

POLES GIVE SOVIET LESSON IN DEBATE

Warsaw Paper Bids Russian Party Organ Drop 'Epithets' in Discussions on Theory

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WARSAW, Jan. 31—The Polish youth newspaper Sztandar Mlodych lectured a Soviet party periodical today. It said "epithets and instructions" were not necessary in discussions among Communist parties.

This sharp riposte was directed at *Kommunist*, monthly organ of the Soviet Communist party, for having read an attack on Leninism into a recent article written by Jadwiga Sikierska for the Polish weekly *Po Prostu*.

For some observers the importance of the Sztandar Mlodych reply lay in the indication it gave that the Polish United Workers (Communist) party would not remain silent in the face of what it considered unjust criticism. The Poles have been under considerable pressure recently to stop arguing in public with the Russians to consolidate the unity of the Communist camp.

Polish Author Defended

Not only did Sztandar Mlodych argue back, but it reminded the Soviet magazine that Mme. Sikierska was a veteran Communist whom the Russians had imprisoned for eight years on a provocation and that for some time before World War II she was the head of the Department of Dialectical Materialism in the international Leninist school in Moscow.

In referring to her article the Soviet publication said it had been written by "a certain Sikierska."

The only meaning of the Sikierska article, *Kommunist* said, is that "Leninism in one way or another has become obsolete and its revision is necessary."

"Nonsense," Sztandar Mlodych replied in effect. All one has to do to realize this, the paper added, is to read the article.

Revisionism has become a standard Moscow charge against those who, like the Yugoslavs and Poles, dispute the Soviet Union's claim to absolute primacy in the interpretation of Communist ideology.

Yugoslavs Also a Target

The Soviet periodical's criticism was also aimed at two other articles, one in the Yugoslav *Kommunist*, which was accused of the same revisionist tendency, and the other in *Nowe Drogi*, the Polish party's ideological monthly. In the *Nowe Drogi* article, Jerzy Wiatr said that a "crisis of the internationalist conception" existed among Communists.

For the Soviet periodical this apparently smacked too much of a public declaration of ideological splits among Communists.

The reality was different from the way M. Wiatr portrayed it, the Soviet *Kommunist* said. No

such crisis exists, it added. The periodical said there had been a "unity of outlook on basic theoretical and political problems" among all Communist parties.

"If there are any shades in the understanding of individual issues, they do not play any significant role," the Soviet *Kommunist* said. "This alone is important: in principle an atmosphere of international solidarity exists in Communist ranks."

Today Sztandar Mlodych said: "Some publicists think themselves particularly privileged, authorized to teach others without an attempt at intellectual argument."