



Nicholas Andrews was No. 2 man in the American embassy in Poland.

# Road board backs off on SEMTA tax appeal

SEMTA officials said they were encouraged by the Oakland County Road Commission's statement that it would not appeal a recent Court of Appeals decision releasing more than \$18 million in challenged taxes to the transportation authority.

John L. Grubbs, managing director of the road commission, had said last week that his board would let the decision stand if SEMTA will provide adequate bus service to Oakland County. The agreement was reached last week to discussions between SEMTA and the road commission representatives.

"We are certainly encouraged by that statement," SEMTA General Manager Gary Krause said. "We don't see what we're doing now is any different."

UNDER TERMS of the agreement, the Oakland County Road Commission said it would not appeal the Court of Appeals decision if SEMTA uses the taxes for senior citizens, handicapped persons and others who have no other access to transportation; assures continuation of small bus service in Oakland County; and allocates the funds to the county in which they were collected.

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## Poland at Christmas

### Long food lines, but no starvation

By Suzie Rollins Singer  
staff writer

Americans planning vacations in Poland may have a better time next spring or summer than this winter.

Danger isn't imminent, but long food lines and continued unrest may make the holiday visit slightly disheartening, said Nicholas Andrews, a U.S. State Department official who served in Warsaw.

Andrews was assigned to Poland from July 1979 to July 1981 as deputy chief of mission — second in command to the ambassador. He also spent time there from 1966-1971.

"There are no problems for Americans traveling in Poland, but they would probably enjoy it more in the spring or summer. Poles are friendly to American tourists."

"The only people they don't like," he quipped, "are President Reagan and members of the State Department and the CIA because they take a hard line

against martial law and support sanctions."

THE POLISH tourist bureau requires each visitor to pay a \$10 a day fee in exchange for coupons for meals, to assure that visitors leave "hard currency" in Poland, Andrews said.

"They don't want people going to Poland and trading blue jeans for goods and services. They want the hard currency," he explained.

Americans needn't worry that their Polish friends and relatives aren't receiving mail from the United States, said Andrews, who visited the Observer & Eccentric last week while on a speaking engagement in metropolitan Detroit.

"Censorship was very tight on the mail in the early martial law period. It was easier to receive postcards from Poland than to get them there. But that's not true any more. Sometimes it takes longer for the mail to travel to America, but if martial law is eased, it will travel faster," he said.

Andrews advises people sending packages to Poland not to mix food with non-food items because, when they are received, Poles must pay duty taxes on non-food items.

EVEN THOUGH he left Poland before martial law was imposed, Andrews gave his views on why the government tried forcefully to quash the Solidarity Labor Party just one year ago. Martial law was eased this week.

The domestic, political and economic situation there had deteriorated so much that Gen. (Wojciech) Jaruzelski didn't see any way out other than taking over," Andrews explained.

"Solidarity wanted a say on all economic policy, and they demanded political changes beyond what Communists authorities could agree to. They didn't see any room for compromise," he said.

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Since the imposition of martial law, consumer prices have risen about 300 percent, Andrews said, but huge price increases mean more balance.

"Ration cards provide equity. It's a more organized market," he said, adding that while Poles may have to wait long for food, they aren't starving.

It's impossible to envision an article getting into print that criticizes the government's overall policy," he said.

NEWSPAPER REPORTS are for the most part accurate, Andrews said, but they are always censored. Publishers are allowed to print more information than they could immediately after martial law was instituted.

"After martial law, the objective was to control the press, radio and television. Newspapers were suspended, the content tightly censored. Now it is a very dull press," he said.

"Editorials can criticize one faction of the government — such as the housing authority if it did something the editor thought was unreasonable — but

UNDERGROUND newspapers and Solidarity movements are quite extensive, Andrews said.

"There are loads of underground papers with articles on opinions and policy debates. They are all uncensored and put out by the Solidarity organization," he explained.

"But the only thing Solidarity can't do underground is organize a general strike because they can't distribute information quickly," he said.

Post-war baby boomers are by far the largest supporters of Solidarity, Andrews noted, and they're not going to die off despite martial law.

"It is a young generation with aspirations stronger than their fathers. It's a difficult group to restrain," he said.

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