

SPECIAL ATTENTION: Audience AnalysisEH
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Audience Analysis (2910/1)AUDIENCE ANALYSISSOURCE ATHENS: A Greek repatriate from Polish old-age home, formerly a porter.DATE OF OBSERVATION: Until October 1956.EVALUATION COMMENT: Although a large part of this report has been made obsolete by the October events, we release it for it gives a clear picture of the moods of the population (or at least of that part with which source was in touch) on the eve of these events.

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While source is sincere, his education is rudimentary and his intelligence and powers of observation limited. Having spent the past year in a home for the aged at ZGORZELEC where he heard only the wired radio, he knew little of Polish radio listening habits save that "I have heard that Poles and Greeks who have radios listen to foreign stations, but during the past ten months it has been difficult owing to jamming."

He said that after the XX Party Congress in MOSCOW the Poles had obtained more freedom and discussed events freely and without fear. The reaction of the Polish workers in source's old-age home had such a dampening effect on the Greek Communist supervisors that they had lost their enthusiasm for Communism. He added that these Polish workers had told him before his departure on October 4 this year: "Soon there will be events in Poland much more serious than those in POZNAN. The POZNAN riots took place before the workers in all the factories in Poland had come to an understanding. Future riots will be well organized." Asked if he had any personal knowledge of any factory workers' understandings or mutual agreements, he replied negatively: "I do not know any factory workers."

He said that there was merely an open and desperate hatred for the Polish Communists. "It seems that the Polish

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people are in a decisive situation. Their hatred against the Russians has reached its highest point and also their passion to get their freedom both from Russian and Polish Communists. The only topic of conversation is the POZNAN revolt."

He said that the lack of freedom and the poverty were the worst aspects of Communism but otherwise was not in a position to discuss any other questions of the Audience Analysis schedule.

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