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1. The General Director of the Polish State Airlines (LOT), Colonel Czeslaw Mankiewicz (or Markiewicz), was arrested about one month ago and has been replaced by Colonel Minorski. Mankiewicz is about 30 years old and comes from a Communist family. During the war he was a member of the A.S. (sic), a Communist-dominated "people's army". When he became openly Communist at the end of the war, Mankiewicz rose rapidly to the rank of Colonel. He is married to a cousin of Marian Spychalski, who was Chief of Staff of the Polish Army under General Zymirski before the latter was replaced by Rokossovski. It was Spychalski who was responsible for the appointment of Mankiewicz as General Director of LOT. Spychalski was purged at the same time as Gomulka, the former head of the Polish Communist Party, but was not arrested until 1 April 1950. Mankiewicz was arrested a short time thereafter. No reason beyond the official charge of "Titoism" was given for their arrests.
2. The new General Director of LOT, Colonel Minorski, was formerly Political Deputy to the Commanding Officer of the Polish Air Force, Soviet General Polinin. He was relieved of this position by Spychalski and became the director of a power plant in Warsaw. Minorski is a convinced Communist.
3. Kubiak, the former head of a Communist cell within LOT, is under arrest charged with "Titoism". Another Communist in LOT, Szczecinski, former head of the Transport Workers Union, has been expelled from the Party, but has not yet been arrested.

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