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SITUATION REPORT

POLAND

Strike leaders in Gdansk claimed yesterday they had reached a preliminary agreement with the government on the issue of free trade unions.

The government's chief negotiator, Mieczyslaw Jagielski, contradicted this claim on Gdansk radio and television last night, stating that the two sides had reached agreement on almost all the workers' demands except for the free trade union issue. The agreement referred to by the strike leaders may have been reached in the subcommission of experts, set up Tuesday to examine the trade union issue, rather than in the formal talks. Negotiations are slated to resume today.

Strikes continue to spread across Poland, with the situation in Wroclaw and Poznan apparently "worsening." There is no pattern to the strike activity. Some are clearly expressions of solidarity with the strikers on the Baltic coast; others focus on local economic and sometimes political demands. Many of the solidarity strikes apparently are brief walkouts.

In a recent interview with a Western journalist, Gdansk strike leader Lech Walesa said he did not favor the spread of strikes throughout the country, which he thought would lead to a "very grave situation." Instead, he said the other areas should continue to produce enough goods for the nation and that the Gdansk workers would make demands on their behalf.

The reaction to Cardinal Wyszynski's homily on Tuesday has been mixed. Some Poles reportedly believe the Polish Primate undermined the strikers' position, while others think that the strikers should now be more conciliatory. The Polish media apparently have been rebroadcasting excerpts from Wyszynski's sermon.

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Harsher Soviet Rhetoric

The Soviet media yesterday for the first time stated that "anti-socialist forces" were increasing their "subversive activity" within Poland, and repeated an earlier charge that "certain West German political circles" were raising revanchist claims against Poland. TASS asserted that these internal and external forces were uniting "to push Poland off its chosen socialist road." Although briefly mentioning yesterday's *Trybuna Ludu* editorial, which explicitly raised the specter of Soviet intervention, TASS did not cite its more ominous statements: [REDACTED]

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