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POLAND: Moscow Condemns Revisionists

Moscow over the weekend showed signs of continued concern about the Polish situation by attacking "revisionists" within the Polish party. At the same time, negotiations between Solidarity and the government went relatively smoothly. The military situation in and around Poland remains calm. [REDACTED]

A TASS dispatch on Saturday claimed that there are "revisionists" in the Polish party determined to "paralyze" it, an indication that Soviet Politburo member Suslov's talks with the Polish leadership have intensified the Kremlin's opposition to party liberalization in Poland. The charge by Moscow also places added pressure on First Secretary Kania to oppose far-reaching changes at the Central Committee plenum on Wednesday. [REDACTED]

The term "revisionist" is one of the most serious charges that the Soviets can level against another Communist regime, and Moscow used it to describe Czechoslovak party liberals before the invasion in 1968. The TASS article attached this label to the Polish party's rank-and-file members, who have become increasingly critical of the party leadership and have begun to organize what they call "horizontal" links--such as the recent meeting in Torun--to make their voices heard. [REDACTED]

There has been no direct mention of the meeting in Torun in the Soviet media, but TASS clearly was referring to it when it claimed that "revisionist forces" under the guise of "so-called horizontal structures" were attempting to undermine the party. TASS' contention that this activity is being conducted outside party statutes is an implicit warning to the Polish Central Committee not to tamper with those statutes, as it seems certain to do, at the plenum. [REDACTED]

Talks Proceed Smoothly

Solidarity and the government yesterday concluded six months of talks on a draft trade union law that now will be published for public discussion. Although not

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all of the controversial points were resolved, the draft includes a clause that allows for the registration of an independent farmers' union. [REDACTED]

The Polish Church, meanwhile, yesterday announced that Cardinal Wyszynski would require lengthy treatment for his illness, implying that he would be absent from public view for an extended period. [REDACTED]

Military Situation

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