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There are no indications that the Supreme Court will deliver a ruling today on Solidarity's charter that will satisfy union leaders, who apparently have completed preparations for a series of token strikes beginning on Wednesday.

Party leaders on Friday indicated that the regime is holding firm to its insistence that Solidarity's charter must refer to the party's leading role. On the same day, the State Council issued an appeal to "all citizens and social forces" to restore calm and resume productive work.

Solidarity leaders met in Warsaw yesterday and resolved to make no concessions to the government. They again warned they will begin strike actions on Wednesday if the Supreme Court does not rule in the union's favor.

Solidarity reportedly has issued instructions to begin the work stoppages with a sit-in strike in Gdansk. Vital services such as water and electricity will not be affected, and the consumption of alcohol will be forbidden during the sit-in.

The government has the option of not taking forceful action against the strikers while continuing the negotiations. The regime announced, for example, that Solidarity representatives had for the first time joined in the work of the commission on economic reform, and one regime leader on Friday said that "the dispute over registration has ended, for the Solidarity movement exists and operates legally."

The use of police against the strikers, nevertheless, remains a possibility, and the party's press spokesman over the weekend said that the regime will use every option to avoid a strike, perhaps declaring it illegal.

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He further noted that there were circumstances that would warrant "the defense of the *raison d'être* of the Polish state," presumably a reference to possible violent or destructive acts by the strikers.

The spokesman also denied that the Polish military would be used "in working out the political situation in the country." If violence occurs, however, it could rapidly get beyond the control of the police and require the regime to order the military to act.

As part of the muscle flexing that has been taking place, Warsaw and Moscow announced yesterday that Polish and Soviet troops had held joint exercises in Poland over the last several days. Although billed as normal training activity, the statements are a pointed reminder that the unions' actions may yet set in train a course of events that would lead to Soviet military intervention. [REDACTED] have surveyed the countryside around Warsaw and report a normal situation there.

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Tighter Controls on Western Journalists

An unspecified number of journalists yesterday were denied entry to Poland after landing at Warsaw's airport. Those already in the country with valid visas were asked to appear today to have their documents reviewed.

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