

SIX YEAR PLAN OF BUILDING FOUNDATIONS OF SOCIALISM IN POLAND

"From January 1st 1950 we shall work on the foundations of the new long-term plan. We can determine from the scientific point of view the economic and social possibilities and can place before ourselves actual tasks consistent with the course of social development, only if we base our work on the science of Marxism-Leninism. Therefore in preparing the plan, the direction the plan is to take should be and must be determined by our Party, the Polish United Workers Party, the Marxist-Leninist Party.

The first question which arises in connection with the plan is why it was determined to make this plan a Six Year Plan? The basic aim of our second Economic Plan is the development, expansion and economic transformation of Poland. And it is wellknown that the construction of new industrial establishments, the setting into operation of new industries and achievement of first production results, must last three, four and even more years for exceptionally big industrial objects. Therefore the time needed for construction is necessarily longer than that needed for reconstruction. On the other hand, we cannot afford in the present conditions scientific forecasts, for, let us say, 10-12 years and a plan based on such long terms would not in our conditions be an actual plan. This is the reason why we have chosen a six year period, additionally being directed by the necessity of evening out our periods for planning with those of the anti-imperialist countries, a certain part of whom have five year plans in years ending in a 0 or 5.

Basic Premises of the Plan

As the basic principle of the Plan, we take the building of foundations of Socialism in Poland. Why do we speak of building foundations, of building the bases of Socialism, and not simply of building Socialism?

To build socialism means to liquidate fully society divided into antagonistic classes.

To liquidate society divided into antagonistic classes means to liquidate fully the capitalist elements and to dam up the sources which create them. To dam up the sources creating capitalism, which as is known grows out of small-production economy, means to carry out in full the voluntary transformation of small-production economy into socialist economy. To transform small-production economy into socialist economy is neither possible nor actual during six years. Therefore, as the basic premise of the Six Year Plan we put forth not the building of Socialism, but the building of the foundations, the bases of Socialism.

On what concretely should the building of foundations of socialism in our country be based?

Socialism is based on the development and high level of the production forces. Because of home capitalists and landowners and foreign partitioners, our country is a backward one with a low level of production forces. In order therefore to build the foundations of socialism in Poland economic backwardness should be considerably liquidated and the level of its production forces strongly raised. But the building of the foundations of socialism requires the development of the production forces in a definite direction. In a direction which most favours and causes a rapid growth of socialist elements and eliminates and liquidates the capitalist elements of economy.

As the source of the growth of capitalism is small-production economy, we need therefore such a direction of development of production forces which most favours and causes a rapid voluntary transformation of small production economy into socialist economy. For the transformation of a small producers economy into a socialist one, a suitable technical and material basis is needed which could be created only by increased production of capital goods.

The building of the foundations of socialism will not yet be a complete liquidation of the capitalist elements, but will mean a considerable decrease in their role and importance inside our economy.