Man hears dramatic account of Solidarity birth

While many have read and watched televised reports about the struggles of the Polish people over the past year, one Livonia man had the opportunity to hear about Solidarity's birth from one of the own.

hear about Solidarity's birth from one of its own. Earlier this year Bogdan Bereznicki of Livonia hosted one of three visiting high-ranking aides to Solidarity leader

high-ranking aides to Solidarity leader Lech Walesa. Bereznicki, 55, a former resident of Redford Township and a member of the board of directors for the Polish Congress of America, learned through some intimate conversations of the in-ternal struggles of Solidarity, its bopes for the future of Poland, and the emer-gence of an unemployed factory, work-er as one of the most influential char-acters in recent Pollsh history. Bereznicki, a design engineer at Ford Motor Co, emigrated to the Unit-ed States in 1948 after serving in the Polish Army during World War II. He

zongmew Gryszkiwicz visited with the Bereznicki family in Livonia for three days, during a United States mis-sion aimed at obtaining medical sup-plies from the Pollsh-American com-runtity here.

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DURING THE VISIT, Gryszkiwicz talked about. Solidarity's formation, said Berezulcki. Gryszkiwicz told of the rolling governmen's resistance to negotiations with a national union.

"The government realized the danger in this," said Berezulcki. "It had ried to negotiate locally, not with one big union. This was the danger for Solidarity."

Gryszkiwicz told Berezulcki that the government accepted Solidarity after the direct intercession of then Polish Government accepted Solidarity after the direct intercession of then Polish Cardinal Stefaliegenisis," to counsel the emerging union chief Armong with the Cardinal stefaliegenisis, "to counsel the wind the counsel the service of the polish of the property of the prop

said. Bereznicki was told Solidarity, in its

rly stages, never mounts e country's political course. "He said Solidarity did not have aspi-The sand solidarity due not nave aspirations to form a government. Solidarity wanted to improve conditions of Polish workers and the economy. They wanted to make a decent life. Since they were part of Poland, they wanted to control the economic destiny of Politaria.

land.
"They did not want a revolution, they wanted a voice."

ACCORDING TO Bereznicki, his guest said the new union then believed the words of Gen. Woijech Jarutzelski, who said Polish troops would never be used against Polish workers.

"They were not worried of Polish soldiers; their biggest worry was of the Russian army," said Bereznicki. According to the information Bereznicki received; the Polish forces were illl-prepared for a military response. Of the some 320,000 Polish sol-

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diers, about half are drafted and many of them have relatives in Solidarity. Berezuicki also was told that the Poish Army relies on on the Soviet government for ammunition. Those supplies are rationed to a three-day limit. While Solidarity was still negotiating for its recognition, members received reports that suggested military intervention by the Soviets was intuined and the supplies of the supplies of polish uniforms and other military supplies to Russia, said Berenzicki, who believes that many of the troops today are Soviets dressed in Polish uniforms.

olish uniforms.
POLISH-LANGUAGE broadcasts in POLISH-LANGUAGE broadcasts in the United States report that soldiers, stationed on the streets in major cities can't speak Polish.

Bereznicki's houseguest also told of an anecdote that illustrated the Communist' disdain for the influence of religion in Solidarity.

During Solidaritys first nationally televised hearings, a crucific, hung by union members above over the platform of the agodisticus, was mysteriously blacked out on the evening season broadcasts. In response to the member black Madouns pin on the member black Madouns pin on the member black Madouns pin on the bear crussered, Waleas turned to be above the construction of the control of the con

ry of Poland," said Bereznicki. "Even if Solidarity has to go underground, it will leave its imprint on the spirit of Poland." Among some of the union's little-known gains has been its publication of revised Polish history books.











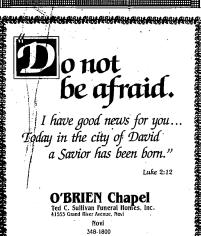
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