

Poles, Bulgarians Debate Democracy

Polish Communists have declared that democratization is the essence of the fight against the "cult of the individual", in a reply to Bulgarian Communists who charged that the slogan of democratization is a bourgeois weapon.

The Warsaw newspaper *Zycie Warszawy* commented Saturday on accusations in the Bulgarian Party organ *Rabotnitchesko Delo*. The Bulgarian paper was quoted as saying:

"After the 20th Congress of the Soviet Union's Communist Party, Communist and workers' parties began to correct the detrimental consequences of the cult of the individual in their countries.

"The enemies of socialism tried to utilize this situation by resorting to the demagogic slogan of the so-called 'democratization' of the So-

cialist system. The slogan of 'democratization' is today one of the most important ideological weapons of the bourgeoisie in its struggle against socialism."

The Warsaw newspaper replied: "If the struggle against the consequences of the cult of individual is not to be a struggle for the consolidation and deepening of the principles of democracy and socialism and therefore a struggle for democratization, what ultimately is the struggle against the cult of the individual? Does it not appear as an empty cliche and a meaningless phrase?"
