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FIGHT ON, POLISH WORKERS!

Workers are showing who are the real masters of society. The rebellion, with workers singing the Internationale, the song of Communists the world over, is like a knife in the heart of the scab revisionist leadership of Edward Gierek and his Soviet imperialist masters. It is also sending shockwaves through the spine of the U.S. government, who prefer the goulash-brand of "Communism" to a genuinely Polish city of Gdansk spread and shut down by the Polish workers' rule. And while both the U.S., Polish and Soviet media are trying to portray the rebellion as being anti-socialist, in fact the opposite is true: by their action and words the Polish workers show their wide-openness and spontaneous inclination toward real workers' rule. Living in so-called socialist Poland, the people can see the hypocrisy of the scab Communist Party. People are beginning to see through the appearance of workers' rule to the fact that the revisionist leadership has turned it upside down. "They say this country is run by workers. But Poland's fundamental problem — domination by the Soviet Union and the scab policies of the Polish revisionist Party — was not solved.

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Rebellion Hits Brezhnev Doctrine
Of Robbery

The tip of the springing is aimed straight at the Soviet Union and its stranglehold on the Polish economy. Workers have demanded "realistic steps toward leading the country out of the recent crisis by informing the public fully about the socio-economic situation of the country and making it possible for all classes and sections of the Polish community to discuss the program of reforms."

Tied to this demand is one that calls for only surplus goods being exported.

This gets to the heart of the economic crisis crushing Polish life. Because of the revisionist leadership and policies, Poland's economy is in the mercy of both superpowers, especially the Soviet Union. Since the "new Czars" invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968, Poland and the rest of Eastern Europe has been held in bondage by "Brezhnev Doctrine." This theory of "limited sovereignty," "international division of labor, economic integration, specialization of production" and so on is the justification for Soviet imperialism.

Under a system, Eastern Europe and other countries dominated by the Soviets are restricted to producing only certain goods or raw materials. Then they are forced to exchange them unequally for Soviet manufactured goods. For example, the bulk of Poland's pork, beef, and poultry go to the Soviet Union, while Poland starves. For this Poland gets pennies in return and 100 more closed in the city of Szczecin in the west. In the South, Nova Huta steel workers are also joining in. The workers made the government eat its lie that the 19-member Intergovernmental Economic Committee, which the Soviets call "the representatives of the workers" and on August 23 the Gierke regime had to negotiate with the committee. When talks broke down, the shakedown came.

Loch Walen, a 37-year-old electrician and worker with the Polish Camden Electrical Alliance, participated in the government changes. "It's a patching up of holes. We want something new."

Hundreds of Polish-Americans showed their solidarity with the Polish strikers by demonstrating outside the Polish Embassy in New York City. Some criticized Vice President Walter Mondale for not taking a strong stand of support.

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because they had families to feed, bills to pay, etc., then the backs would open and an end to the system where highbrows always get all the meat while the whole tribe starve.

Religious Distress Shows Workers' Call For Church—Tool of U.S. Another demand is the call for freedom from religious persecution. Many Polish workers consider the Catholic Church as a tool of the imperialists.