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Poznan Trial

Text of telegrams exchanged between the President
of the Assembly and the Polish Prime Minister.

1. Telegram addressed by M. Dehousse to M. Cyrankiewicz,
Polish Prime Minister, on 7th September, 1956.

Sir European public opinion attaches great importance to the trial due to begin shortly in your country of those allegedly responsible for the Poznan riots. I have the honour to request you to give admittance at the trial to a small delegation of observers of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe accompanied by an interpreter. This delegation would consist of members chosen by the Bureau of the Assembly for their objective approach. This message is sent to you on behalf of the Bureau at present meeting in Paris. Please accept Sir the assurances of my highest consideration. Fernand Dehousse, President of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe.

2. Second telegram from M. Dehousse to M. Cyrankiewicz, 18th September, 1956.

Sir I feel it my duty to draw your attention to the telegram which I addressed to you on 7th September from Paris on behalf of the Bureau of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe. It seems to me in accordance with normal practice that the telegram should receive a reply. I thank you in advance I beg you to accept Sir the assurances of my highest consideration. Fernand Dehousse, President of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe.

3. Reply from M. Cyrankiewicz to M. Dehousse, 20th September, 1956.

Acknowledge receipt of your telegram of 7th September, 1956, to M. Cyrankiewicz, Prime Minister of Poland. Regret we cannot comply with your request to admit a delegation of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe at Poznan trial. This trial as M. Cyrankiewicz stated in his latest speech to the Diet will be held in public in accordance with Polish legal procedure but it cannot have the character of an international spectacle which would be prejudicial to the dignity of our courts and would cast doubt on their impartiality and competence. I beg you to accept Sir the assurance of my highest consideration. Mrugalski, Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister.

4. Telegram from M. Dehousse to M. Cyrankiewicz, 22nd September, 1956.

Sir On 20th September your Principal Private Secretary replied to my telegrams of 7th and 18th September. I can do no more than take formal note of your refusal to admit to the Poznan trial a delegation of the Consultative Assembly of the Council

of Europe I must nevertheless view with the utmost reserve your likening the presence of impartial observers at a trial which is of interest to all mankind to an international spectacle Please accept Sir the assurances of my highest consideration Fernand Dehousse, President of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe.