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THE DISMISSAL OF FOUR PROFESSORS AND TWO LECTURERS FROM THEIR WARSAW UNIVERSITY POSTS, ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT, IS THE LOGICAL OUTCOME OF GOMULKA'S SPEECH. NOT ONLY DID GOMULKA ATTACK ALL BUT ONE OF THESE SCHOLARS BY NAME, BUT HE ALSO THREATENED GREATER CONTROL OVER UNIVERSITY LIFE AND ADMINISTRATION. THOSE DISMISSED ARE PROFESSORS BACZKO, KOLAKOWSKI, MORAWSKI, BRUS AND LECTURERS BAUMAN AND MARIA HIRSZOWICZ. (ONLY THE LAST NAMED WAS NOT MENTIONED BY GOMULKA.) ALL EXCEPT THE ECONOMIST BRUS ARE FROM THE PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT. KOLAKOWSKI AND BRUS HAVE INTERNATIONAL REPUTATIONS.

IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THERE WILL BE FURTHER DISMISSALS. OTHER PROFESSORS HAVE BEEN SINGLED OUT IN THE PRESS, THE MOST FAMOUS OF WHOM IS ADAM SCHAFF. TRYBUNA LUDU IN AN ARTICLE TODAY JUSTIFYING THE DISMISSALS ALSO MENTIONS PROFESSOR JULIUS KATZ-SUCHY AND LECTURERS JANINA ZAKRZEWSKA AND KRZYSZTOF POMIAN AS BEING BEHIND THE STUDENT DISTURBANCES. (ZAKRZEWSKA, THE TARGET OF FREQUENT PRESS ATTACKS, DEFENDED KURON AND MODZELEWSKI AT THEIR TRIAL, AND POMIAN, ASSISTANT TO KOLAKOWSKI, PLAYED A PROMINENT PART IN THE FERMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY IN 1966.) WHAT CAN BE CERTAIN IS THAT GREAT PRESSURE IS BEING BROUGHT TO BEAR FOR FURTHER DISMISSALS. (MORE)

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THE PRESENT DISMISSALS ARE A DIRECT PROVOCATION TO THE STUDENTS SO SOON AFTER THE DISTURBANCES ENDED LAST SATURDAY MORNING. THE DISMISSED PROFESSORS WERE AMONG THE MOST RESPECTED AND POPULAR AND TRYBUNA LUDU'S ATTEMPT TO BRAND SOME OF THEM AS EDUCATIONAL COMMISSARS IN THE STALINIST PERIOD WILL HARDLY DO ANYTHING BUT ADD INSULT TO INJURY. THIS, HOWEVER, DOES NOT APPEAR THE ONLY PROVOCATION BEING MADE. SEVERAL REPORTS SUGGEST THAT A NUMBER OF STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE UNREST HAVE BEEN CALLED UP FOR A PERIOD OF ARMY TRAINING AND, MORE DIRECTLY SERIOUS, UPI HAS REPORTED THAT 200 STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE POLYTECHNIC SIT-IN LAST WEEK HAVE BEEN "PICKED UP" BY THE POLICE. THE SAME SOURCE ALSO REPORTS THAT THE STUDENT COMMITTEES WHICH ORGANIZED THE DISTURBANCES ARE STILL IN EXISTENCE AND THAT NEW DEMONSTRATIONS OF SOME KIND ARE BEING PLANNED. THE MAJOR DEPARTMENTS AT THE POLYTECHNIC ARE REPORTED CLOSED SINCE LAST SATURDAY.

STEFAN ZOLKIEWSKI WAS ALSO DISMISSED YESTERDAY FROM HIS POST AS SECRETARY OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT OF THE POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. UP TO NOW THERE IS NO WORD OF HIM LOSING HIS CHAIR OF LITERATURE AT THE UNIVERSITY. A FORMER MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION, CHIEF EDITOR OF THE NOW DEFUNCT NOWA KULTURA, A CC MEMBER AND A JEW, ZOLKIEWSKI HAD BEEN, LIKE ADAM SCHAFF, ONE OF POLAND'S MOST PROMINENT SCHOLAR APPARATCHIKS. FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW HE HAS BEEN ON THE DECLINE LARGELY, IT IS FELT, BECAUSE OF PARTISAN PRESSURE. AS FAR AS IS KNOWN HE HAD NOT BEEN CRITICIZED IN THE PRESENT CAMPAIGN UNTIL THE PARTISAN PIETRZAK PICKED HIM OUT IN HIS SPEECH REPORTED IN YESTERDAY'S HIGHLIGHT. HIS DISMISSAL SO SOON AFTER PIETRZAK'S ONSLAUGHT IS INTRIGUING INDEED. (MORE)

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ZOLKIEWSKI'S DISMISSAL SHOULD NOT BE GROUPED WITH THOSE OF THE UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS BUT WITH THOSE OF THE STATE OFFICIALS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, SINCE HIS ACADEMY OF SCIENCES JOB WAS A GOVERNMENT POST. HE THUS BECOMES THE SIXTH STATE OFFICIAL (INCLUDING ZAMBROWSKI) TO GO AND THEY HAVE ALL BEEN JEWS. THUS THE NIBBLING AWAY AT THE GOVERNMENT APPARATUS, FORMALLY HEADED BY CYRANKIEWICZ, CONTINUES AND IT COULD BE THAT THE PREMIER IS BEING FORCED TO SHED THOSE "BANKRUPT ELEMENTS" WHICH MAY SIMPLY BE THE PRETEXT FOR THE REAL ATTACK ON HIMSELF. THE QUESTION IS: HOW FAR WILL THIS GO? THERE ARE PROBABLY QUITE A FEW MORE "JEWISH BANKRUPTS" AT THE VICE-MINISTERIAL LEVELS WHO CAN BE SACRIFICED AND THERE ARE FULL MINISTERS SUCH AS ALBRECHT HIGH ON THE HARD LINERS' DEMOLITION LIST. AFTER THAT...?

IN CONTRAST, THERE HAVE BEEN NO CORRESPONDING DISMISSALS FROM THE PARTY APPARATUS, APART FROM THE EXPULSION OF ZAMBROWSKI FROM THE PARTY. THERE MUST BE A FAIR NUMBER OF LIKELY CANDIDATES HERE IN THE PRESENT SITUATION. BUT NONE HAVE SO FAR BEEN TOUCHED. IS THIS BECAUSE GOMULKA HAS SET HIMSELF AGAINST WITCH HUNTING, AT LEAST AS FAR AS THE PARTY IS CONCERNED, AND THE HARD LINERS ARE, THEREFORE, CONCENTRATING ON THE GOVERNMENT APPARATUS, LED BY A WEAKER FIGURE?

STILL ON THE PARTY, GLOS PRACY ON MARCH 22 STATED THAT ALL THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE RECENT PAST WOULD HAVE TO BE ANALYZED AT A CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM. THIS, WHEN IT COMES, COULD BE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PLENA SINCE 1956, A SHOWDOWN WITH A DECISIVE BEARING ON THE NEXT PARTY CONGRESS.

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AS FOR THE CAMPAIGN IN PRESS AND RADIO, THERE IS NO IMPORTANT CHANGE TO REPORT. RANDAL, HOWEVER, (NYT TODAY) QUOTES A TRYBUNA LUDU ARTICLE OF YESTERDAY WHICH, THOUGH VIOLENTLY ATTACKING STUDENT MILITANTS, WAS TO SOME EXTENT CONCILIATORY ABOUT THE STUDENT DEMAND FOR FREER INFORMATION AND GREATER DEMOCRATIZATION. IT APPARENTLY AGREED WITH THE STUDENT CONTENTION THAT RFE GAVE BETTER REPORTS ON THE RECENT SITUATION THAN REGIME MEDIA BUT SPOILT AN OTHERWISE STARTLING DISPLAY OF GRACIOUSNESS BY QUESTIONING THE GOOD FAITH OF RFE'S OBJECTIVITY.

FINALLY, A COMMENTARY ON THE PRESENT POLICY OF SELECTIVITY OF THE WARSAW PUBLIC MEDIA IN THE PRESENT SITUATION; EDWARD OCHAB ADDRESSED WORKERS IN A WARSAW FACTORY ON FRIDAY. THIS WAS COVERED BY TRYBUNA LUDU IN A TINY COLUMN WHICH DID NOT REPORT AT ALL WHAT OCHAB SAID. COMPARE THIS WITH THE LENGTHY SUMMARY AND QUOTATIONS GIVEN BY RADIO WARSAW TO PIETRZAK'S TIRADE ON SUNDAY. IN FACT, THOUGH OCHAB, SPYCHALSKI AND KLISZKO ARE KNOWN TO HAVE SPOKEN SINCE THE CRISIS STARTED, NOTHING OF THE SUBSTANCE OF WHAT THEY SAID HAS BEEN REPORTED IN REGIME MEDIA.

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