

Reagan 'Losing Poland'

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[Col W. Zielinski commentary: "The President Is Irritated..."]

[Text] President Reagan is getting increasingly impatient and nervous. Of course, this is in connection with the developments in Poland, and not because of the Israeli aggression and war crimes in Lebanon or because of the subsequent murders in El Salvador, since the governments in Israel and El Salvador are in Uncle Sam's hands and pursue his line both in internal and foreign politics, while Poland remains out of the range of Washington's directives, although various loud speakers -- such as Voice of America, RFE, RFJ [as published], BBC and so forth -- are conveying them.

This is why the President is impatient and irritated, and that is harmful not only to his physical health. Evidence of that is Reagan's 13 June statement which may be called a hypocrisy-and-blackmail cocktail with a flavor of rage. Well, you see, half a year ago such experts as Secretary of State Haig, Brzezinski and Rurarz assured him that it was sufficient to declare economic sanctions and the Polish Government would immediately fall to its knees before the golden -- ah, pardon me -- dollar calf, would beg forgiveness and dismantle the state structures.

I understand the wives had already packed suitcases for Rurarz and Brzezinski who were waiting for a sign from the White House to depart to Poland where they were supposed to assemble, instead of the dismantled ones, new structures bearing the "Made in U.S.A." trademark. At the same time, Najder was supposed to settle down in the Committee for Radio and Television along with a group of political and television advisers, the very same who used to take bribes from the former chairman of the Committee for the Press, Radio and Television for their (on the payroll) so-called program consultations.

Meanwhile, nothing has come out of it, and the wives, complaining about their future efforts, unpacked the suitcases of their husbands, would-be installers of structures. Najder was appointed chief of the RFE Polish-language section, just to comfort him and employ him in line with the new trade acquired at various CIA courses during the so-called scholarship trips to the United States.

For this reason the U.S. President's statement, under the circumstances unfavorable for him, proved to be rather colorless and ... "cocktail-like." As I said, hypocrisy was one of the ingredients of that "cocktail," because one can hardly find a better term for the following sentences: "Various sanctions which we proclaimed against the Warsaw government in December are affecting the Polish economy... our hearts are with the courageous Polish people who have suffered so much in recent years... The United States will give the Polish people charity aid..."

In my modest opinion, if those sanctions, as Reagan suggests, go only against the government, then why do they affect the people to such an extent that they need "charity aid?" However, the combination of sanctions with "charity aid" has its deeply concealed sense: influencing the subconsciousness of the receivers of American parcels. The point is to convince some people that "well, I could receive gift parcels even daily if we did not have the bad government reluctant to comply with President Reagan's wishes. And if the Polish Government allowed America to repair our economy, we would enjoy paradise on the earth." And here we have the second ingredient of the cocktail: blackmail with regard to the government -- "If you do not accept our terms, we will set the people against you." Of course, the artist-President occasionally allows himself to use even less subtle tricks, for example stating point blank that the United States would back all antistate forces in Poland, as it used to do in Berlin.