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Anniversary of 1970 riots in Gdansk On 16th December, Polish radio and TV put out only brief reports on the situation in Gdansk that day. They stated that the anniversary of the December 1970 events had been marked by an atmosphere of calm, and normal work. A small group of people had attempted to disrupt the prevailing mood of seriousness but had largely been ignored by the workforces. No mention of Lech Walesa was observed.*

Death sentence on former Polish Ambassador Warsaw radio reported briefly on 17th December that Zdzislaw Rurarz, former Polish Ambassador to Japan (who sought political asylum in the USA in December 1981) had been sentenced to death in absentia for high treason.**

The Vatican and the Czechoslovak "Pacem in Terris" Association 'Rude Pravo' of 17th December, in an article quoted by Prague radio and CTK, said the Vatican had decided to liquidate the "Pacem in Terris" Association. Cardinal Tomasek was taking steps to see that the decree forbidding clergymen to attend any events organized by the Association was fully implemented. This step by the Vatican could not be described as anything other than an attempt at gross interference in the affairs of Czechoslovak citizens. The Czechoslovak authorities could not permit Catholic priests committed in Pacem in Terris to be persecuted for their peace-oriented and patriotic activities.**

Nicolae Ceausescu's speech at National Party Conference In his speech to the National Conference of the RCP, broadcast live by Bucharest radio and reported by Agerpres, Nicolae Ceausescu made a comprehensive survey of Romania's economic and social development, Party ideological questions, and the country's foreign policy. He noted that there had been a 300,000,000 dollar surplus in the 1981 balance of trade and this year the surplus would amount to 1,800 million. The foreign debt would be halved by the end of 1985 and paid off completely within the following two or three years. Speaking of relations with the CMEA, the President referred to "deficiencies and disagreements" which had arisen, resulting in "negative effects and various difficulties" for Romania. He reminded the conference that a summit was being prepared to discuss problems of co-operation with the CMEA.

Romania attached great importance to negotiations between the Soviet Union and the