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Eastern Europe and "Solidarnost". Bulgaria's Reaction

(Summary)

The powers in Sofia supported Moscow very strongly during the crises in 1956 and 1968 through the countries in the Soviet bloc, trying this way to disable any reforms and changes in the bloc. Within the framework of CMEA (Council for Municipal Economic Assistance) the Bulgarian government leads a policy aimed to increase the trade contacts with the Central European countries. And according to this policy any attempt for political destabilization may cause “bad influences”, that may lead to a shake in the bases of the regime and cause further political difficulties. In August 1980 the Bulgarian politics supported “Socialistic Poland”. After the political crisis got worse in the summer of 1981 an antipolish campaign was taken in the periodicals. Some restrictions were led for Polish tourists in Bulgaria. Absolutely supporting Kremlin, the Bulgarian politics supported as well the war that started in December 1981, the way they thought socialistic Poland will win.