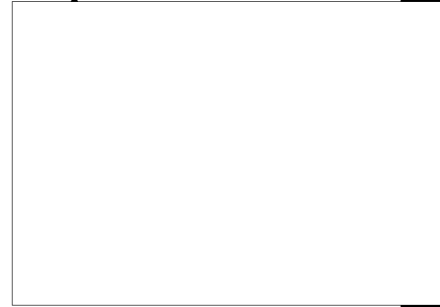




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ARGENTINA-CHILE: Treaty Repudiation

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*Argentina's denunciation yesterday of its settlement treaty with Chile was a bold effort to force Vatican mediation of the Beagle Channel dispute toward a political compromise.*

Argentina put the best diplomatic face on its denunciation by coupling it with its pledge to negotiate a new treaty with Chile, its reaffirmation of faith in the Vatican mediation, and its call for a suspension of foreign arms purchases by the two countries.

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Buenos Aires' announcement is the latest step in the drawn out talks that followed Vatican intervention in 1979 in the dispute. Ever since the Pope announced his 1980 proposals--which heavily favor Chilean claims in the important offshore region--Argentina has been caught in a conundrum. It wants to avoid rejecting outright the Vatican position and yet--because of hardline military sentiment--judges itself unable to accept the proposals without some modification.

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Comment: Argentina's eventual denunciation of the treaty was anticipated, but its timing puts unexpected pressure on Vatican mediators, as Chile has been pressing for final action. Whatever Chile's immediate reaction to yesterday's announcement--and implicit warning--it is likely Santiago ultimately will have to countenance some political compromise of its strong legal case. Otherwise, it will face protracted controversy--and possible military conflict--with its dominant neighbor.

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Argentina's call for a freeze on arms purchases is especially self-serving. Chilean military acquisitions since 1978 have narrowed Argentina's military advantage, and a halt would enable Buenos Aires' superior domestic weapons production capability to open a wider gap again.

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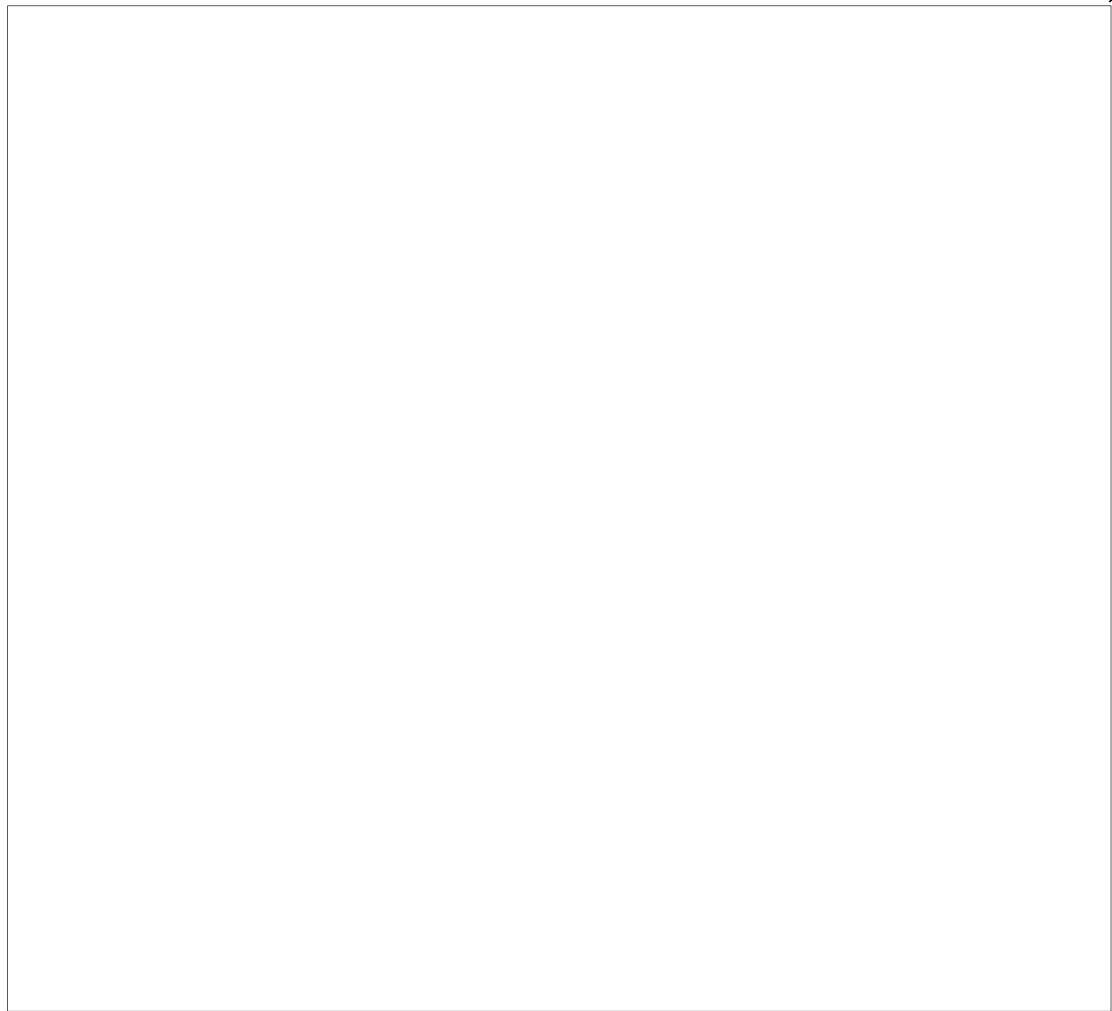
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3 Poland's bishops on Sunday will read a statement calling for an end to martial law. Local authorities in Poznan are showing greater concern about security. [redacted]

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4 A letter from Poland's bishops to be read in churches on Sunday calls on the regime to rescind its repressive martial law measures to avoid inciting violence or "even civil war." The message emphatically repeats the Church's call for the release of detainees, an end to the regime's "verification" campaign, and the restoration of independent trade unions and youth groups. [redacted]

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8 Comment: The pastoral letter, which apparently resulted from Archbishop Glemp's meeting Tuesday with senior bishops, gives broader dissemination to Glemp's [redacted] fears that the current impasse in Poland could cause serious social turmoil. The Church leaders probably hope to impress upon Premier Jaruzelski the urgency of announcing significant concessions in his policy address now scheduled for Monday. The bishops may have hit the point even harder in their personal letter to Jaruzelski. [redacted]

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Authorities Focus on Poznan

1 2 The US Consulate in Poznan reports signs of increasing concern by the local authorities and speculates there may be a significant shift under way in the public mood. The security forces are making more frequent checks of pedestrians' documents, are continuously manning roadblocks around the city, and are watching more intently the local universities, which remain largely closed. The governor, who had been away for a week, seemed uninformed of security arrangements and claimed local interior ministry officials established such controls on their own. [redacted]

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1 2 5 Comment: The governor's apparent ignorance of the security situation lends credence to other evidence that security authorities are playing the key role in running the country. If the mood in Poznan is turning sour, it would be a significant development. [redacted]

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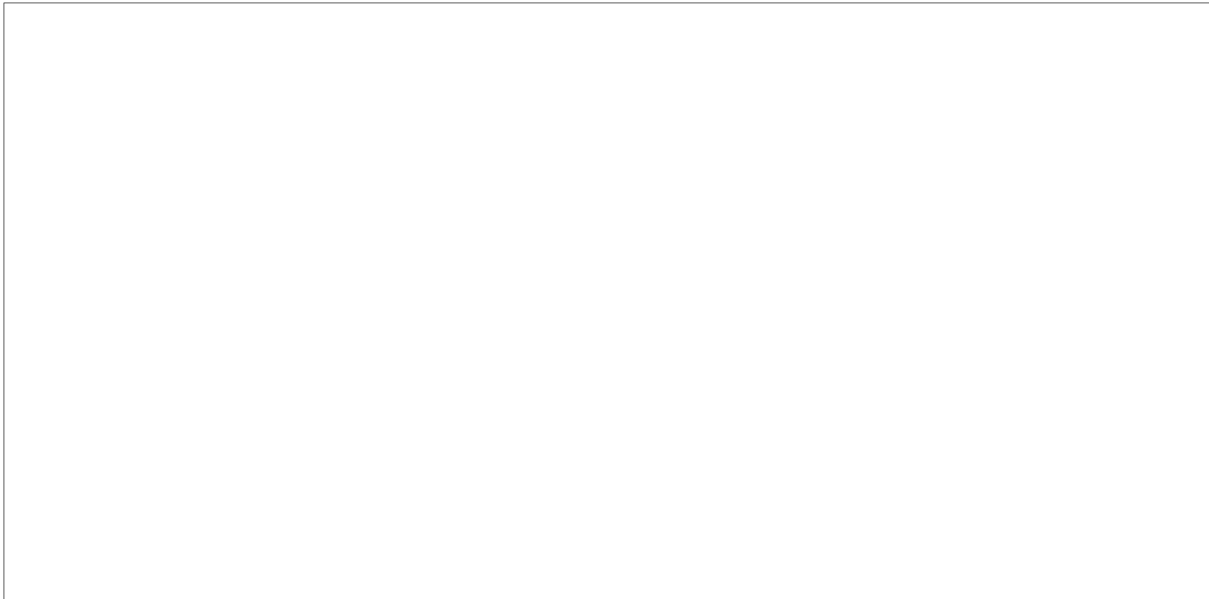


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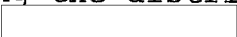
Poznan has been one of the quieter areas in Poland since the imposition of martial law, even though it houses several large universities and important industrial enterprises. The regime at one point felt so confident that Poznan was under control it allowed Western journalists to visit the city as part of their first guided tour outside of Warsaw. 



Western Food Aid

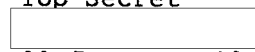
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The EC Commission has decided to withdraw plans to provide the martial law regime with an additional \$260 million in subsidized food sales. Instead, the Commission will increase aid to nongovernmental organizations which it believes can better channel humanitarian aid directly to the civilian population. 

Comment: The Commission's decision probably reflects an assessment by the member states that continued concessionary food sales would undermine the recent NATO decision on food aid. Furthermore, EC countries may wish to be seen as having taken responsible action before the North Atlantic Council meeting tomorrow in order to deflect possible criticism. The decision also betrays concern that the regime is manipulating the distribution of subsidized food for its own ends. 

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