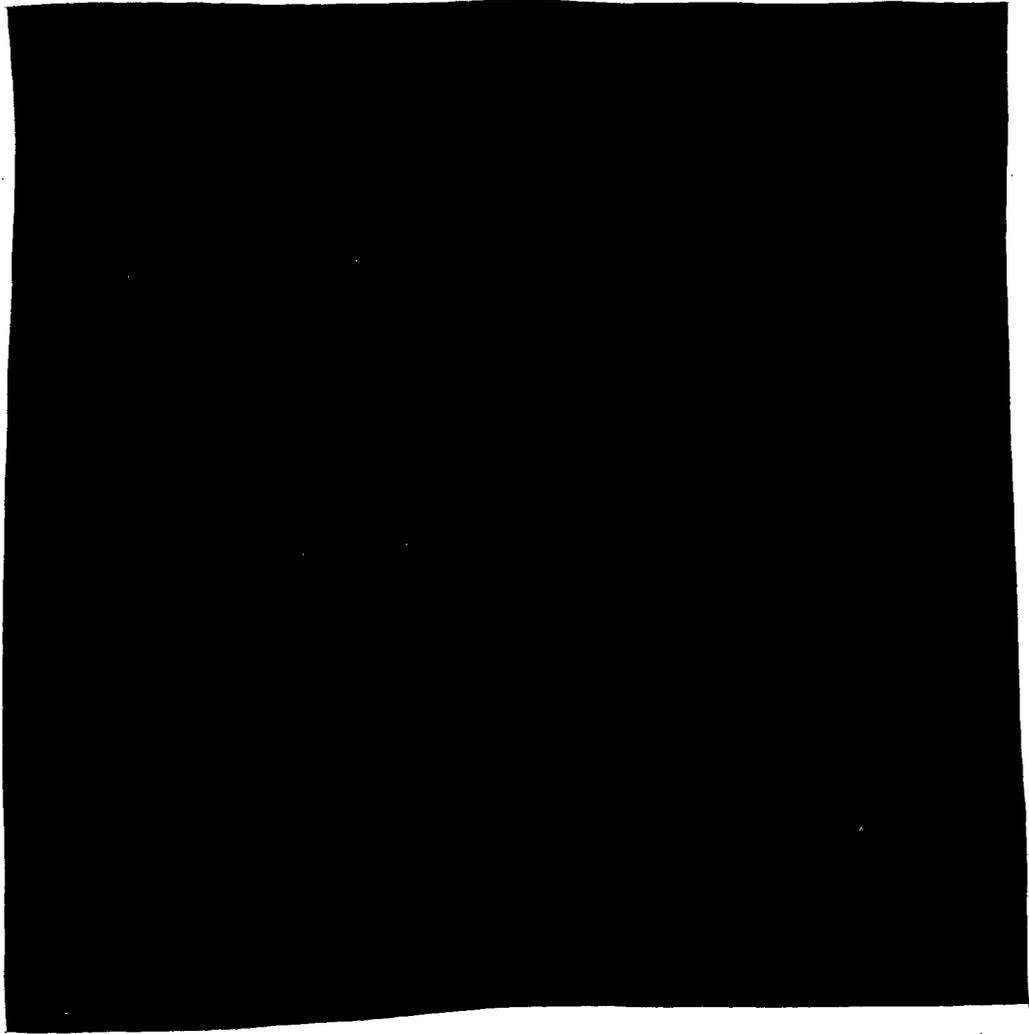


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USSR-POLAND: Exercise Activity

The current Soviet military exercise in the northwestern USSR is expected to last until at least 22 August and apparently is not linked to the situation in Poland. [REDACTED]



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More Labor Problems Expected

Soviet media over the weekend commented extensively on the Polish situation, with *Pravda* warning that the "political struggle" may not have reached its "peak." Most of the Soviet criticism was directed against "extremists" in Solidarity, who are accused of fomenting disorders to weaken the authority of the Polish regime. [REDACTED]

Some of the commentary represented a low-key admonition to party leaders to take a firmer stand. The absence of stronger criticism of the leadership may reflect, in part, Soviet recognition that a direct challenge to First Secretary Kania would divide the Polish party as it confronts the latest crisis. [REDACTED]

Several senior Solidarity officials, [REDACTED] commented that in order to preserve the union's credibility with its 10 million members, Solidarity will have to take a tough stand toward the regime during the coming months. They said this might involve calling a "major" strike, presumably of short duration, to allow workers to let off steam. [REDACTED]

The leadership of Solidarity does not believe that the government is prepared to adopt the far-reaching economic reforms that the union is seeking, but contends that Warsaw will have to come around to Solidarity's position after things get "much, much worse." [REDACTED]

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