

## Eye on Washington by Stanley Ezrol



Michael Novak

### 'Fight to the last Pole'

Georgetown's CSIS is one of the most active organizations calling for action against Poland and the Soviet Union. In December, they organized a symposium calling for the escalation of what they called the "Workers' Revolution" in Poland into a "mass suicide," insisting that "Like Christ, Poland sacrifices herself repeatedly for the salvation of others." What CSIS did not announce at this seminar was their role in deliberately provoking the crisis in response to which they are now willing to "fight to the last Pole." Last November, weeks before the crackdown on Solidarność, CSIS initiated an organization called "Friends of Solidarity" which is directed by a Polish emigre named Chris Ludwiniac and operates out of CSIS's Washington, D.C. headquarters. Specifically, Ludwiniac works out of the offices of top intelligence operative Walter Lacqueur, who resides one-third of the time in Washington, one-third in Lebanon, and one-third in Tel Aviv. Ludwiniac told me the purpose of his group is to coordinate

other organizations in providing "moral and material" support for Solidarność.

CSIS currently includes on its staff a number of ranking Republican and Democratic former Cabinet officials including Henry Kissinger, Zbigniew Brzezinski, and James Rodney Schlesinger. Also at the center are numbers of individuals like Michael Ledeen, Ernest LeFever, and Robert Neumann, who currently act as part-time consultants to the Reagan administration while remaining on CSIS's payroll. In addition, there are a number of "former" CSIS experts like Chester Crocker, Paul Craig Roberts, and Robert Henderson, who hold Assistant Secretary level or other positions in the Reagan administration.

Ludwiniac works very closely in organizing demonstrations against Poland, the Soviet Union, and West Germany's Chancellor Helmut Schmidt with a number of organizations including the "Polish Workers' Task Force." The PWTF, it turns out, is just another name for "Frontlash," the AFL-CIO youth organization. In addition to PWTF, Frontlash also houses the Committee in Support of Solidarity, whose friends at CSIS tell me it is in daily contact with European "Solidarity Support" networks.

Also founded weeks before the Jaruzelski crackdown is a group, Food for Poland, led by right-wing social democrat Michael Novak of the American Enterprise Institute. Novak himself, a Jesuit-trained operative who once wrote a book on how Polish-Americans are preferable to cerebral WASPS because they believe in blood and soil, was appointed as a delegate to the U.N. Human Rights Commission. Reagan's U.N. Ambassador, Jeane Kirkpatrick took leave from a position at AEI to fill her current post. In addition to Novak, Food for

Poland includes on its board a number of Anglo-American intelligence and psychological warfare operatives like Bruno Bettelheim, Norman Cousins, and Sargent Shriver. Also included, lest anyone mistake Food for Poland for a private charity, is Leo Cherne of Freedom House. Cherne, a long-time associate of CIA director William Casey, is the founder of the International Rescue Committee, a "private" agency specializing in recruiting defectors from the East bloc, and was a charter member of the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board which oversees U.S. covert intelligence operations.

### Trotskyite Renaissance

Those of you who mourned the passing of that peculiar form of impotent infantile ranting against those in power known as Trotskyism will be heartened to know that Trotskyite rhetoric, at least, is enjoying a certain revival. The Department of State's closet Trotskyists, shut up since the McCarthy period, have been given free reign in drafting statements against the "Stalinist" threat in Poland. James Buckley, whose counter-culture hero brother William runs *National Review* magazine which is managed predominantly by "ex-" Trotskyists is suspected of some responsibility in this matter.

Last December, the State Department described Jaruzelski's actions as "reactionary—indeed counterrevolutionary." In January, the loyalty oath and other requirements were described as "Stalinist." Haig, in his Jan. 12 Brussels spouting following the NATO foreign ministers meeting denounced western complacency during "twenty or more years of Stalinism," and went on to evoke the "outrage" of the "workers of the world" at this Stalinist betrayal.