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POLAND: Unrest Continues

Labor unrest is still flaring up throughout Poland.

Some workers, learning of pay hikes elsewhere, are striking for similar increases. In one factory, workers went back on strike briefly on Wednesday and successfully pressured management to make good on earlier promises. Trash collectors in Warsaw have been on strike since Tuesday.

The authorities usually have been able to get workers back on the job quickly with pledges to increase pay and satisfy other grievances, but apparently are having difficulty restoring the normal factory work routine. Even in those enterprises where workers have already received higher pay, managers are having problems motivating them to make up for lost production.

In some areas worker demands for more responsive trade unions evidently continue to be an important grievance. Railway workers in the southeastern city of Lublin--where labor unrest almost got out of control in mid-July and where the mood reportedly continues to be especially gloomy--have begun nominating their own candidates for trade union elections scheduled for mid-August. Unofficial worker strike committees also continue to be active in some factories where strikes were settled.

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In an apparent response to workers' questions over who is responsible for Poland's difficult economic situation, the party daily on Monday blamed the international situation, bureaucratic errors, and the slipshod performance of some Polish workers.

The regime on Tuesday showed its concern over dissident efforts to provide leadership to the workers by detaining three dissidents who apparently were planning a meeting with workers from a factory in Warsaw. One of the dissidents is the leading editor of a news sheet prepared for workers.

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