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POLAND.

1. THE SEJM STARTED ITS TWO-DAY MEETING TODAY WITH A LONG SPEECH ON FOREIGN POLICY FROM CZYREK. HIS MAIN POINTS WERE :-
 - (I) THE INTERNATIONAL TENSION SURROUNDING EVENTS IN POLAND IS NOT CAUSED BY POLAND'S DECISIONS BUT BY US POLICY:
 - (II) THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF POLISH FOREIGN POLICY ARE UNALTERABLE AND ARE BASED ON ALLIANCE WITH THE SOVIET UNION:
 - (III) POLAND WISHES TO EXPAND HER RELATIONS WITH THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES:
 - (IV) POLAND'S ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES ARE DUE TO BAD DECISIONS IN THE PAST. POLAND DOES NOT WANT TO LIVE ON OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY BUT TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE HER POTENTIAL:
 - (V) THE CONDITIONS THAT THE WEST HAS LAID DOWN FOR THE LIFTING OF SANCTIONS ARE INADMISSABLE AND UNREALISTIC. POLAND STANDS READY TO DEVELOP ITS BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH CAPITALIST STATES, ESPECIALLY EUROPEAN ONES. (SPECIAL MENTION WAS MADE OF THE FRG AND FRANCE IN THIS CONTEXT. THE UK WAS MENTIONED IN A LIST OF OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN STATES).
 - (VI) POLAND ATTACHES PARTICULAR WEIGHT TO RELATIONS WITH THE HOLY SEE .POLAND AND THE POPE SEE EYE TO EYE ON MANY ISSUES INCLUDING SANCTIONS.

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(VII) CURRENT US POLICY IS UNACCEPTABLE. BUT POLAND HAS NOT LOST THE HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES, GUIDED BY REALISM, WILL REVISE THEIR POLICY. POLAND WISHES TO DEVELOP RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY, SOVEREIGNTY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN EACH OTHERS INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

2. THE SPEECH WAS Milder IN TONE THAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED. THE PART ASKING THE US TO REVISE ITS POLICIES AND THE SPECIAL PITCHES AT FRANCE AND THE FRG SHOW THAT POLAND HAS NOT LOST ALL HOPE OF CHANGING THE WESTERN POLICY OF SANCTIONS. OTHERWISE THE SPEECH FOLLOWED STANDARD LINES, WITH PREDICTABLE REFERENCES TO THE WARSAW PACT, THE CMEA, ARMS CONTROL ETC. THE UNDERLYING THEME WAS THAT POLAND STILL WISHED TO PLAY A PART IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DESPITE HER CURRENT DIFFICULTIES.

3. THE NEW POLISH JOURNALISTS' ASSOCIATION WAS DULY REGISTERED YESTERDAY. THE PRESS HAS MADE MUCH OF THE EVENT AND HAS BUILT UP THE REPUTATION OF THE NEW CHAIRMAN KRZYZAGORSKI, AN UNKNOWN PROVINCIAL JOURNALIST WITH A REASONABLY MODERATE REPUTATION. MEANWHILE BRATKOWSKI, PRESIDENT OF THE OLD JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION, GAVE A NEWS CONFERENCE TO WESTERN JOURNALISTS TWO DAYS AGO WHICH HAS BEEN ATTACKED SCATHINGLY IN THE PRESS.

4. TODAY'S PRESS ALSO CARRIES AN ACCOUNT OF AN INCIDENT IN WROCLAW YESTERDAY WHERE A YOUNG MAN WAS ARRESTED WHILST ATTEMPTING TO BLOW UP A MONUMENT TO DEAD MILICJA-MEN. THIS IS ONE OF A SERIES OF SUCH INCIDENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN WROCLAW AND WHICH TEND TO CONFIRM EARLIER RUMOURS THAT THERE ARE MEMBERS OF SOLIDARITY THERE WHO WISH TO TURN TO TERRORIST ACTIVITY.

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