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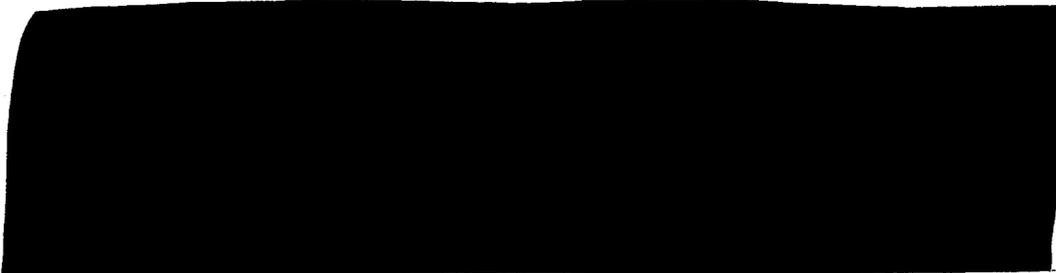
USSR-POLAND: Moscow Silent on Party Meeting

The absence of an announcement that the Central Committee met has cast a shadow over the Supreme Soviet session scheduled to open today. [REDACTED]

Failure to hold a plenum before a Supreme Soviet meeting would be unprecedented; it could indicate either the sudden illness of President Brezhnev or a major political development--such as a Politburo disagreement over Poland. A delay in announcing the meeting probably would indicate that the plenum produced major policy or personnel changes which the leadership has not yet decided how to treat publicly. [REDACTED]

Polish hardliners were encouraged by new Soviet expressions of concern over the weekend about the situation in Poland. Organizers of the Katowice Party Forum--who had earlier claimed that they would discontinue their activities--yesterday issued a statement calling for an investigation of the media campaign against their group in early June. [REDACTED]

TASS yesterday claimed that another apparently hard-line group--a Poznan Party Forum--recently expressed its support for the Soviet letter of 5 June and called on the party leadership to act against those endangering the Marxist-Leninist character of the party. The Soviets also referred to a new Warsaw weekly that criticized the leadership for making concessions to "antisocialists." [REDACTED]



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