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Pravda for January 31st and Izvestiya for February 1st contain long special articles describing ceremonies in which members of the Polish Corps in the U.S.S.R. honored the Polish officers murdered in the Katyn forest.

These articles quoted Polish soldiers on the good treatment they had received in Soviet camps long after the Germans claimed that the Poles in these camps had been killed. General Berling, the Priest Kupsz, and Major General Swierczewski and Major Zawadski, Deputies of General Berling, took the most prominent part in the ceremonies. Divine services were held, tribute was paid to the murdered Polish patriots, and vows of vengeance against the Germans were taken. Solidarity of the Polish and Soviet peoples was again affirmed.

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