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Policy Position Statement

Poland

Developments in Poland since 1956, which often constitute deviations from communist policies and practices prevailing in the Soviet Union, are utilized by Radio Liberty to further its basic mission in broadcasts to the Soviet Union. In presenting this material, care must be taken that the Soviet listener does not draw erroneous inferences or obtain a distorted picture of the actual situation in Poland.

Objective:

So to utilize the material on Poland as to further the cause of freedom in the Soviet Union.

Basic Line:

1. Radio Liberty reports accurately breaking news developments, press reactions to them and analyses the more typical situations, refraining from speculating too freely on the future course of the Gomulka regime.
2. RL emphasizes those aspects of the situation in Poland which symbolize the concessions made to the Polish people by their communist rulers in 1956; such as,
 - (a) relative freedom of expression both inside and outside the communist party, citing concrete examples (such as, reevaluation of Marxist economic theory, consideration of Keynesian economics, and the like);
 - (b) availability of Western publications;
 - (c) non-jamming inside Poland of Western radio broadcasts;
 - (d) the continued truce with the Roman Catholic Church;
 - (e) the growing role of the Sejm as a legislative body;
 - (f) the continuing truce with the peasantry, permitting widespread individual farming and pursuing a gradualist policy of socializing agriculture rather than forcible collectivization;
 - (g) foreign policy, whenever it departs from conformity with that of the Soviet government and other members of the Sino-Soviet bloc;

- (h) examples of how effectively the Polish people sabotage Communist Party doctrines.
3. RL reports factually but does not overplay such reversals of the 1956 trend and such shortcomings as:
- a. proscription against Polish writers and publications;
 - b. expulsion of foreign journalists and banning of some foreign newspapers;
 - c. attempts at limiting workers' participation in management;
 - d. attempts to intensify communist indoctrination;
- and the like.
4. RL draws a clear distinction between official pronouncements and the actual state of affairs.

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