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Show Trial

The recent WARSAW show trial against high-ranking Polish officers, which ended on 13 August 1951, is being fully exploited propagandistically by series of demonstrations and meetings organized all over the country, where the verdicts are being discussed and the audience are "unanimously" approving the sentences. Such meetings are held within the various army units, where the political officers are lecturing the soldiers on this topic, and at factories and enterprises in WARSAW, LODZ, POZNAN and other large cities. They usually end with the passing of various unanimous resolutions stressing the necessity of keeping utmost secrecy about everything going in the plants, as a security measure against Western spies, and condemning at the same time, the American warmonger, who were "proved" to have had a hand in the espionage unmasked by the trial.

Allegedly a new military conspiracy trial which will be staged in the near future will be directed in the first place against General SPYCHALSKI (fnu). Many more high-ranking army officers were arrested than those who appeared at the recent trial as defendants, and it is believed that some of them may turn up at the forthcoming second trial. It wouldn't be, however, a surprise if many of these arrestees would simply disappear without passing first the Communist legal machine.

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EVAL. COMMENT:

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Information: first paragraph confirmed
by evidence; second paragraph possibly true, unconfirmed.