

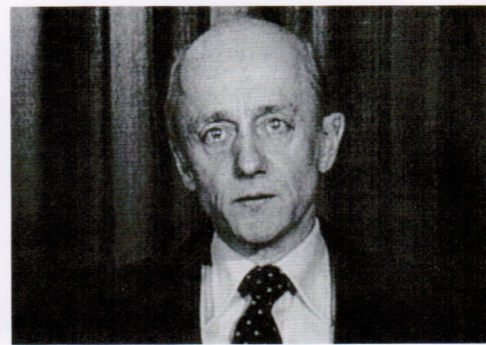
A world appeal for an end to martial law

In an unprecedented satellite television broadcast entitled "Let Poland Be Poland," fifteen European and other leaders expressed their support for the people of Poland and called for the lifting of martial law. The broadcast was seen, in whole or in part, by more than 180 million people in 43 countries.



"The age-old lesson of history is that the human spirit will not live in chains. In Poland today, the flame of freedom may seem to burn less brightly, but it has not been extinguished, nor can it be."

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher,
United Kingdom



"On the 13th of December last year, we once again witnessed the failure of the Communist system to accept a process of national renewal and reform."

Prime Minister Kare Willoch, Norway



"Now and always the Portuguese people will stand beside the Polish people and all those whose freedom has been destroyed."

Prime Minister Pinto Balsemao, Portugal



"Men of goodwill throughout the world deplore the present situation in Poland and...search for an avenue which leads to genuine stability and prosperity in Poland."

Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, Japan



"I would like to add my voice to those leaders of other countries to ask the military authorities... to abolish the state of martial law which currently suppresses the most profound aspirations of the Polish people."

Prime Minister Pierre Werner, Luxembourg



"I am convinced that all democratic nations must show an attitude of unity and firmness in the face of the Polish crisis and the Soviet responsibilities related to it."

Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo-Sotelo, Spain