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ECONOMISTS CONFER ON FRANCHISING SYSTEM PROBLEMS

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[Article by Janusz Turakiewicz: "The Polish Economic Society on Agents"]

[Text] Speaking out against announced requisitions, the Zielona Gora provincial chapter of the Polish Economic Society developed in 1984 a program for a training conference on franchises in socialized businesses and services. The latest conference devoted to this problem was held in April of this year in Jelenia Gora. Reports were made to this meeting by S. Knocinski ("The Legal Character Of Franchises And Contracted Work", "Legal Relations Between The Franchisee, Cooperating Persons and Employees", "The Franchisee's Responsibility For Property Entrusted To Him"), J. Turakiewicz ("General Considerations Of Franchise Contracts In Business and Services Between Franchises Holding Leases Issued By Public Sector Businesses [JGU] And Persons Cooperating With Franchisees"), E. Sciana ("Principles Of Keeping Tax And Business Records", "Tax On The Sale Of Moveable Objects Of Foreign Origin"), J. Cichosz (Social Security Benefits For Illness And Pregnancy Available To JGU Agents, Persons Cooperating With Them As Well As Their Employees"), J. Calek ("Social Security Benefits Of JGU Agents And Persons Working With them") and R. Jaholkowski ("Property And Personal Insurance Of The State Insurance Bureau In Franchise Activities").

The subjects provoked lively discussion both during the plenary sessions and during the team consultations. It was pointed out that the determination of the basic principles for the conclusion of agent contracts in a single legal document published in the government's public organ is considerable progress in comparison with the previous situation in which these problems were regulated by many laws, not all of which were always known to the public. However, unclear definitions and formulations that are not easy to interpret do continue to exist. Of particular interest in this case were examples of specific tax calculations.

The conference organizers gave participants a transcript of the proceedings ("Agent Contracts In Socialized Commerce And Services", Zielona Gora, 1985, second edition) which contained most of the reports that were read there as well as some post-conference materials. Persons interested in the subject can receive these materials by mail.

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