

Texte de la note, envoyée au nom du Comité  
Exécutif du Conseil Polonais de l'Union Na-  
tionale par le Ministre Jan Starzewski et  
M. Zbigniew Stypulkowski à M. J. Foster Dulles,  
Secrétaire d'Etat des Etats Unis d'Amérique.

3rd July, 1956

Mr. Secretary of State,

For 11 years the Polish nation, deprived of freedom and denied fundamental rights, has been subjected to the rule of the Communist stooges of Moscow. Methods of colonial exploitation by Russia of the country resulted in a drastic depression of the standard of life and malnutrition of the whole population bordering on famine.

Unfulfilled hopes, no doubt encouraged by recent official declarations condemning the ruthless lawlessness of the past years, gave heart to the large masses of the population desperately anxious to regain their freedom and achieve better living conditions. Here lies the true source of the strike which has broken out in Poznań and led to mass demonstrations. The growing discontent of the working population took the shape of a march dignified and orderly. Yet the Warsaw Communist regime dealt with the justified demands of the Poznań workers in a most brutal manner. Tanks and artillery were brought into action. Detachments of security forces officered by Russians opened fire on the demonstrators.

The Communist regime is intent on misleading international opinion by putting the blame on "foreign imperialistic agents and reactionary elements". In fact, the full responsibility rests with the present rulers of Poland and their Moscow overlords.

The demands of the citizens of Poznań voiced in the face of death expressed the determined will of the Polish people: "We want bread, freedom and the withdrawal of foreign occupation".

The tragic events of Poznań are proving once again that foreign imposed rule can be maintained only by terror and mass violence exerted with the help of forces of occupation. Such a system constitutes at the same time a threat to neighbouring countries and to the peace of the world.

The Executive Committee of the Polish Council of National Unity as true representatives of Poland are taking all steps in their power to discourage acts of despair which under present circumstances would bring about further bloodshed. We are sure that the counsel of prudence we are giving to our countrymen will not remain unheeded, but they must gain the conviction that the Western Powers, by practical measures and acts of policy will firmly and effectively strive for the freedom of Poland.

In view of the gravity of the situation in Poland we earnestly appeal to the Government of the United States of America to take all steps necessary to achieve the following objectives:

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1. Protection of the Polish nation against threatening reprisals and new wave of terror,
2. The withdrawal of Soviet armed forces and Soviet agents from the whole territory of Poland,
3. Freedom for the Polish nation to choose a government which will enjoy their confidence.

We have the honor, Sir, to remain with the highest consideration,

Yours respectfully,

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