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## POLAND

*The regime has reacted to the trade union leaders' threat of another strike by attempting to convince the union that more is to be gained from cooperation than by threats and to persuade workers that a strike would only add to Poland's economic difficulties.*

In an unusual press conference held after a Politburo meeting on Tuesday, Secretariat and Politburo member Barcikowski said there now exists a "conception" of a "permanent form of contact" between the government and the new union. A government spokesman, reviewing the results of last Friday's long meeting between Premier Pinkowski and Solidarity leaders, said the union has "more proof" the government wants "to create conditions" for a businesslike partnership. Pinkowski reportedly told the Politburo that a friendly dialogue with the union is necessary.

Major themes advanced by government spokesmen are that the Polish party and government are being reasonable and are doing their best to implement the agreements signed in late August, and that another strike would only add to the people's problems.

By calling for a dialogue with Solidarity, the regime presumably hopes to strengthen the hands of moderates in Solidarity like Lech Walesa, who wants to use strikes only as a last resort. The government's "reasonable" approach is also intended to split the workers from the union leaders. It is doubtful, however, that the regime will have much success in the short term. Unless the Supreme Court overrules the lower court's decision, strikes are very likely to begin next Wednesday.

### Alleged Underground Resistance Groups

A Polish journalist told [redacted] that most Polish military units would resist a Soviet invasion and that underground resistance units have been formed within the past few weeks. He said arms have been cached and plans drawn up to destroy rail lines and bridges the Soviets would have to use in

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an invasion. A similar story has appeared in a French newspaper, which also reported that trade union leaders in Warsaw have prepared a resistance plan in the event of a military coup.

We agree [redacted] that the existence of such reports could contribute to the destabilizing of Poland and reinforce the views of any Soviet leaders who favor intervention. The reports will also make it more difficult for the Polish leaders to convince the Soviets that they can restore control if given more time.

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### Romania's Concerns

The foreign editor of a prominent Romanian newspaper commented privately last week that "challenges" brought by Solidarity represent a threat to all the Warsaw Pact regimes. His remarks suggest that concern is growing in Bucharest over the dangers posed to the authority of Ceausescu's government by the continuing crisis in Poland and over the possibility that the Soviets may be planning to intervene in the near future.

The editor, presumably speaking on behalf of the government, [redacted] that some of Solidarity's demands and actions went far beyond the limits of "socialist" conduct. He cautioned that the Poles were "dangerously close" to a situation where their Warsaw Pact allies might feel threatened by their acts.

The [redacted] noted that Ceausescu's recent criticisms of [redacted]'s handling of its labor problems were intended [redacted] to warn the Romanian populace that the establishment of "competing" organizations in Romania would not be tolerated. Ceausescu, however, also wanted to convey Bucharest's view that while Poland should be allowed to solve its own problems without outside interference, the Poles themselves must take the necessary actions to remove the pretext for intervention.

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