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ALBANIA ANALYZES EVENTS IN POLAND

The Albanian newspaper *Zeri i Popullit* on February 13th carried a lengthy and significant editorial analyzing the development of events in Poland. The editorial follows in full:

POLAND CAN BE SAVED ONLY BY ITS WORKING CLASS

The situation in Poland continues to become more complicated and is going from bad to worse. As a result of the uninterrupted strikes, the economy has been destroyed and is on the edge of the precipice. Social life is decaying from day to day. Confusion, anarchy and disintegration prevail everywhere. Under the pressure and threats of *Solidarity,* the Polish party and government have been forced to make concessions after concessions and to cede a great deal from their positions.

SOLIDARITY IS A REACTIONARY MOVEMENT

All the measures taken and compromises made not only have not led to the stabilization of the situation, but have worsened it still more. *Solidarity* is the one which makes the law in the country. The aim it has set for itself is becoming ever more evident—to gradually seize the state power, to extricate Poland from the Warsaw Treaty and push it towards the West. All its actions have been governed by this strategy. *Solidarity,* which poses as a workers trade union, is an out-and-out reactionary movement.

THE VATICAN SUPPORTS *SOLIDARITY*

The Polish Catholic church and the Vatican, which guide and lead it, stand behind it. But besides these, which are represented by the clan of Lech Walesa, there take part in the leadership of this organization the *Club of Catholic Intelligentsia,* the *KOR,* which is a group of representatives of internal reaction and the external capitalist reactionaries of the world, the *Nationalist Party,* the *Confederation of Independent Poland,* and some other groupings of this kind.

It is precisely these various reactionary political forces and currents which at present maintain the Polish working class under their claws and which manipulate it for their own political aims.

THE POLISH PARTY IS ANTI-MARXIST

For the time being these currents are united and in alliance with one another against the Polish United Workers' Party, which is divided into various pro-Soviet and anti-Soviet, nationalist and chauvinist, reformist and clerical factions and groups. This is a completely anti-Marxist and counter-revolutionary party. The policy and ideology it has pursued have discredited it in the eyes of the masses and have made it incapable of exercising its influence and imposing its will. What is predominant today in the life of the Polish people is the almighty Catholic church, with its spiritual and ideological power. In a camouflaged way and relying on the new *pans* who are in power in Poland, the Vatican determines not only spiritual, but also temporal questions. Now resorting to *Solidarity,* the Catholic church strives to fully seize in its hands also the management of the state.

The tactics pursued by the Polish church, the Vatican and Western Europe is to run with the hare and hunt with the hounds. They preach: take a step and consolidate the positions achieved, take another step and avoid Soviet interference, use the *21 points* as an economic platform so as to deceive the working class, and transform them into political actions to corrode the foundations of the revisionist system and of the pseudo-communist party. Then, from the city go to the countryside, the *peasant Solidarity,* get together and organize politically the *pans* of the soil, who never allowed any collectivisation, and who remained the fundamental basis of the Polish church and the old chauvinist traditions.

THE *ULTRAS* SUPPORT U.S. POLICY

But within *Solidarity* there are also the *ultras* who want to overthrow the French-German *ost-politik,* in particular the *detente* of the Western European powers with the Soviet Union. The *ultras* stand for the tactics of rapid advance and strong blows even in case they might result in Soviet interference and armed conflict. They follow the U.S. policy, having as its aim the armed conflict within Poland which would lead also to the destruction of the tactics of French-German *ost-politik.* This would be a course which would weaken France and Germany, and would force them into a position of obedience, threatening them with the danger coming from Soviet imperialism.

This is the strategy and these are the tactics of the internal Polish reaction and the international reactionaries. These are the objectives of the counter-revolution in Poland which is taking place in a counter-revolutionary situation and counter-revolutionary state power.

THE POLISH LEADERSHIP IS IN A QUANDARY

The present revisionist state power is in a situation in which it receives blows from all sides and does not know which road to take to save itself. The religious reaction manipulates the working class, to say nothing of the countryside in which it has had strong bases. The party and the state power, which have lost their authority and influence, are forced to make concessions to the church and to accept it as an umpire in the conflict. Practically, they pin their hopes on the mercy of (Archbishop) Wyszynski.

But the Polish revisionist state power must please both "the goat and the cabbage." It has to behave very carefully and listen attentively also to the rigorous demands of the Soviet ally. At the same time it must bear in mind also the requests of the *pans* in power, the men of the administration, of the apparatuses of the party, the economy and the army, who also want to preserve their privileges.

This situation has brought about chaos and disintegration in the ranks of the party and the state power. Now they do not operate as centralized institutions. Their grass-roots listen more to what *Solidarity* and the episcopate say than to the directives coming from the central committee or the orders issued by the government. The revisionist leadership speaks about a "renewal," but it has no program of action at all to extricate the country from the crisis, and it does not know with whom to unite and from whom to separate. The prime-ministers who replace one another bring no change at all. The "renewal" has remained a slogan without content.

THE KREMLIN IS IN GREAT TROUBLE

But it is not only the Polish leadership which is in great trouble. The Kremlin and its allies of the Warsaw Treaty too are in such a situation. To let Poland slide into the Western camp, this means to put the alliance in danger, to put the Soviet hegemony in the Eastern European countries in danger, to put the vital roads of the Soviet army in Europe in danger, to put the present Soviet strategy based on the force of military attack in danger. For Soviet social-imperialism, it is not difficult technically to interfere militarily to establish "order" in Poland. But this would endanger east-west trade relations, it would endanger billions of dollars that the Soviet Union and its satellites have taken and are taking from the United States of America and Western Europe, it would endanger *detente,* it would ruin the French-German *ost-politik* which the Kermlin wants to exploit in its rivalry with U.S. imperialism.

This explains that furious propaganda and "harsh" stands of the