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GOMULKA RETURNS TRIUMPHANT.

Leaving Moscow after their Kremlin talks, Polish party leaders Wladislaw Gomulka and premier Cyrankiewicz have every reason to be pleased with themselves. For they have made it quite clear to Russia that Poland is an independent nation, making its own decisions and following its own path. And what the Polish people themselves think about their achievement is evident when the train reaches Biala-Podlaska, first main station over the Polish frontier.

In a traditional gesture of welcome, Gomulka is presented with bread and salt. There's no doubting the sincerity of the greeting - for the fate of Hungary has shown the price that Poland might have paid for defying Russia. But under Gomulka's leadership, she has gained independence without bloodshed. Poland still fears German ambitions, so Russian troops may stay on Polish soil for the time being - but their strength, and their movements, will depend on Polish permission - and they must not interfere in Polish internal affairs.

Things are moving fast behind the Iron Curtain, where even Communist states are refusing to be satellites.