

Canadian Reactions to The Events in Poland

TORONTO.—The national executive committee of the Labor-Progressive Party has cabled a greeting to the newly-elected leadership of the Polish Workers Party and at the same time cabled the central committee of the Soviet Communist Party condemning "any attempts at interference" with the right of the Polish party and Polish people to decide their own course.

Text of the cable to Wieslaw Gomulka, first secretary of the Polish Workers Party, reads as follows:

"The national executive of the Labor-Progressive Party greets the newly-elected leadership of the Polish Workers Party. The outcome of your weekend meeting was a great contribution to the establishment of new and proper fraternal relationships between Communist parties based on equality and independence. We express our shock at the reported attempts by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union to interfere with the independent course the Polish Workers Party has taken. We hope, however, that full cooperation and understanding will flourish between the Polish Workers Party, the CPSU and all other Communist and workers' parties. We wish you and the Polish people every success in building socialism in Poland in your own way. We are communicating these opinions to the central committee of the CPSU. The second cable went to the

central committee of the CPSU in Moscow. It read:

"The national executive of the LPP declares categorically that the Polish Workers Party and the Polish people must have full freedom to decide independently all matters that concern them and we condemn any attempts at interference with this right."

ACTION PROTESTED

A "vigorous protest" against the action of the LPP national executive in sending cables to Warsaw and Moscow was made, however, by the Ukrainian sub-committee of the party's executive.

The protest was made in a letter to Tim Buck, national leader of the LPP. The letter follows:

"At a meeting of the Ukrainian Sub-Committee of the NEC of our party held on Oct. 23 it was unanimously agreed to convey the following opinions of our committee to the national committee of our party:

"1. We vigorously protest the assumption by the party's national executive of the powers to issue and make public statements, presumably on behalf of the party as a whole, which are contrary to the policies of our party as adopted at its conventions and elaborated at sessions of its national committee, particularly the Oct. 22 telegrams to the Polish United Workers' Party and the Communist Party of the Soviet Union published that same evening in the capitalist press and over the radio, which constitute presumptuous

interference in affairs of fraternal parties.

"The exercise of such powers by the national executive on the eve of a national committee plenum of the party, when a number of its leading members were absent, without consultation with other members of the NEC and such committees as ours, which are part of the national leadership of our party, and with the knowledge that the party membership has never endorsed such views as were expressed in those statements, constitutes an unpardonable usurpation of party authority.

"2. While welcoming the broadest development of discussion in the party of the lessons of the 20th Congress of the CPSU (and the Chinese and other fraternal party resolutions) and on the liquidation of the harmful consequences of the cult of the individual, we vigorously protest the opening of the doors under this pretext to attacks on the principles of Marxism-Leninism, directed towards splitting and ultimately liquidating the Canadian workers' party of scientific socialism and towards destruction of the internationalism of the proletarian movement."

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