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The effects of the policy of industrializing the country started to become ever more notable at the beginning of the sixties. Traditional branches of industry were being developed and new ones were established. Poland had at that time an industrial potential and interesting technologies and products which could be shown to the world. A further development of the country was possible only through an increase of imports which in turn was dependent on the volume of exports. The sale of our products and services required advertising, hence Poland's participation in international fairs and exhibitions of which technical publications became an indispensable supplement. It was then that our magazine was born as a periodical which would convey in an objective way, independent of the influence of foreign trade, all information on the development of Polish know-how, on starting production of ever more sophisticated and better products, and on technical services. The magazine started to be published by the Technical Organization Enter-

prise affiliating all the scientific-technical associations in this country. Several of the members of our present staff were among the founders of Polish Technical Review.

Like our country we had our ups and downs. We have been propagating the achievements of both narrow groups of specialists and of entire branches of industry. In the period of its greatest prosperity Polish Technical Review was a monthly edition. At that time, we also published, under separate cover, a bulletin about Polish technological subjects intended for the technical press. This bulletin has now become part of PTR (Press news). We very much hope that the progressing economic development will make it possible to increase the frequency of publishing our magazine. Our optimism is, among other things, substantiated by that our present Publishers (NOT-SIGMA) have started to build their own printing house. Besides, the economic reform which has given more autonomy to the various enterprises, has also provided us with more possibilities of development while the Polish industry and research centres are supplying us with many subjects which could be discussed in our review.

For twenty years now we have been following the developments of Polish industry and technology. This is a good opportunity for making a short review of our publications: