

## THE SOVIET-POLISH PACT

THE SOVIET-POLISH pact signed in Moscow shows that real friendship can be established between peoples who have often in past centuries been bitter foes.

During the October events in Poland we pointed out that Soviet-Polish friendship was vital for protection of Poland against threats of a revived German militarism. But we said that only an alliance which is voluntary and based on absolute equality can be effective. The new Soviet-Polish alliance reaffirms the socialist principle of national equality.

Soviet troops, under the new treaty, remain on Polish soil only as long as U. S. troops remain in West Germany and there is a threat of revived German militarism. No one can deny, for example, that the West German government is anxious to take Poland's Western territories.

The massive economic assistance which the Soviet Union has offered to Poland is another example of the true type of socialist relationship among nations.

The Polish Communists have demonstrated that their stand against the evils of Stalinist repression and inequality among nations contributed to secure friendship for the Soviet Union. And an alliance built on such genuine friendship and mutual interest will serve the cause of world peace and not only the interests of the two nations involved.

It is fitting and proper for the American people to ask Washington why it continues to support German militarization. The withdrawal of all foreign troops from foreign soil is of concern not only to the Soviet Union and Poland but of people everywhere.