

Gagarin

Perhaps the best description of Polish popular reaction to Gagarin's visit is by UPI which referred to the Polish people's "hospitable curiosity". "The Times" of England quotes its Vienna correspondent as saying that for the Poles the visit was given too much of a political flavor by the Polish regime and this may be why the reception lacked enthusiasm. For example, Piotr Jaroszewicz attributed Gagarin's achievement to the "superiority of the socialist system" etc. and generally turned the whole affair into a glorification of Communism.