

Radio Moscow Scoffs at Kazimierz Mijal

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Radio Moscow's latest propaganda campaign directed at Albania reflects Polish First Secretary Gomulka's interpretation of Albania's "disruptive" role in European communism. Among Albanian efforts to split the European movement, Radio Moscow cites Kazimierz Mijal and the allegedly Albanian-based Polish Communist Party.

Radio Moscow has begun a new propaganda campaign, directed at Albania, propagating Gomulka's anti-Albanian line. In undertaking what represents a Soviet-Polish retort to Tirana's Polish language broadcasts, the Moscow commentary has also mentioned the activities of Kazimierz Mijal, referring to him as the "sole member of the so-called Polish Communist Party."

The new Soviet anti-Albanian theme is built around Gomulka's remarks on inter-party relations read to the Fifth Congress of the Polish Workers' Party. Twice, on November 13 and 14, Radio Moscow cited Gomulka:

As a result of the disruptive course adopted by Mao Tse-tung's group, the Communist Party of China is completely isolated in the international communist movement. The only ally of the Communist Party of China is the Albanian Party of Labor, which plays the role of a bridgehead in the disruptive Chinese activity in Europe.

The Moscow commentary of November 14 further expanded on this topic by asserting:

A concrete example of the scandalous splitting activity of the Albanian leaders has been the attempt to establish on Albanian territory the so-called Polish Communist Party, an effort which failed completely. A certain Kazimierz Mijal, who secretly left Poland with the help of the Albanian diplomats, is the sole member of this alleged Party and has declared himself its temporary Secretary General.

The attention paid by Warsaw and Moscow to Mijal and his Party represents an implicit dismissal of their own argument that the Polish fraction in Albania is unimportant and of little effect on the Polish Workers' Party members in Poland.

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