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POLAND:

1. THE PRESS ANNOUNCES THE DEPARTURE OF JARUZELSKI AND HIS DELEGATION FOR MOSCOW. JARUZELSKI IS ACCOMPANIED BY MALINOWSKI (DEPUTY PREMIER AND LEADER OF THE PEASANTS PARTY), KOWALCZYK (DEPUTY PREMIER AND LEADER OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY), CZYREK, MESSNER, SIWICKI, WOZNIAK AND OBODOWSKI. THE INCLUSION OF MALINOWSKI AND KOWALCZYK IS A SIGNIFICANT GESTURE IN THE DIRECTION OF ATTEMPTS AT BROADENING THE GOVERNMENT BASE IN POLAND. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS THE FIRST TIME THAT LEADERS OF THE COALITION PARTIES HAVE ACCOMPANIED A PZPR FIRST SECRETARY TO MOSCOW.

2. THE VII PLENUM RESOLUTION, PUBLISHED ON 27 FEBRUARY, ECHOES AND COMPLEMENTS JARUZELSKI'S TWO SPEECHES TO THE MEETING. SPECIFIC POINTS OF INTEREST THAT ARISE ARE :-

(A) A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSULTATIVE COMMISSIONS IN FACTORIES GIVEN THAT THE NORMAL PROCESSES OF WORKERS SELF-GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED BY MARTIAL LAW SEMI COLON

(B) A CALL FOR A SUBSEQUENT PLENUM TO BE DEVOTED TO YOUTH PROBLEMS SEMI COLON

(C) REITERATION OF JARUZELSKI'S CALL FOR AN END TO FACTIONALISM INSIDE THE PARTY SEMI COLON

(D) A CALL FOR AN END TO THE OLD NOMENCLATURE SYSTEM OF APPOINTMENT TO THE STATE BUREAUCRACY.

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3. THE RESOLUTION REINFORCES OUR BELIEF THAT JARUZELSKI OBTAINED MORE OR LESS WHAT HE WANTED FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE WITHOUT EXCESSIVE COST. RAKOWSKI, TALKING TO HELLA PICK OF THE GUARDIAN ON 27 FEBRUARY SAID THAT HE WAS HAPPY WITH ITS OUTCOME. THERE HAD ONLY BEEN ONE BAD MOMENT, WHEN THE MOTION FOR THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO GO INTO SECRET SESSION HAD BEEN PUT FORWARD. RAKOWSKI SAID HE FEARED THAT THIS WOULD HAVE LED TO CALLS FOR A MUCH HARSHER SETTLING OF ACCOUNTS WITH THE FORMER LEADERSHIP. HE WAS THEREFORE PLEASED WHEN THE MOTION WAS HEAVILY DEFEATED. RAKOWSKI ALSO REMARKED THAT HE HAD BEEN SURPRISED THAT NIWAK AND OTHER HARD-LINERS HAD NOT TAKEN THE FLOOR. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT JARUZELSKI AND HIS SUPPORTERS HAD BEEN CONFIDENT THAT THEY WOULD /HAVE

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HAVE SUCCESSFULLY FOUGHT OFF ANY SUCH ATTACK FROM THE EXTREMISTS, ACCORDING TO HIM, THEY COULD OFFER LITTLE IN THE WAY OF REALISTIC SOLUTIONS TO THE COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS THAT JARUZELSKI AND THE WRON WERE NOT ALREADY TRYING TO IMPLEMENT.

4. THE TWO-DAY SESSION OF THE SEJM APPEARS TO HAVE GONE ACCORDING TO PLAN. A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GENERAL CONCEPT OF NATIONAL ACCORD AND THE SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL COMMITTEES OF NATIONAL SALVATION WAS PASSED. THE GOVERNMENT'S RAFT OF ECONOMIC REFORM BILLS WAS SUCCESSFULLY STEERED THROUGH THE LEGISLATION PROCESS. A FIRST READING WAS GIVEN TO BILL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRIBUNAL OF STATE AND A CONSTITUTIONAL TRIBUNAL. TWO MINISTERIAL CHANGES WERE MADE: KNAPIK, MINISTER OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY RETIRED ON GROUNDS OF ILL HEALTH AND WAS REPLACED BY GRZYWA, A COMPETENT BUREAUCRAT WELL-KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY. KRASINSKI, CHAIRMAN OF THE PRICES COMMISSION, WAS CONVERTED INTO A MINISTER OF PRICES. THIS LATTER MOVE WAS MADE AS PART OF THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING THE MACHINERY FOR THE CONDUCT OF ECONOMIC REFORM.

5. AS PREDICTED BY JARUZELSKI IN HIS VII PLENUM SPEECH THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR ANNOUNCED SOME RELAXATIONS IN MARTIAL LAW. THESE APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN DICTATED BY THE NEED TO DEMONSTRATE CONTINUED PROGRESS IN THIS FIELD. WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY, POLES ARE FREE TO TRAVEL INSIDE THE COUNTRY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE BORDER ZONES, WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION. THE CURFEW IS LIFTED FOR TAXI DRIVERS. KISZCZAK ALSO "ENVISAGES" THE RESTORATION OF STD TELREPHONE LINKS AND TF SOME INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS. THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN A HICCOUGH OVER THE TIMING FORESEEN FOR THIS LAST MEASURE. ON THE OTHER HAND, KISZCZAK REITERATED THAT THOSE RESTRICTIONS WHICH RELATE TO THE ESSENCE OF MARTIAL LAW WILL BE MAINTAINED: MILITARY COURTS, SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS, INTERNMENT CENSORSHIP, THE BAN ON STRIKES AND LARGE MEETINGS. THIS IS DUE TO CONTINUED HOSTILE ACTIVITY INSIDE AND OUTSIDE POLAND. INTERNEES ARE STILL BEING RELEASED (THE LATEST FIGURES HE GIVES ARE 4,095 INTERNED AS OF 26 FEBRUARY, WITH 2552 ALREADY RELEASED). KISZCZAK COMPLAINED THAT MANY INTERNEES WERE STILL SHOWING A HOSTILE ATTITUDE. HE REITERATED THAT THE AUTHORITIES WOULD CAUSE NO DIFFICULTIES FOR PEOPLE WHO WISHED TO STAY ABROAD "AS A RESULT OF THEIR PREVIOUS ANTI-STATE POLITICAL ACTIVITY" AND SAID THAT HE HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS ON THE MATTER TO THE PASSPORT AUTHORITIES. HE ALSO PREDICTED AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN A FEW DAYS ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR PEOPLE WISHING TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY FOR TEMPORARY STAYS ABROAD.

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6. THERE IS SOME CONFUSION AS TO WHETHER THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE WAS READ OUT IN FULL IN CHURCHES YESTERDAY AS THE BBC CLAIMS OR WHETHER IT WILL BE NEXT WEEK. THE COMMUNIQUE CALLS FOR THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE END TO THE STATE OF WAR, THE RELEASE OF INTERNEES AND AN AMNESTY FOR ACTS CONNECTED WITH THE STATE OF WAR AND FOR THOSE WHO EMERGE FROM HIDING, AN END TO SACKING FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND THE PARTICIPATION OF THE LEADERSHIP OF SOLIDARITY IN RENEWED TALKS. IT IS A MORE PRECISE LISTING OF THE CHURCH'S AND SOCIETY'S DEMANDS THAN PREVIOUS STATEMENTS BY THE CHURCH. FULL TEXT AND FURTHER COMMENTS BY BAG.

7. THE 1982 TRADE PROTOCOL BETWEEN POLAND AND THE GDR WAS SIGNED ON 28 FEBRUARY. IT ENVISAGES A TOTAL TRADE TURNOVER OF 1.5 BILLION ROUBLES WITH POLISH IMPORTS RUNNING AT 850 MILLION ROUBLES AND POLISH EXPORTS AT 650 MILLION ROUBLES.

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