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*The political battle between leaders of the regime and the free trade unions has now turned into a less dramatic, but still deadly serious, contest in which both sides have questioned the other's good faith.*

The special effort by Deputy Prime Minister Jagielski yesterday to persuade the leadership of the new trade union, "Solidarity," to call off its one-hour strike set for tomorrow indicates the gravity with which the regime views the current phase. Jagielski, who negotiated the Gdansk agreements and has more credibility with the union leaders than any other Polish leader, probably argued that the regime is fulfilling its side of the agreements and that the strike is unnecessary. He also may have pointed out that a strike the day before an important party Central Committee plenum would only give ammunition to conservative elements in the party who could argue that a concessionary policy leads to increasing demands from workers. A union spokesman announced yesterday after the meeting with Jagielski, however, that the union would go through with the strike.

The regime wanted to head off the strike also because it fears that it will show Moscow the strength of the new unions and lead to Soviet pressure for a tougher line toward worker demands. Moreover, the regime would like to establish a cooperative relationship with the unions in which strikes are used only as a last resort. There also is the possibility that a strike might encourage increased student activity.

The "Solidarity" leadership has appeared to be divided in its approach to the regime. The session on Monday that authorized the strike, for example, was described as "stormy." Lech Walesa appears to have been more hesitant about calling this strike than his two deputies, Bogdan Lis and Andrzej Kolodziej.

To justify the strike, the leaders of "Solidarity" have advanced a number of grievances. These include the regime's failure to implement fully wage increases

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promised by the end of September, limited media coverage of the new union's activities, harassment of the unions by some local officials, and the failure of some of these officials to consult the unions on wage and other issues.

The strike probably stems as much if not more, however, from the union leadership's varying assessments of the political needs of its fledgling organization. Some probably believe that such demonstrations are necessary to maintain the morale of their supporters and to gain new adherents.

Others may be feeling pressure from workers themselves for a more aggressive posture and probably are reluctant at this juncture to ignore even a minority view. Only six of 37 delegates at the meeting on Monday reportedly felt that negotiations on wage increases were going unsatisfactorily.

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