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BYDGOSZCZ

1. ALTHOUGH NO COMMUNIQUE IS YET AVAILABLE, IT APPEARS THAT AT THIS MORNING'S MEETING OF THE SOLIDARITY NATIONAL COMMISSION, WALESA WAS OVERRULED AND ONCE AGAIN WALKED OUT. THE COMMISSION THEN DECIDED ON A 4 HOUR WARNING STRIKE ON FRIDAY AND A GENERAL STRIKE ALL DAY ON MONDAY.

2. IF THE LONG AND DETAILED ACCOUNT PUBLISHED BY THE BYDGOSZCZ AUTHORITIES ON 23 MARCH IS TRUE, THERE WAS A CLEAR ATTEMPT BY SOLIDARITY, AFTER EARLIER DISPUTES ABOUT RIVAL GROUPS OF AGRICULTURAL CIRCLES, TO INTIMIDATE THE MEETING OF THE VOIVODSHIP COUNCIL ON 19 MARCH BY BRINGING IN SUPPORTERS FROM INDUSTRIAL PLANTS IN THE AREA. ACCORDING TO THIS ACCOUNT 1500 PEOPLE WERE

MEETING OF THE VOIVODSHIP COUNCIL ON 19 MARCH BY
BRINGING IN SUPPORTERS FROM INDUSTRIAL PLANTS IN THE AREA,
ACCORDING TO THIS ACCOUNT, 1500 PEOPLE WERE
MILLING OUTSIDE THE BUILDING, SOME OF WHOM WERE ATTEMPTING
TO FORCE THEIR WAY IN WHEN THE VICE-VOIVOD CALLED IN THE POLICE
FOR PROTECTION. IN CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, HOWEVER,
IT IS LESS WHAT HAPPENED THAN WHAT PEOPLE BELIEVE
HAPPENED WHICH COUNTS, AND THERE IS MUCH TALK OF
GESTAPO TACTICS BY THE POLICE.

3. WHILE THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES PROBABLY EXPECTED TROUBLE
AND THEREFORE ALERTED THE POLICE, EARLIER IN THE WEEK
I THINK IT MOST UNLIKELY THAT THERE WAS ANY PLOT
ON THE OFFICIAL SIDE TO PROVOKE AN INCIDENT.
CLEARLY THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT WANT ONE AND THE
HARD-LINE PRO-SOVIET CLIQUE WOULD BE SERVING THEIR MASTERS
BADLY IF THEY PRECIPITATED AGONISING DECISIONS ABOUT
INTERVENTION. IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT IN THE UNLOVELY
CITY OF BYDGOSZCZ, AFTER LONG AND BITTER WRANGLES,
TEMPERS BURST ON BOTH SIDES.

4. THE NEXT MOVE IS NOW UP TO THE GOVERNMENT.
I WOULD EXPECT JARUZELSKI TO ACT QUICKLY ON THE FINDINGS
OF THE COMMISSION AND TAKE DISCIPLINARY STEPS AGAINST
INDIVIDUAL POLICEMEN IF THAT IS WHAT IS RECOMMENDED.
I WOULD NOT EXPECT HIM TO PAY FURTHER DANEGELD AND THROW
TO THE WOLVES THE OFFICIALS WHO CALLED IN THE POLICE,
AS SOLIDARITY ARE APPARENTLY DEMANDING, BUT THIS IS OF
COURSE POSSIBLE. THAT WALESA HAS APPARENTLY TWICE BEEN
OUT-VOTED INDICATES THE POWER OF THE EXTREMISTS BUT
THAT HE MUST HAVE SOME SUPPORTERS OFFERS A RAY OF HOPE
FOR THE GOVERNMENT. BUT GIVEN THAT STRIKES HAVE ALWAYS
SO FAR BEEN SUCCESSFUL, THE WILD MEN HAVE A STRONG ARGUMENT
FOR THEIR RECOMMENDED COURSE.

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