

X/9 P -- STUDENT UNREST INTENSE IN POLAND

A3- NEW YORK, MARCH 11 (RFE SPECIAL) JONATHAN RANDAL REPORTS IN THE MONDAY N.Y. TIMES FROM:

WARSAW, MARCH 10-- INFORMED SOURCES SAID TODAY THAT AT LEAST 10 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ARRESTED IN THE LAST TWO DAYS OF RIOTING HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO PRISON TERMS ON CHARGES OF HOOLIGANISM AND INSULTING THE POLICE.

THE SOURCES SAID THE TRIALS TOOK PLACE ALL DAY YESTERDAY-- EVEN AS STUDENTS OF WARSAW UNIVERSITY AND THE POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL FOUGHT WITH THE POLICE AND CIVILIAN AUXILIARIES FOR THE SECOND DAY.

WARSAW WAS CALM TODAY, BUT AN UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF POLICE SQUAD CARS AND BUSES CARRYING POLICEMEN AND AUXILIARIES PATROLLED SNOW-LADEN STREETS NEAR THE UNIVERSITY AND THE POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL.

AS MANY AS 50 STUDENTS MAY HAVE BEEN SENTENCED IN SEVERAL COURTROOMS TO PRISON TERMS RANGING FROM TWO TO SIX MONTHS, THE SOURCES SAID. STUDENT SHOUTS OF "GESTAPO!" WERE CITED AS EVIDENCE THAT THE STUDENTS HAD INSULTED THE POLICE, THEY ADDED.

THE RAPIDITY OF THE TRIALS WAS INTERPRETED AS AN EFFORT TO DETER FURTHER RIOTS.

POLISH OFFICIALS HAVE DECLINED TO DISCLOSE HOW MANY STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, ALTHOUGH ESTIMATES RANGE AS HIGH AS 400.

THE SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS LIMITED THEIR COVERAGE OF THE RIOTS TO PUBLISHING THE TEXT OF AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT BROADCAST OF THE STATE-CONTROLLED TELEVISION NETWORK, WHICH DENIED THAT A STUDENT HAD DIED AS A RESULT OF HAVING BEEN BEATEN IN THE CLASHES.

COMMUNIST PARTY PROPAGANDISTS VISITED AT LEAST ONE WARSAW FACTORY YESTERDAY AND TOLD PARTY MEMBERS THAT THE STUDENTS HAD SHOUTED, "DOWN WITH SOCIALISM!" AND "DOWN WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY!"

THIS EXPLANATION WAS MET WITH SKEPTICISM, ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES.

THE STUDENT RIOTS BEGAN FRIDAY WHEN STUDENTS MET TO DEMAND THE REINSTATMENT OF ADAM MICHNIK AND HENRY SZLAIFER. THE TWO STUDENTS HAD BEEN EXPELLED FOR HAVING DEMONSTRATED AGAINST THE CLOSING ON JAN. 31 OF "DZIADY," ("THE FOREFATHERS"), A CLASSIC ANTI-CZARIST PLAY BY ADAM MICKIEWICZ, THE 19TH-CENTURY ROMANTIC PEOT AND NATIONAL HER.

THE CLOSING, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY THAT OF TWO OTHER PLAYS, ALSO PROVOKED THE USUALLY DOCILE WARSAW SECTION OF THE WRITERS UNION TO PROTEST AND CALL FOR A LIBERALIZATION OF CULTURAL POLICY, ESPECIALLY ON CENSORSHIP.

THE STUDENT RIOTING IS AN EXPRESSION OF OPPOSITION TO THE CURRENT CRACKDOWN IN CULTURAL AFFAIRS, WHICH INDICATES THE GROWING NERVOUSNESS OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE POLISH UNITED WORKERS PARTY, THE COMMUNIST GROUP.

STUDENT SHOUTS OF "LONG LIVE CZECHOSLOVAKIA!" INDICATED THAT THEY WERE AWARE OF THE GROWING LIBERALIZATION OF THAT COUNTRY DESPITE AN ALMOST TOAL BLACKOUT IN POLAND OF SIGNIFICANT NEWS ABOUT EVENTS IN PRAGUE.

ANOTHER SIGN OF PARTY NERVOUSNESS WAS PROVIDED BY THE ARREST FRIDAY OF TWO WARSAW UNIVERSITY TEACHING ASSISTANTS, JACEK KURON AND KAROL MODZELEWSKI. THEY WERE IMPRISONED IN 1965 FOR HAVING DISTRIBUTED A PAMPHLET CRITICIZING THE LACK OF DEMOCRACY IN THE POLISH PARTY, AND WERE RELEASED LAST YEAR.