

Polish Gov't Pledges Ban on Secret Police in Politics

WARSAW.—Secret police will never again interfere with "political discussion," the Polish Minister of Internal Affairs pledged here. "We have abandoned forever" the methods which made the police force a "state within a state," Wladyslaw Wicha announced in an interview with P.A.P., the Polish news agency.

Several thousand members of the security police have been transferred to other work and the department's investigation department was disbanded, its work to be handled in the future by the prosecutor's staff.

These changes began last month, when the Sejm (Parliament) placed all security bureaus under the Minister of Interior, in a law limiting their activity solely to cases of espionage and terrorist activity.

Polish citizens can now "feel free," Wicha said, and "not have

to be afraid when somebody knocks at the door at night."

At the same time, Wladyslaw Gomulka, first secretary of the Communist Party, told a political rally here that the new freedoms must not be abused because of the "internal and external class relations with which we are surrounded."

The time will come, he said, "when socialism will put no limits to the free activity of every man."

Meanwhile, he said, any threats to socialism would have to be met by "the application of the means of protecting our system and of the peoples' authority." He remind-

ed those who speak only of free speech, "You can have extensive freedom and democracy and at the same time live under the bridge and be hungry."

Polish writers who supported the movement to restore Gomulka to leadership have asked for the abolition of censorship. In a reply, the party's Central Committee said there are "forces of reaction, conservatism and anarchy" that are "fencing with slogans of freedom and democracy not to establish it but to destroy it."

They told the writers, "This raw, difficult truth should be boldly faced."