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EXCHANGES WITH THE COMMUNIST BLOC, JANUARY - JUNE, 1956

Note by the Belgian Delegation

CULTURAL RELATIONS

Bulgaria

May: Participation in the Queen Elizabeth of Belgium International Music Contest: two competitors.
Private showings of the Belgian film "Un siècle d'or".

China

May: A delegation of university professors visited China. The University of Louvain refused to participate.

Hungary

May: Queen Elizabeth of Belgium International Music Contest: four competitors.

Poland

February: Adam Harasiowicz recital
May: Queen Elizabeth of Belgium International Music Contest: one competitor.

Rumania

April: A delegation of Rumanian musicians attended a performance of G. Enescu's opera "Oedipus" at the Théâtre de la Monnaie and was received at the Ministry of Education.

Czechoslovakia

March: Visit of a Czech delegation which contacted writers, painters and sculptors.
April: Mr. Doneux, chief conductor of the INR, directed the Slovak Philharmonic Orchestra at Bratislava.

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Mr. Grumiaux took part in the "Spring in Prague" musical festival.

May: Queen Elizabeth of Belgium International Music Contest: one competitor and one observer.

The "Sluk" company visited Brussels and the provinces.

USSR

February: Soviet book exhibition at the Palais des Beaux-Arts.

March: The Moscow Circus visited Brussels and Antwerp.

Philharmonic concert with the violinist David Oistrakh.

April: Soviet film festival in Brussels.

May: Queen Elizabeth of Belgium International Music Contest: three competitors and a member of the jury. Mr. Guilels, member of the jury is to give recitals in Brussels (Queen Elizabeth Fund) and Ostend (Ostend Festival).

Yugoslavia

January: The Lado Folk dancing Company visited Brussels and the provinces.

February: The Radio Zagreb chamber music orchestra visited Brussels.

SPORTING EVENTS

Poland

The Ruch Chozow team took part in the Easter matches organized by the Bruges Football Club.

The Ecole Polytechnic basket-ball team took part in the international matches organized by the Liège S.C.

A Belgian team took part in the "Peace" Warsaw-Brussels-Prague bicycle race held during May.

Czechoslovakia

The Prague U.D.A. team took part in the Easter international football matches organized by the Antwerp Intente.

Hungary

The Belgian Juniors team took part in the International Young People's matches organized in Hungary early in April.

On June 3rd next, the international football match Belgium-Hungary will be played in Brussels.

Rumania

On 1st, 2nd and 3rd April the Charleroi S.C. team went to play in Bucharest.

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