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The government continued its harassment of dissidents yesterday, and the national leadership of Solidarity may respond today with a strong warning to the regime against continuing along this path. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Polish authorities yesterday tried to serve a summons on Adam Michnik, a leader of KOR, the country's main dissident organization. He evidently refused the summons and is now under the protection of "worker guards." In addition, Warsaw radio yesterday announced that the government has formally charged four dissidents--including Leszek Moczulski, the leader of a fringe dissident organization that has little support--with attempting to overthrow the government. [REDACTED]

KOR and Solidarity have taken the position that no one should suffer repression because of his personal political views. The Moczulski case provides the stimulus for Solidarity's periodic demand that political prisoners be freed. [REDACTED]

The government's actions will be a focal point of discussions during the meeting today of Solidarity's National Coordinating Committee. They could increase the skepticism of some Solidarity leaders about the strength of the regime's interest in resolving its problems with the union. [REDACTED]

Other events slated for the weekend also may help ruffle the surface calm between the government and Solidarity. Workers in Lodz, who announced a strike alert earlier this week in support of union activists fired from their jobs, apparently will meet today to decide whether to carry out the threat. [REDACTED]

Polish students are scheduled to hold demonstrations tomorrow commemorating police repression of students in 1968. Dissident leaders, including KOR's chief Jacek Kuron and Michnik, who participated in the events of 1968,

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are scheduled to speak. The government has not commented on these demonstrations but probably hopes its moves against the dissidents will convince them and the students to be cautious. [REDACTED]

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