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1. REPORTS REACHING WARSAW SUGGEST THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE BEING SACKED FOR REFUSING TO AGREE TO WHAT IS CALLED VERIFICATION... AGREEING NOT TO ENGAGE IN ANTI SOCIALIST ACTIVITY, AND RESIGNING FROM SOLIDARITY.

PRODUCTION IN ENTERPRISES VARIES. THERE IS MILITARY SUPERVISION AND IN MANY FACTORIES INDEPENDANT SOURCES TALK OF NORMAL PRODUCTION ONCE STRIKES HAVE BEEN ENDED. IN OTHER FACTORIES, HOWEVER, PRODUCTION IS MINIMAL. WORKERS ARE APPEARING TO WORK, BUT STRETCHING TOLERANCES ON MACHINES WHICH MAKES FINAL ASSEMBLY OF FINISHED GOODS IMPOSSIBLE.

OBSERVERS EXPECT PRODUCTION TO NORMALISE IN THE NEW YEAR WHEN WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED POTENTIALLY OBSTRUCTIVE WORKERS HAVE BEEN REMOVED OR SACKED. FOR ENTERPRISE MANAGERMENTS THE THREAT OF THE SACK, AND OTHER SACKINGS HAVE BEEN ENOUGH TO ENSURE THEY RUTHLESSLY INCREASE EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

DESPITE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS THAT STETTIN PORT IS WORKING NORMALLY, THE HARBOUR IS JAMMED WITH A BACKLOG OF SHIPS, DOCKERS ARE WORKING BUT CARGOES ARE BEING RECYCLED AROUND THE DOCKS, WHICH MEANS LITTLE IS BEING UNBLOCKED.

IT IS BELIEVED THERE WERE NO DEATHS IN STETTIN, AND FEW INJURIES. RELATIONS WITH SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN GOOD: WITH THE POLICE BAD. A FEAR CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN MOUNTED AGAINST MILITARY FAMILIES. THEIR DOORS HAVE BEEN PAINTED WITH WHITE CROSSES TO IDENTIFY THEM.

POLISH SHIPS RETURNING FROM ABROAD ARE ARRIVING WITH SKELETON CREWS BECAUSE OF DESERTIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. EVEN CREWS SENT FROM POLAND TO RETRIEVE SHIPS STRANDED BY DESERTIONS HAVE THEMSELVES SOUGHT POLITICAL ASYLUM. THIS WILL SERIOUSLY HAMPER POLAND'S ATTEMPTS TO RESTORE TRADE WITH THE WEST.

IN KRAKOW THE REGIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY ORGANISATION HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY SUSPENDED. SIMILAR PARTY SUSPENSIONS HAVE OCCURRED IN SEVERAL FACTORIES ELSEWHERE. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE PARTY MEMBERS BELIEVED TO BE HANDING IN THEIR CARDS IN LARGE NUMBERS.

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