

Poland Has Own Road, Gomulka Emphasizes

WARSAW, May 15.—Premier Wladyslaw Gomulka declared today that Soviet-style Communism is not necessarily desirable or acceptable to other countries, even with the excesses of Stalinism eliminated.

Gomulka spoke to the first full convention of the Polish Communist Party central committee since he returned to leadership.

He said the "cult of the individual" — Stalinism — "caused many wrongs and distortions, but in spite of all this it is not this cult that is the characteristic feature of the Russian road to socialism."

Gomulka spoke to 124 members and vice-members of the party central committee and 22 members of the constitutional revision committee, meeting in the ninth plenum of the Polish Communist Party.

It is the first such conference since the eighth plenum restored Gomulka to power as first secretary of the Party last Oct. 19.

"It is possible," Gomulka said in his speech, "to ask a simple question: If the Soviet Union, on its road to socialism . . . had avoided the disease (of Stalinism) would then the Russian road to socialism have been acceptable to all other countries in the world?"

"And, what is more important, would it have been necessary for them?"

"Probably not," he said in answer to his first question, and "certainly not," in reply to the second.

Gomulka said other countries do not need to follow Russia's lead because some of them are starting out "on a stronger productive base than pre-revolution Russia had.

"The concrete road to socialism is determined by the concrete general historical conditions," he emphasized.

"The victory of socialism in the Soviet Union and the transition of other countries to Socialist construction have created a historically new situation in which the road to socialism in different countries can take other forms than those of the road to socialism in the Soviet Union in a different historical situation."



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WHAT A COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—During the course of the hearings on H.B. 702, a member of the Committee on Industry and Labor took the floor and "explained" the composition of the committee. He gave the occupation of each member. Here is the list.

- Thirteen lawyers
- Seven real estate and insurance men
- Four farmers
- Two publishers
- Two legislators
- One machinist
- One auto dealer
- One oil man
- One bus driver
- One bailiff
- One superintendent of highways
- One public relations man
- One footwear merchant
- One housewife.