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POLAND: Kania's Speech

*Party leader Kania yesterday attempted to assuage Soviet concerns by promising more resolute action against counterrevolutionaries, but his statements confirming that the party congress will take place on schedule in July and supporting reform indicate there will be no major departures in policy.* [REDACTED]

In his opening address to the Central Committee plenum, which concludes today, Kania said that Soviet "anxiety and worry," as expressed in the recent letter to the Central Committee, were fully justified. He pledged that activities opposing socialism or the Soviet Union would no longer be tolerated. In citing several of the more ominous portions of that letter, Kania may hope to convince party members of the depth of Soviet concern. [REDACTED]

The Soviets will view Kania's tough statement with skepticism. Moscow complained in the letter of past broken promises and suggested that it would be satisfied with nothing less than rapid action. [REDACTED]

For the most part, Kania followed his previous practice of balanced criticism, supporting Solidarity's trade union activities while opposing its more political behavior. He welcomed the postponement of the warning strike set for tomorrow and praised current preparations for the congress. Kania criticized "conservative trends" in the party, but, in a tilt toward Moscow, said that forces pushing the party in the direction of social democratism are the "main danger." [REDACTED]

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Soviet forces in and around Poland continue to conduct seasonal training in local areas. [REDACTED]

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