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CONTACTS BETWEEN DENMARK AND THE SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES
DURING THE SECOND HALF OF 1956

Memorandum by the Danish Delegation

During the summer months of the period under review, representatives of the Soviet bloc countries participated in fairly large numbers in a series of scientific and other non-political international conferences held in Denmark. In this period, the interest of the Soviet bloc countries in increased contact manifested itself also within other spheres of cultural relations. For example, proper visits of tourists from the Soviet bloc countries were carried out for the first time, cfr. Section A. paragraphs 45 and 46 of the Report.

2. Recent events in Eastern Europe have provoked a very strong reaction in Denmark. With regard to the exchange of visits, this has resulted in the cancellation of a number of visits to Soviet bloc countries which were planned to take place in the last months of 1956.

3. An attempt has been made to make the enclosed list of visits more extensive than that submitted for the first half of 1956. Like the previous list, it should not, however, be regarded as exhaustive.

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EXCHANGES BETWEEN DENMARK AND THE COUNTRIES
OF THE SOVIET BLOC

JULY TO DECEMBER 1956

A. VISITS TO DENMARK

CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC

From USSR:

1. July. 2 delegates attended the Congress of the Federation International de Lawn-Tennis in Copenhagen.
2. July. 6 Soviet physicians attended the 8th International Congress on Pediatrics in Copenhagen.
3. July. 2 delegates attended the International Congress on Neuro-Chemistry in Copenhagen.
4. August. 6 delegates attended the 4th International Congress on Esperanto in Copenhagen.
5. August. 4 Soviet scientists attended the 32nd International Congress on Americanism in Copenhagen.
6. September. Ten ballet dancers from Leningrad, Kief and Tiflis gave public performances in Denmark.
7. October. A troupe of about ten dancers, singers and musicians gave performances in connection with the annual meeting of the "Landsforeningen til Samvirke mellem Danmark og Sovjetunionen" ("The National Society for Co-operation between Denmark and the USSR").
8. October. Acceptance by the USSR of a Danish offer of two fellowships for USSR students to study at Danish universities during the Academic year 1956-57. USSR will send two undergraduate physicists. (Reciprocate offer made by USSR, cfr. B.9).

From BULGARIA:

9. 1 delegate to the Congress mentioned under 1 above.
10. 1 delegate " " " " " 2 above.
11. 5 delegates " " " " " 4 above.

From CZECHOSLOVAKIA:

12. July. 2 delegates to the Congress mentioned under 1 above.

- 13. July. 18 delegates to the Congress mentioned under 2 above.
- 14. August. 3 delegates to the International Congress on Genetics in Copenhagen.
- 15. August. 1 delegate to the Congress mentioned under 4 above.
- 16. August. 2 delegates to the Congress mentioned under 5 above.
- 17. August. 2 delegates to the Conference of the Union International de Chemie pure et appliqué in Copenhagen.
- 18. August. 3 delegates to the 2nd International Congress of Physical Medicine in Copenhagen.
- 19. September. 75 members (singers, dancers and musicians) of the Luena Society gave performances in Copenhagen and in Aarhus.

From EASTERN GERMANY:

- 20. 24 delegates to the Congress mentioned under 2 above.
- 21. 1 delegate " " " " " 14 above.
- 22. 2 delegates " " " " " 4 above.
- 23. 4 delegates " " " " " 5 above.
- 24. August. 5 delegates to the International Congress on Luther-Research in Aarhus.
- 25. 2 delegates to the Congress mentioned under 18 above.

From POLAND:

- 26. July. 1 delegate to the Congress of the International Society for Plant Geography and Geology.
- 27. 7 delegates to the Congress mentioned under 2 above.
- 28. 4 delegates " " " " " 4 above.
- 29. 3 delegates " " " " " 18 above.

From RUMANIA:

- 30. 2 delegates to the Congress mentioned under 1 above.
- 31. 2 delegates " " " " " 2 above.
- 32. 2 delegates " " " " " 14 above.
- 33. 1 delegate " " " " " 6 above.

From HUNGARY:

- 34. 2 delegates to the Congress mentioned under 1 above.

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- 35. 6 delegates to the Congress mentioned under 2 above.
- 36. 5 delegates " " " " " 4 above.
- 37. 3 delegates " " " " " 24 above.

From COMMUNIST CHINA:

- 38. 7 delegates " " " " " 2 above.
- 39. 3 delegates " " " " " 4 above.

TECHNICAL

From USSR:

- 40. June/July. An agricultural delegation of 10, led by Mr. Lutzinko, Vice-Minister of Agriculture, on a two week visit.
- 41. July. Visit by a team of 6 building experts reciprocating a previous visit to the USSR by a Danish team.

From EASTERN GERMANY:

- 42. July. 5 shipyard workers visited Danish shipyards.

From COMMUNIST CHINA:

- 43. June/August. Visit by an agricultural delegation of 7 experts.

SPORTING EVENTS

- 44. Athletics, amateur cyclists, football and handball teams from the Soviet Union and the Satellites (mainly from Poland and Eastern Germany) participated on several occasions in sporting tournaments etc. in Denmark.

TOURIST TRAVEL

From USSR:

- 45. August. A party of 20 tourists made a 12-day tour of Denmark. During the visit one of the party asked for - and was subsequently granted - political asylum in Denmark.

From POLAND:

- 46. July. 144 Polish citizens on board the "MAZOWZE" paid a 3-day visit to Denmark. During the visit, arranged by the Polish Tourist Agency "ORBIS", a member of the party asked for - and was subsequently granted - political asylum in Denmark.

B. DANISH VISITS TO THE SOVIET BLOC

CULTURAL

To USSR:

1. July. 3 medical students invited to attend international medical seminar in Moscow for 3 weeks.
2. July. 6 workers from food-factories invited by the trade union of Soviet food-workers to make a 3 week tour of the USSR.
3. August. Delegation of 5 from "Dansk Arbejdsmandsforbund" ("Danish Federation of Unskilled Labourers") paid a visit to the USSR.
4. August/September. Delegation of 5 women from "Kvindelig Arbejder Forbund" ("Federation of Women Workers") on a 2 week visit to the USSR.
5. September. A delegation of 14 members of the Danish Students' Association invited to make a 3 week tour of the USSR to study university life.
6. September. Danish participation in a chess tournament in Moscow.
7. September. 2 Danish Representatives attended a conference held by the International Co-operative Alliance in Moscow.
8. September. 2 reporters from the Danish State Radio on a 3 week visit to make recordings for broadcasts in Denmark on daily life in the USSR.
9. October. Fellowships offered for two Danish undergraduates to study in Moscow during the academic year 1956-57. (The fellowships, as yet unaccepted, include a tax-free monthly allowance of 780 Roubles, living-in and free medical attention) (cfr. A.8 above).

To EASTERN GERMANY:

10. October. 29 school teachers invited to make one week visit to East-German schools.

To POLAND:

11. October. 9 school teachers invited to visit Polish schools during a two week tour to reciprocate a previous Polish visit to Denmark.

To COMMUNIST CHINA:

12. June/July. A delegation of 10 youth leaders invited to China on a four week study tour.

TECHNICAL

To USSR:

13. August. Professor Aage Bohr, nuclear physicist, made a 3 week visit to atomic research establishments and gave lectures.

SPORTING EVENTS

To CZECHOSLOVAKIA:

14. July. A Danish handball team played international match at Tiplitz.

To EASTERN GERMANY:

15. July. A Danish handball team played international match in Dresden.

To HUNGARY:

16. August. 3 athletes participated in an athletic tournament in Budapest.

To POLAND:

17. September. 6 cyclists participated in the All-Poland Bicycle Race.

TOURIST TRAVEL

To USSR:

18. July. 10 Danish students on two week visit to the Leningrad-Moscow area.
19. August. 3 tourists on two week visit.