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POLAND: Pressures Ease Despite Military Buildup

Tensions continue to ease in Poland despite the continued Warsaw Pact military activity related to a possible intervention. Solidarity organizations are moving out of the factories and back to their normal headquarters. The Bydgoszcz chapter of Solidarity has suspended its strike alert, leaving the country free of strikes or strike threats. Nevertheless, recent reports indicate that some Solidarity members late last month had collected weapons and prepared plans for economic sabotage and underground activity should the Soviets intervene. [REDACTED]

A high level of military activity continues in and around Poland in preparation for a possible intervention.

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There continues to be no evidence from other sources of troop movements in the western USSR. (S NF WNINTEL)

Pact Summit in Prague

Soviet President Brezhnev's attendance at the Czechoslovak party congress, which begins Monday, could set the stage for another Warsaw Pact summit on Poland. Brezhnev's decision to go to Prague is almost certainly linked with the Polish situation. He has not attended an East European congress in six years, [REDACTED]

Although other Pact leaders--including Polish First Secretary Kania--might attend as well, there is no confirming evidence they will do so. As of Wednesday, Romanian President Ceausescu had not planned to attend, but he may not have known then that Brezhnev was going. [REDACTED]

Pravda on the Polish Party

Soviet media continue to call for ideological vigilance on the part of Polish Communists. *Pravda* yesterday underlined the need for "unity and cohesion" in party ranks and said attempts to undermine Marxism-Leninism must be opposed decisively. [REDACTED]

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On Thursday, *Pravda* contained the first Soviet criticism of the Polish party since Kania became First Secretary. It charged the Warsaw party organization with ideological laxity for failing to rebut anti-Soviet and antisocialist remarks allegedly made by dissidents and a Solidarity leader at a Warsaw University lecture. The article asked rhetorically what further proof was needed that there are antisocialist forces in Poland. [REDACTED]

Probably responding in part to the Soviet criticism, Kania on Thursday met with members of the Warsaw party organization. In a heated session, some party members apparently defended Solidarity against charges of "counterrevolution." Other local party organizations have demanded publicly an explanation why hardliners were not removed at last Sunday's Central Committee session. Such breakdowns in traditional party discipline only bolster Soviet fears that the Polish party is falling apart. [REDACTED]

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