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TELEGRAM NUMBER 54 OF 29 JANUARY

INFO ROUTINE MOSCOW, PRAGUE, BUDAPEST, EAST BERLIN

SAVING BUCHAREST, SOFIA, BELGRADE, WASHINGTON, PARIS, BONN,

UKMIS NEW YORK, STOCKHOLM, HELSINKI

POLAND.

1. THE POLISH AMBASSADOR CALLED AGAIN ON BULLARD ON 29 JANUARY. HE DESCRIBED THE INTERNAL SCENE AS UNPREDICTABLE. THE CHANCE OF AVOIDING DISASTER DEPENDED ON THE MODERATES IN THE PARTY AND IN SOLIDARITY COOPERATING WITH EACH OTHER AGAINST THE EXTREMISTS ON BOTH SIDES. THIS WAS NOT HAPPENING. ARRESTS OR POLICE ACTION WOULD NOT HELP. HE SPECULATED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF WOMEN PLAYING THE ROLE THAT THEY DID DURING THE WAVE OF BRITISH STRIKES IN 1978/79, DEMANDING A RETURN TO WORK AND MAKING STRIKERS LOOK RIDICULOUS.
2. BISZTYGA SAID THAT THE PARTY CONGRESS COULD NOT BE POSTPONED FOR MORE THAN ONE OR TWO MONTHS. THE SITUATION WITHIN THE PARTY WAS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND COULD LEAD TO A REVOLT BY YOUNGER PARTY MEMBERS WHICH WOULD SWEEP AWAY THE PRESENT LEADERSHIP.
3. BISZTYGA SPOKE OF THE PATIENCE OF POLAND'S NEIGHBOURS, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS STARTING TO RUN SHORT. KANIA HAD GIVEN COMMITMENTS AT THE MOSCOW SUMMIT AND HAD BEEN MADE AWARE THAT THE TIME FOR THEIR FULFILMENT WAS LIMITED. BISZTYGA PERSONALLY REGARDED THE RE-IMPOSITION OF TIGHT PARTY AUTHORITY AS NECESSARY AND WOULD HIMSELF SUPPORT IT. HE APPROVED OF GISCARD'S REMARKS ABOUT THE NEED FOR A GREAT EFFORT BY THE POLISH PEOPLE.

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