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**POLAND: Tensions Rising Again**

*The political atmosphere in Poland is heating up as liberals mount a counteroffensive against recent hardline criticism, the party begins its final selection of delegates to the congress in mid-July, and Solidarity threatens a major strike.* [REDACTED]

The criticism of the party leadership by the Katowice Party Forum probably will further weaken the already feeble conservative forces in the Polish party. Liberals are trying to identify the sponsors of the forum and may work even harder for the expulsion of party officials whose commitment to reform is suspect. [REDACTED]

Organizers of the forum yesterday announced suspension of their activities for the time being. This may be only a tactical retreat and will not be enough to divert the liberal counteroffensive. [REDACTED]

The East Germans apparently are concerned that the forum's activities will be used to discredit Katowice party leader Zabinski, whom they consider their most important contact. [REDACTED]

During a secret meeting with an East German official in late May, Zabinski apparently was highly critical of Kania and current party policy. [REDACTED] the Katowice party apparatus worked closely with the organizers of the forum. [REDACTED]

Politburo Member To Retire

The first of what promises to be many changes in the top party leadership was announced yesterday. Politburo member and Head of State Jablonski told a provincial conference selecting delegates to the party congress that he will retire from political life. Jablonski probably realizes that he has little chance of being selected as a delegate to the congress or of remaining in the leadership. [REDACTED]

Thus far, only one Politburo member has won a seat as a delegate--a prerequisite to being reelected to the

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leadership--and he had significant opposition. One Politburo member, a worker recently added to the leadership, has been defeated in local delegate elections. [REDACTED]

Most other leaders probably will win delegate seats, but they will have to maneuver carefully because the rank and file are demanding major personnel changes, and the more democratic election process is less susceptible to manipulation. The selection of delegates will continue until late this month. [REDACTED]

Party chief Kania reportedly may seek election tomorrow as a delegate from Gdansk. He presumably has the assurances of the local party leader, who commands a considerable following, that he has the votes to win. A defeat would be more than a minor setback, however, because the new rules prevent a defeated candidate from running for election from any other province. [REDACTED]

#### Strike Threat

Local Solidarity leaders in Bydgoszcz have threatened a two-hour warning strike for 11 June and a regionwide strike for 15 June if the regime does not finish its investigation of the beatings of three Solidarity activists there in March. The government yesterday agreed to meet with Solidarity officials on Monday to discuss the issue. [REDACTED]

The national leadership of Solidarity had met previously in Bydgoszcz and endorsed the strikes. If the strikes take place, they would come one day after the end of the two-month strike moratorium requested by Prime Minister Jaruzelski in early April. [REDACTED]