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SITUATION REPORTS

POLAND

The national leadership of Solidarity has called for immediate talks with the Polish Government and warned that continued harassment of union activists and dissidents by the regime might jeopardize "social calm." [REDACTED]

After 15 hours of talks over the weekend, Solidarity issued a communique yesterday stating that it "expected" talks to begin today between union leader Walesa and Premier Jaruzelski. The government has not confirmed that talks will take place. Solidarity also said that it will press for the release of dissidents but did not name any of them. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Walesa stated that the union's national leaders had not approved the strike planned by the Solidarity chapter in Lodz. Local union leaders in that city announced they would begin a graduated series of strikes on Tuesday unless the government reinstates five union activists who were fired from their jobs. Walesa said he hoped to discuss this problem with Jaruzelski. [REDACTED]

Student Rallies

The meeting of students yesterday in Warsaw was peaceful and was highlighted by Solidarity's tribute to KOR, the leading political dissident organization. Jacek Kuron, the head of KOR, called for moderation by the workers and rebutted indirect charges that his organization is the "successor" to a Zionist, anti-Polish movement. [REDACTED]

Such charges were made during another rally held in Warsaw by a group of so-called Polish nationalists who said that Jewish nationalists had created a "blood-bath" after World War II. Kuron, Adam Michnik, and other leading members of KOR are Jewish. [REDACTED]

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Party Meeting

[REDACTED] today in Warsaw to hear a report on the economy and to discuss problems associated with the preparations for the extraordinary party congress. A plenary session of the commission that is drafting documents on the congress is scheduled to meet on Thursday. [REDACTED]

The timing of the congress apparently has become a matter of contention, and the central leadership may wish to delay it--many central committee members seem to fear they will lose their jobs. [REDACTED]

Military Situation

Preparations for the Warsaw Pact exercise Soyuz-81 are continuing:

--The exercise is scheduled for 17-20 March, [REDACTED]

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