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POLAND: Meeting of Union Leadership

*The national leadership of Solidarity, which has been meeting in Gdansk since yesterday to formulate an approach for future negotiations with the regime, today is expected to issue what has been billed as a "major policy declaration."* [REDACTED]

No details of the meeting yesterday have been released, but key regional leaders were included at the last moment. The government accepted Solidarity's invitation to send representatives, and an official discussed the regime's economic reform proposals. The presence of the government delegation suggests the regime is still interested in negotiating. [REDACTED]

The party's Central Committee also will meet today, and from available portions of the agenda, it does not appear as if the Committee will discuss or recommend drastic changes in policy or personnel. [REDACTED]

The government continued its somewhat threatening stance yesterday. At a session of the Council of Ministers it discussed measures "to ensure observance of the law and to prevent planned demonstrations" that threaten public peace and Poland's security. The government is particularly concerned about a planned march on Warsaw to protest the holding of political prisoners, a reference of four dissidents. [REDACTED]

Prime Minister Jaruzelski echoed this tough line when he blamed Solidarity for the breakdown of recent talks and repeated the assertion that the regime would defend "by all the necessary means provided for by law" its general policy line. [REDACTED]

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