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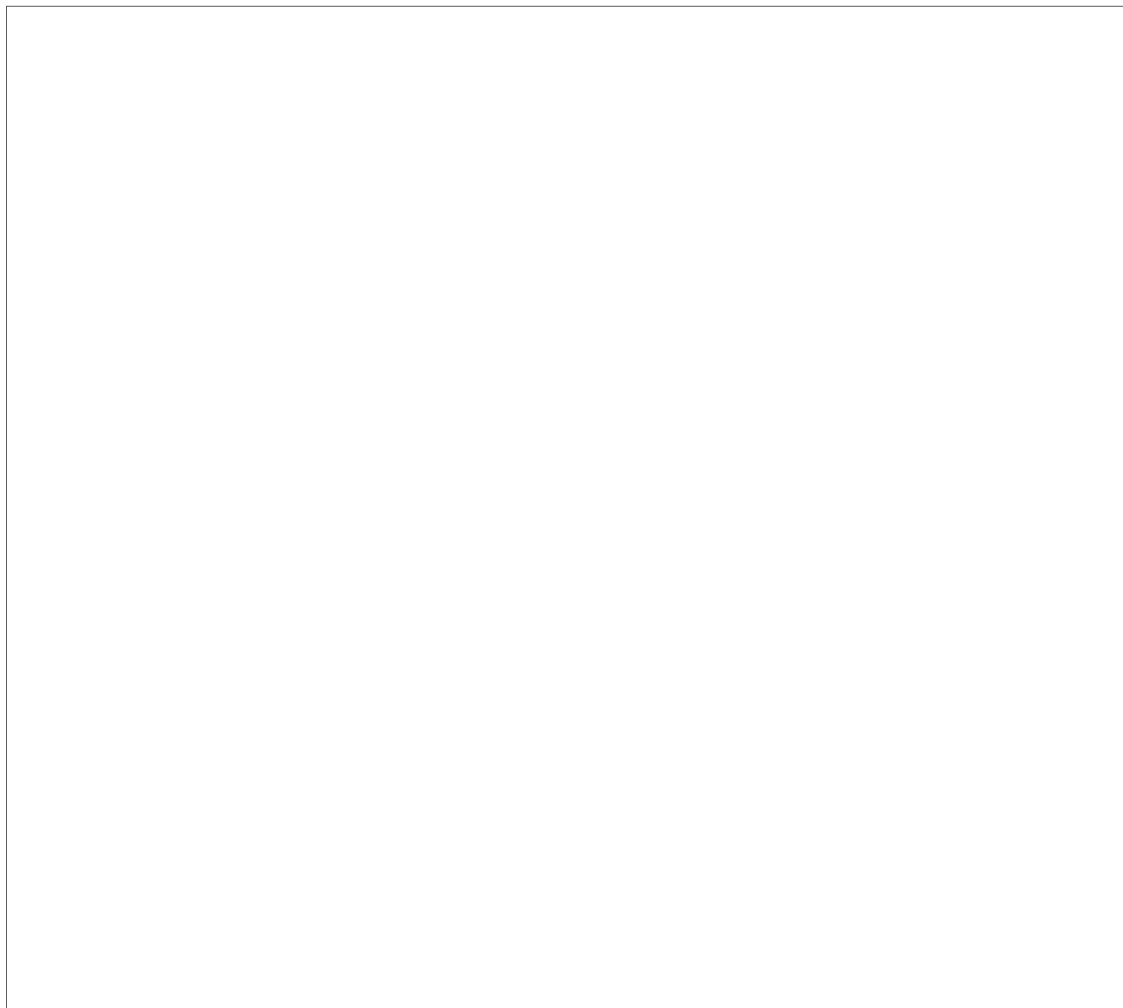
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① POLAND: Price Increases

*The regime is trying to cushion the psychological impact of price increases.*

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*Pravda has published only an abridged version of Jaruzelski's speech on Monday.*

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Food prices apparently are still scheduled to rise by as much as 400 percent beginning on Monday. The government is counseling people to lessen the impact of increases by raising their own food or by getting an extra job.

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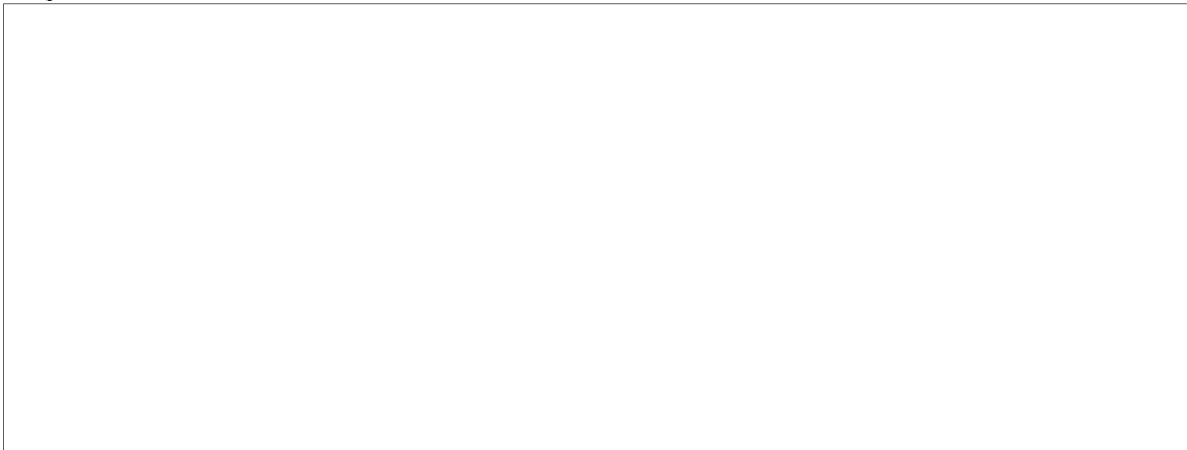
Consumers have already had a taste of increases as prices on some manufactured goods have escalated this month. Under reform provisions effective on 1 January, firms have been allowed considerable latitude to pass their actual costs to the consumer. Shoppers also face lowered butter rations and the start of rationing of oil, lard, and margarine.

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Comment: Despite its nervousness, the regime seems intent on forging ahead with its plans for marketplace austerity. This time, however, it is making every effort to avoid taking consumers by surprise. The government may deem it prudent to increase security around the country.

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