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Self-Criticism on Poznan

The New York Daily Worker is suffering all the agonies of the chameleon who landed on a crazy quilt made out of Scotch plaids. The riots in Poznan, Poland, demand of the Worker that it:

1. Exemplify the new self-criticism role the Reds are now playing.
2. Sympathize with the workers of Poland who were rioting.
3. Charge that the workers were hired stooges of Allen Dulles.
4. Show that the Polish Government is in command.
5. Claim that democracy marches on in Poland.

Accordingly, the Worker editor says that the Polish Premier admits "various frequently annoying grievances"; hints that one of these annoying grievances might be hunger, due to the fact that for years the United States "barred the sale—let alone the donation—of surplus food to socialist countries"; declares that "no person of good will can feel anything but grief and regret at the terrible loss of life in Poznan," (although the front page of the Worker notes estimates of deaths of from 75 to 480 by rifle, machine gun and tank fire) says that the workers had justified grievances and "insufficient avenues for securing redress of grievances"; and charges the whole thing up to Allen Dulles of the American Central Intelligence Agency.

The party line was followed, but somebody is a nervous wreck.