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POLAND:

1. ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN NO MAJOR EVENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK, THE AUTHORITIES CONTINUE TO GIVE VARIOUS SIGNS OF THEIR MAIN PREOCCUPATIONS.

2. PROPAGANDA IN THE PRESS HAS CONCENTRATED ON JOURNALISM AND YOUTH. THERE HAS BEEN A WELL-ORCHESTRATED CAMPAIGN BY JOURNALISTS WHO HAVE WRITTEN TO JARUZELSKI AND OLSZOWSKI ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE SOCIETY OF POLISH JOURNALISTS (SDP), WHOSE ACTIVITY WAS SUSPENDED AT THE START OF MARTIAL LAW. THEIR THEME IS THAT THE SDP IN ITS PREVIOUS FORM WAS USED AS A VEHICLE FOR ANTI-PARTY AND ANTI-STATE ACTIVITY. IT SHOULD EITHER BE RECONSTITUTED IN A NEW FORM OR BE DISBANDED AND REPLACED BY A NEW ORGANISATION. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT A NEW JOURNALISTS' ORGANISATION WILL SOON BE FORMED WHICH WILL ALLOW THE PARTY HIERARCHY TO KEEP A BETTER GRIP ON JOURNALISTS. A FEW MORE JOURNALS, MAINLY SPORTING AND TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS HAVE BEEN PERMITTED TO REAPPEAR.

4. CONTINUING PROPAGANDA ABOUT EDUCATION PROBABLY REFLECTS THE ANXIETY IN THE PARTY ABOUT INTELLECTUALS AND THE YOUNGER GENERATION. RAKOWSKI'S SPEECH AT THE WEEKEND HAS BEEN ECHOED IN PRESS COMMENT ABOUT THE ROLE OF TEACHERS IN THE POLISH CRISIS, CONTRASTING THOSE WHO ARE FAITHFUL TO THE PARTY AND THOSE WHO TRY TO LEAD POLISH YOUTH AWAY FROM THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW PATH OF COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY.

4. AN ARTICLE IN TODAY'S ZYCIE WARSZAWY DESCRIBES THE GROWING DIFFICULTIES OF FINDING WORK IN SOME PARTS OF POLAND. GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT IS SINGLED OUT AS A PARTICULAR PROBLEM. THIS IS THE FIRST MENTION WE RECALL OF THE EXISTENCE OF UNEMPLOYMENT ( AS DISTINCT FROM OVERMANNING) ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN WARNINGS FOR SOME TIME THAT IT WOULD BECOME A PROBLEM. SHORTAGES OF ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS ARE SAID TO BE THE CAUSE.

5. THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE BANK HANDLOWY HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THAT POLAND HAS NOW COMPLETED PAYMENTS TO WESTERN BANKS OF THE INTEREST DUE ON HER 1981 DEBTS. THIS OPENS THE WAY FOR SIGNATURE OF THE 1981 RESCHEDULING AGREEMENT AND FOR DISCUSSIONS ON AN AGREEMENT FOR 1982.

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6. WALESA'S DAUGHTER IS TO BE CHRISTENED IN GDANSK ON SUNDAY 21 MARCH. THE AUTHORITIES WILL THUS HAVE TO DECIDE QUICKLY WHETHER TO PERMIT HIM TO ATTEND. INTERPRESS HAVE GIVEN WESTERN JOURNALISTS THE ARCANE INFORMATION THAT WALESA WAS ABSENT FROM THE CHRISTENING OF TWO PREVIOUS CHILDREN. THE AUTHORITIES MAY BE PREPARING A JUSTIFICATION FOR REFUSING TO ALLOW HIM TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY.

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