

THE APPEARANCE OF THE SOLIDARITY TRADE UNION

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ABSTRACT

THE COLLAPSE OF THE COMMUNIST REGIME IS ATTRIBUTED SYMBOLICALLY TO THE BERLIN WALL COLLAPSE SINCE THIS WAS THE DEMARCATION BETWEEN EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPE. BUT IF WE BRING INTO QUESTION THE REAL DECLINE OF THE SOVIET EMPIRE, IT IS IMPERATIVE TO BRING INTO DISCUSSION AND CREDITED UNION SOLIDARITY IN POLAND. ROUNDTABLE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE POLISH GOVERNMENT AND INDEPENDENT UNIONS WERE PERCEIVED INABILITY OF THE SYSTEM TO BE ABLE TO OPPOSE.

OUR SCIENTIFIC APPROACH AIMS TO TREAT A SUBJECT AIMED AT THE MOMENT OF THE CREATION OF THE TRADE UNION , DEVELOPMENT AND ITS ACTIONS IN FIGHTING THE COMMUNIST REGIME.

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From the beginning we want to make a presentation of what was union Solidarity for Poland but for the entire Soviet bloc. The union has grown both in terms perpendicular (bottom-up) and one parallel (containing most of the different social classes). Adam Michnik draws us in the book *Letters from Prison and other failures*, an image of what it meant for the population Polish Solidarity "movement of a people who, despite oppression, totalitarian and rediscovered identity, broke the barriers of helplessness and fear, recreated the interior connections. Among them gather all walks of life, workers and priests, farmers and intellectuals, catholics and unbelievers; a movement that encompassed all the people who resisted the military dictatorship and repression put up an independent network of informants "[1]. Please note that the Solidarity labor union aimed at liberalizing that provide work and self-government, then it turns into an anti movement, although Michnik says the union can not be framed in any political typology and certainly not in a form revolutionary or restorative[2]. Certainly one can not talk about this move as one type of policy but we can not forget the changes that it has obtained the late 80s. Revolutionary nature is limited, almost nonexistent, but found that it had a restorative role, indiffererent if its leaders fall into this pattern it or not. The changes were essential for the function totalitarian world, a world that did not allow any directive, whether it was clear or is only at the suggestion, or attempting to want a change, coming from a different organization than the Communist Party. But why this broadening of horizons (widening objectives) Solidarity? The answer is considering suppression actions, which will be

discussed below me, that the state has undertaken against the union movement and its members. Basically, the trade union movement has advanced the movement to support the labor movement, the union for supporting independence, *"fidelity to Christian standards and labor freedom movement"*[3].

Any member of the union became suspicious and treated as such by the government and the police system but not taken into account how people can give rise suspected outbreaks of spiritual values that unite them all against a single enemy. Psychology of one person will never work as a mass[4] psychology. This proved to be possible even communist leaders has overlooked.

The independent trade union Autocephalous "Solidarity" (Niezależny Samorządny Związek Zawodowy "Solidarność") was a union federation founded in September 1980 in Gdańsk in Poland, as a result of strikes in the summer of 1980, suffered a decline. On 17 September 1980 representatives of workers across the country have concluded that an independent trade union, formed the most important national proves to be necessary, such as the Solidarity trade union was founded. Lech Walesa is the first president of the union, following the election of its first congress of the federation in 1981.

Besides strikes in 1980 which represented only catalyst that led to the outlawing of union but the real reason was Moscow's pressure on the Polish government on strengthening its position on union policy since he assumed (or so it was perceived movement) the role of political movement and the first congress debated problem of social ownership of the means of production.

A rough measure that the Kremlin has imposed since both domestic and international context in which the Soviet bloc but the fact is that the evolution of Poland towards a pluralist state is likely to push the totalitarian regime to a slippery slope which would not be able to return. Besides these issues, contamination syndrome, positive for the West but negative for communism, levels are too high given the risk of representing a domino effect in the Soviet bloc. The last weeks of 1981 it became clear that Moscow will intervene in one way or another, to end the current deviation from Poland. A diversion was stopped by General Jaruzelski using armed forces to restore *social order* and the establishment of the *state of siege* throughout Poland. We consider that these actions of General were made to order and agreement with the Kremlin. The latter designating him Marshal Kulikov, commander in chief of the armies of the Warsaw Treaty, to control direct suppression of union operations [5].

As a result of pressure from Moscow, General Wojciech Jaruzelski, lightning strikes and decrees on 13 December 1981 martial law throughout the country. Some union leaders are caught and arrested, and Poland is governed as a result of martial law, by the Military Council of National Salvation is composed of 21 generals and superior officers[6].

"The detention of those arrested was not in communist prisons in extermination, as was fashionable during the communist regime. For example, Lech Walesa spent years of imprisonment in a house party, which subsequently elected as President of Poland, spent repeatedly, some presidential leave "[7].

As a result of decreeing the martial law in the country erupted different workers' protests were suppressed by police ZOMO troops (Zmotoryzowane Odwody Milicji Obywatelskiej). At December 16, 1981, security forces opened fire on protesters (Wujek mine), killing nine people. Due to aggressive involvement of the state in suppressing

demonstrations, strikes cease on 28 December and Solidarity trade union movement seems powerless[8]. This is outlawed on October 8, 1982.

Martial law ended this union for a period of almost five years, and although dissolved by law, Solidarity has made his presence felt in public life by its members who still work in a clandestine organization and organizations conspiratorial nature ad -hoc. The latter aimed mainly work release, education, legal counseling and providing material aid type, those who became convicted or received various fines. In 1981, according to Adrian Pop, included about 10 million union members and supporters were so different constitution on funds, if needed, were available to those persecuted by the regime. Solidarity members, since 1981, started a rapid recovery and clandestine trade union organization so that on 22 April 1982 was created Provisional Coordination Commission (TKK) which represent the national governing body for all activities Solidarity. For example, the TKK was responsible for producing publications periodical, books and brochures as well as organizing clandestine radio. Besides having the coordination they have in coordinating and protests of Solidarity. Regarding trade union organization, its leaders were considering setting up a support structure located on the territory of Western countries (Brussels) - Solidarity Trade Union Coordinating Office in Brussels (BCSSB). Its role was becoming particularly important given that the target connection between centers of Polish emigration to facilitate logistical and financial support of clandestine trade union movement in the country[9]. We could say a bold move considering that anyone traveling abroad became targets of stakeouts, except a small part of the members of the regime structures.

TKK was composed of leaders of the main regions: Zbigniew Bujak (Mazovia), Wladyslaw Hardek (Little Popon), Bogdan Lis (Gdansk), Wladyslaw Frasnyniuk (Lower Silesia) and Eugeniusz Szmiejko, as a member of the National Commission and was BCSSB coordinated by Jerzy Milewski[10].

Although some union leaders were imprisoned with the introduction of martial law on December 31, 1982, it was suspended, and a good part of those in detention were called into freedom, and those convicted before the establishment of martial law were maintained in prisons. These measures propaganda (like the release of prisoners) had as target population, and as of 1983 (October) with the award of the Nobel Peace Prize Lech Walesa, was carried out an aggressive campaign and against the Americans. *"Among others, were victims of this offensive Piotr Bartoszcze, Farm Workers Solidarity leader, found dead in mysterious circumstances in 1984 inceptului priest Jerzy Popieluszko, dastardly murdered by three agents of the secret police on October 19, 1984"*[11].

In this struggle between the regime and union by intense propaganda of the former Communist leaders concluded that if they relax a little atmosphere among the workers, putting into practice the ideas of solidarity, they would believe the regime wants a change. Before the 1984 elections, governors have promoted the idea of self-government and student munctitoresti, fundamental idea initiated by the Solidarity trade union since its founding. This game worked because the workers was put in front of failing to discern whether this regime wanted his own initiative, though Solidarity was the one who managed to impose such an idea or if the union made a pact with regime. A game winning field sympathy which eventually turned against them because not considered an essential aspect, namely that many of the workers councils will be dominated by supporters of union

solidarity. This proved to be inevitable, and we managed to stop several boards of directors decisions by companies to the detriment of employees[12].

Gradually we notice a slight change in terms of attitudes towards Solidarity governors, who can say that is due (or was imposed to some extent) enjoyed union support in the West. After 1982 there has been a considerable Nearby United States (US Congress granted a million dollars Solidarity) and their secret services intensify its activities in Poland in terms of recognition and economic espionage[13].

Although governors mimics a slight rebound in February 1985 announcement amid rising prices, we see clearly that economic plan practiced by them is considering only tough measures. A measure unpopular among the population in general, and of solidarity, in particular, to February 28, 1985 union actions to organize a nationwide strike (strike which does not flow) lead to one result: the government back on measure of price increase. This is the first successful attempt of the union after 1982 to oppose the regime. An action, although unfinished, with a strong psychological effect in both population and members given the crisis that has passed in recent years Solidarity - Easy Segmentation of public trust in union rift between its leaders appeared during the transition fission time and organization[14].

In a later concluded, both from power and civil society, as just a series of talks at the Round Table facilitated the removal of blockage of the state, such as on 25 August 1988, the Minister of Interior proposed a series of debates between regime and Solidarity. Lech Walesa developed at August 25, 1988 a document was in preparation detrimental negotiations through three key areas: trade unions, pluralism and political and economic reforms. Adrian Pop says on these three areas that were to be discussed and negotiated, the state wanted to intervene in terms of their order. Basically they wanted a reversal of the order of discussions by starting negotiations with the process of democratization (political reform) bowing in recital as a common platform would be beneficial, continuing association with pluralism and ending with the drafting of a union Mondel. For those who wanted to lead such a reversal? Considering the order established by Walesa, the state wanted to be first established policy framework that is inserted in the Solidarity trade union and not to start with the legalization of trade unions in this case political reform tended towards democratization, something unacceptable to Moscow[15].

Solidarity proved to be a catalyst to consider if you are considering the approach of events in the Soviet bloc and its policies about which we can say that was imposed, even though the governors did everything possible to stop in front of the regime in Poland and left a strong spot on communism in the Soviet bloc. It is the first organization of this kind which, though intolerable, he managed to make his presence felt in politics. They obtained a dismantling totalitarian policy regarding relaxation of censorship and laws: freedom of association became tolerable by accepting debate clubs, mayors no longer enjoyed political appointment but were elected by vote economic plan was revised so population not have suffered factories autonomy was increased, increased tolerance to the presence of the private sector and joint ventures have been established the Polish-Western[16].

Undeniably demonstrate, Solidarity was a novelty for the world communist Central and Eastern Europe and the largest working class movement in the Soviet bloc. We are talking about an innovation which has led to a positive contamination has been turned into a domino effect of considering that *"elements of the new policy practiced by Solidarity in Poland - in the form of peaceful protests and civil disobedience, negotiations illustrate the*

<< *Meals* >> Round - have direct responsibility between neighbors. Poland was the first "[17].

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