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POLAND: THE COALITION EMERGES.

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- (Poland)
- A. (U) PRESIDENT JARUZELSKI FORMALLY ACCEPTED CZESLAW KISZCZAK'S RESIGNATION ON 19 AUG AFTER KISZCZAK FAILED TO SUCCESSFULLY FORM A COMMUNIST-LED COALITION GOVERNMENT. KISZCZAK, FIGHTING NATIONWIDE STRIKES, SOARING INFLATION AND DIRECT OPPOSITION BY LECH WALESZA, TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION ON 18 AUG. JARUZELSKI REVIEWED THE CANDIDATES PRESENTED BY THE LEADERS OF THE SOLIDARITY PARTY AND CONSULTED WITH THE POLISH CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE POLITBURO OF THE POLISH UNITED WORKER'S PARTY. AFTER INTENSE DELIBERATION, JARUZELSKI OFFERED THADEUZ MAZOWIECKI THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE POLISH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. WHEN MAZOWIECKI OFFICIALLY TAKES OFFICE, HE WILL BECOME THE FIRST NON-COMMUNIST PREMIER IN EASTERN EUROPE IN MORE THAN FORTY YEARS.
- B. (C/REL NATO) MAZOWIECKI (62), WALESZA'S DESIGNATED CHOICE AS PREMIER, HAS PLAYED A LESS PROMINENT ROLE IN SOLIDARITY THAN OTHER ACTIVISTS, MAKING HIS SELECTION A SURPRISE TO MOST. WHILE SOLIDARITY MEMBERS HAD CANDIDATES IN MIND FOR THE OPENING POST, MAZOWIECKI WASN'T ONE OF THEM. WALESZA'S CHOICE MAY HAVE BEEN SWAYED BY MANY FACTORS. FIRST, MAZOWIECKI HELPED FOUND THE LIBERAL CATHOLIC MONTHLY WIEZ IN AUGUST 1957, BECAME ITS EDITOR AND CHIEF, AND IS HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. SECOND, MAZOWIECKI HAS LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE, SERVING AS A SEJM DEPUTY FROM 1961-1968. THIRD, IN AUG 80, A GROUP OF PROMINENT INTELLECTUALS URGED THE AUTHORITIES TO COMPROMISE WITH THE WORKERS. AS A CHAMPION OF THIS CAUSE, MAZOWIECKI WENT TO THE LENIN SHIPYARDS TO SUPPORT THE STRIKERS. WALESZA URGED HIM TO STAY, STRESSING THAT WORKERS NEEDED INTELLECTUALS TO HELP THEM. MAZOWIECKI ACCEPTED AND BECAME ONE OF WALESZA'S CLOSEST ADVISORS.
- C. (C/REL NATO) THE NEW SOLIDARITY GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO MAKE MANY UNPOPULAR DECISIONS AND DISAPPOINT MANY PUBLIC HOPES IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE PRESENT POOR ECONOMIC SITUATION. APPARENTLY, MAZOWIECKI IS AWARE OF HIS PERILOUS POSITION, BUT HAS RESIGNED HIMSELF TO DO WHAT HE MUST FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY.
- D. (C/REL NATO) THE MARSHAL OF THE SEJM, MIKOLAJ KOZAKIEWICZ, HAS OFFERED PROSPECTS FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE NEW COALITION. KOZAKIEWICZ

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HAS FOUND IT UNSETTLING THAT MEMBERS OF THE SOLIDARITY PARTY HAVE NOT ACCEPTED THE REALITY OF POLAND'S GEOPOLITICAL SITUATION. ADDITIONALLY, THE MARSHAL INDICATED THAT POLAND HAS REACHED THE LIMIT OF WHAT IS POSSIBLE AND HOPED ESCALATION AND ACCELERATION OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REFORM WOULD STOP. KOZAKIEWICZ ALSO INDICATED A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS WITHOUT STRIKES IS ESSENTIAL TO STABILIZE, AND PROGRESS FROM, THE ALARMING ECONOMIC SITUATION FACING POLAND. THE SAFETY OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO POLAND, VLADIMIR BROMIKOV, RESTS ON THREE MAIN ISSUES. FIRST, GENERAL SECRETARY GORBACHEV MUST REMAIN IN POWER TO ENSURE SOVIET NONINTERVENTION. SECOND, THE NEW GOVERNMENT MUST DO NOTHING WHICH THREATENS THE WARSAW PACT. THIRD, THE COALITION GOVERNMENT MUST REFRAIN FROM INTERNATIONAL STATEMENTS HOSTILE TO THE SOVIET UNION. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO INDICATED THAT ECONOMIC PROGRESS MUST BE REALIZED QUICKLY TO ENCOURAGE REFORMERS ELSEWHERE IN THE PACT--PRESUMABLY IN THE SOVIET UNION, SPECIFICALLY.

E. (C/REL NATO) MAZOWIECKI HAS SEVERAL WEEKS TO ASSEMBLE A CABINET AND DEVISE WORKING PROCEDURES FOR THE NEW GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, FACING A FALTERING ECONOMY, WORKER UNREST AND A SKEPTICAL PARTY, HIS OPTIONS AND SUPPORT ARE LIMITED. THE POLISH PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ASKED BEFORE FOR INCREASED AUSTERITY TO TURN AROUND THE ECONOMY IN RETURN FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE. POPULAR SUPPORT MAY BE GRANTED DUE TO THE INSTALLATION OF A NON-COMMUNIST LEADER, BUT IF EXPECTATIONS OF A BETTER LIFE ARE NOT REALIZED QUICKLY, SUPPORT FOR THE NEW GOVERNMENT MAY BE SHORT-LIVED.

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