland on the manufacture of armaments, the Communist leader asserted. He declared that the real wages of workers and peasants must be raised 30 per cent in the next five years.

He stated emphatically that the Poznan riots "cannot serve as justification of any attempt to turn aside the process of democratization." M. Ochab promised to decentralize the administration, to help agriculture and to abolish compulsory milk deliveries by farmers.

M. Ochab is regarded as Moscow's principal representative in

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the Polish Communist party. Moscow has taken the line that the Poznan riots were fomented by Western provocateurs, but what M. Ochab said was:

"In assessing the reason for these incidents it would be an error to concentrate attention on the machinations of provocateurs and agents of imperialism. The social roots of these incidents, evincing serious troubles in the relations between the party and a section of the working class, should be sought first of all.

"The improvement achieved in living conditions during the Six-Year Plan was most inadequate. The conviction arose that the party and the Government were not doing all in their power to alleviate the situation.

"From an analysis of the events in Poznan it appears that a considerable part was played by bureaucracy and the soullessness of the authorities, both central and local. As a result of the abolition of progression in piece work, earnings began to fall in the Zispo plant [whose workers struck and rioted in Poznan].

"The income tax for shockworkers was calculated too high. A reduction of overtime and irregularity in the supply of materials to the plant caused a reduction of earnings."

Explaining the background of the Poznan riots, Mr. Ochab said that the shock caused to the party and people by the revelations by Nikita S. Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist party, about the abuses of Stalinism had aroused bitterness and distrust. Some journalists painted the situation in sensational colors, M. Ochab added. Revolutionary vigilance was weakened and political demobilization began, he continued.

The security police in Poznan

permitted themselves to be taken unawares and party organizations remained inactive and disorganized, he asserted.

Because of Poland's general economic situation, the Polish Bureau of Statistics reported to the Central Committee that real wages had increased 27.6 per cent during the Six-Year Plan, the Polish Communist leader continued.

But the committee's own investigation showed that the increase was only 13 per cent, he said.

One of the principal reasons was that the Korean war situation "the war reparations in West Germany and the anti-Polish revisionary hue and cry" made it necessary to spend "many billions" on armaments, M. Ochab declared.

Listing other causes, the speaker said the Government had neglected agriculture, had branded many middle peasants incorrectly as kulaks (well-to-do peasants) and had excessively generalized the planning and direction of the economy.

M. Ochab said that resolutions would be presented to the Central Committee further democratizing Polish life and "stabilizing the Socialist rule of law."

He declares these abuses had originated in Stalin's mistaken opinion that class warfare would increase along with the growth of socialism. He added that this "led us to seek behind everything alien and hostile opinion subversion and imperialist agencies."



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SAYS PLAN FAILED: Edward Ochab, leader of the Polish Communist party. He said nation's Six-Year Plan had failed to raise workers' wages because so much money went for weapons.