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USSR:SOVIET REACTIONS ON THE POLISH DEVELOPMENT.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE POLISH COMMUNIST PARTY (PZPR) STATED YESTERDAY THAT SECRETARY-GENERAL GORBACHEV ON 22. AUGUST HAD A MORE THAN FORTY MINUTES LONG CONVERSATION OVER THE TELEPHONE WITH 1. SECRETARY RAKOWSKI, LEADER OF THE PZPR. THE TWO PARTY LEADERS INDICATED THAT THE POLISH PROBLEMS CANNOT BE SOLVED WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE POLISH COMMUNIST PARTY. ON 20. AUGUST THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER, IZVESTIYA PUBLISHED A CORRESPONDENT REPORT FROM WARSAW ABOUT THE POLISH PRIME MINISTER, TADEUSZ MAZOWIECKI. IZVESTIYA CAREFULLY EXAMINED MAZOWIECKI'S CARRIER, INCLUDING THE DETENTION IN 1981-82 ATTACHING GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE CONSTRUCTIVE PART MAZOWIECKI HAD PLAYED DURING THE LATEST ROUND TABLE NEGOTIATIONS.

IZVESTIYA STATED THAT MAZOWIECKI HAD OPPOSED THE POWER MONOPOLY PERSONIFIED BY THE NOMENCLATURE OF THE LEADING PARTY. BECAUSE OF THE ELECTION RESULTS THE OPPOSITION HAS SECURED A CLEAR MAJORITY BOTH IN THE SENATE AND THE SEJM. THIS WAS THE REASON WHY THE GOVERNMENT TODAY WAS HEADED BY A PERSON NOT REGISTERED IN THE NOMENCLATURE. THE PARTY, WHICH IS TO HAVE THE MINISTER POSTS OF DEFENCE AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND QUOTE PERHAPS ALSO THE FOREIGN MINISTER POST UNQUOTE, HAS CEASED BEING THE LEADING PARTY, AND IT NOW HAS TO ELABORATE A NEW PROGRAMME AND TO BE REORGANIZED BECAUSE OF ITS NEW QUOTE OPPOSITION UNQUOTE ROLE, IZVESTIYA STATED.

COMMENT:

THE PUBLICATION OF THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION INDICATES HOW CLOSELY MOSCOW FOLLOWS THE POLISH DEVELOPMENT. IT IS NOT CLEAR BY WHOM THE INITIATIVE TO THE CONSERVATION WAS TAKEN, IN THE ACTUAL CASE IT IS, HOWEVER, IN THE INTEREST OF THE POLISH COMMUNIST PARTY TO PUBLISH THE VIEW OF MOSCOW AS TO THE GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHMENT IN ORDER TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF ITS DEMANDS FOR MINISTER POSTS.

THE IZVESTIYA ARTICLE IS NOT NEUTRAL, BUT RATHER OBLIGING TO THE NEW PRIME MINISTER, WHILE THE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE POLISH COMMUNIST PARTY IS ALMOST SCORNFUL. IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT THE ARTICLE HAS BEEN PUBLISHED WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP. IN THE PRESENT SITUATION MOSCOW SEEMS TO SIGNAL THAT;

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A) THE POLISH EVENTS ARE ACCEPTED AND AT PRESENT A DIRECT INTERVENTION IS THEREFORE OUT OF THE QUESTION;  
B) A DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN TAKEN AND THE SITUATION IS STILL TO BE CONTEMPLATED.

IN ANY CASE, THE ATTITUDE OF MOSCOW SEEMS TO BE OBLIGING - ESPECIALLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE IZVESTIYA ARTICLE - AND IT IS MARKED BY THE WISH THAT A REAL CONSENSUS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE AND LEADERSHIP SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN POLAND. MOSCOW ASSESSES SUCH A PROCESS TO BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE INSISTENCE ON THE HITHERTO POWER MONOPOLY OF THE PZPR.

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