

Polish Students Battle Police for 2d Day

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WARSAW, March 10 (NYT).— Polish students shouting "Long live Czechoslovakia!" fought the police here yesterday for the second day.

The fighting began when students threw bricks and bottles. The police replied by lobbing tear gas shells. Some students were beaten with truncheons.

The students' shouts apparently alluded to the promises for greater democracy that have been made by the new Czechoslovak leadership since Alexander Dubcek replaced Antonin Novotny as First Secretary on Jan. 5.

Spokesmen for the police and the Polish government said they had "no information" on the number of students that were arrested during the two days of rioting at Warsaw University and the Polytechnic School.

Informed sources said the police arrested Jacek Kuron and Karol Modzelewski on Friday night. They are teaching assistants at Warsaw University who in 1965 were imprisoned for having distributed pamphlets that criticized the lack of democracy for the Communist party here.

Unlike the rioting Friday, which was limited to the Warsaw University campus, the clashes yesterday spilled directly into the streets, which were littered with bricks, broken glass, stones and newspapers.

The rioting, which saw policemen and civilian auxiliaries hunt down students in apartment houses, doorways and on church steps, began yesterday when Polytechnic students marched out of the school grounds after a protest meeting.

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University students met to demand the reinstatement of two students expelled after being arrested last Jan. 31 for demonstrating against the closing of a classic Polish play by Adam Mickiewicz, a 19th-century poet. The play, depicting Polish suffering, contains lines that could be interpreted as criticism of the Soviet Union today.

The students also expressed their solidarity with the Warsaw branch of the Writers' Union which last

week condemned the closing of the play, "Dziady" ("The Forefathers"), and called for a relaxation of censorship.

Yesterday, led by a student carrying a red and white Polish flag, some 3,000 students marched in the direction of the offices of "Zycie Warszawy," a government-controlled newspaper that had criticized them as "scum." Near Workers Unity Square, the students were met by policemen who demanded that they disperse.

When No News Is Bigger News

MOSCOW, March 10 (Reuters).—The Kremlin maintained a discreet silence today on events in East European countries, underlining the changes in the Communist world since the death of Stalin 15 years ago.

Not a word has appeared in Soviet newspapers about the violent demonstrations in Warsaw, the moves toward greater liberalization in Czechoslovakia and Romania's recent demonstrative reassertions of independence.

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