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On 7 November 1950, the day of the Soviet Revolution, a mass meeting was held at the Dom Kultury (House of Culture) at Kolejowa street in KOLOBRZEG. Fishermen were among those who were forced to attend.

The mayor of the town opened the meeting by a speech. However, he had not spoken for long when through an unfortunate slip of the tongue he said "the great dead STALIN," although he meant to say LENIN. Immediately, the entire group of fishermen and dockworkers started to roar with laughter. The poor mayor was not given a chance to continue. Every time he opened his mouth, the audience roared.

This went on for several minutes, since people were encouraged by the fact that they all laughed at the same time. Russian officers who were present looked around nervously, not understanding the reason for this gaiety. Finally, a Russian got up and with the strong voice of an agitator started to speak. He succeeded in stifling the spontaneous demonstration.

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