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EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY AND THE SOVIET BLOC

Danish Reply to the Questionnaire

Question 1

With regard to East-West exchanges the Danish Government feels that intensified exchanges between the Soviet Bloc - principally Poland and Czechoslovakia - and the Atlantic Community, if well planned and kept within reasonable limits, might lead to beneficial results as regards dissemination of knowledge, in the East, of conditions in the Western world. (1)

It would be preferable if Western initiatives in this matter emanate mainly from interested individuals or private organisations whose activities and tendencies are favourably known to the authorities.

Question 2

No.

Question 3

Yes. The arrangements made depend upon the type of exchange.

Question 4

None.

Question 6

- (a) In connection with the arrangement mentioned under 7(a)(iii) below, the Soviet Ministry of Agriculture stated that "it would be prepared to consider the question of receiving agricultural delegations from Denmark on a reciprocal basis".

Question 7

- (a) The following official exchanges have been made since June 1957.

(1) AC/52-D/224/2, paragraph 1, second sub-paragraph.

From the USSR:

- (i) October 1957. Two Soviet citizens arrived in Denmark for studies at The Institute of Theoretical Physics. Their stay is expected to extend over a period of about 12 months.
- (ii) October 1957. A Soviet delegation of nine members studied Danish building activities and housing conditions for about one week.
- (iii) November-December 1957. A Soviet agricultural delegation of four members made a four weeks' study tour to Denmark.

To the USSR:

- (iv) June 1957. At the invitation of the Academy of Science in Moscow a Danish scientist paid a two weeks' visit to give lectures (deep sea research).

From Rumania:

- (v) August 1957. A Rumanian agricultural delegation of six members, including Mr. Schiopu, Rumanian Deputy Minister of Agriculture, paid a two weeks' visit to Denmark.
- (b) The following semi-official exchanges have been made since June 1957:

From the USSR:

- (i) November-December 1957. A Soviet delegation of five members made a three weeks' visit to study the manufacture and application in Denmark of automatic telephones.

From Bulgaria:

- (ii) September 1957. Two Bulgarian citizens made a three days' visit to the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural High School of Denmark.

From East Germany:

- (iii) In January 1958 three East German students were granted visas to enter Denmark for one week's studies.

From Poland:

- (iv) September 1957. Five Polish geographers made a one week's tour of Denmark. The Polish geographers, whose visit was sponsored by the International Students' Union in Denmark, reciprocated a visit to Poland in July 1954 by four Danish geographers.

The above list should not be considered exhaustive.

question 8

The information gained from the few exchanges made so far is insufficient to permit of any evaluation.

Question 9

Yes. As in the past, such information will be made available to the Committee on Information and Cultural Relations.

question 10

The Danish Government has no objection to this proposal.

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