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POLAND: Differences Over Martial Law

There may be a growing divergence between political leaders and some top military officials over the imposition of martial law.

A majority of the Politburo on 15 September rejected a plan by the military authorities for the institution of martial law. [REDACTED] The apparent backing by the military for emergency measures suggests a possible hardening of attitudes among some senior officers. [REDACTED]

Tough propaganda by the regime over the last week reflects a growing determination to stand fast. If the hardening of attitudes evident among the military becomes widespread, it could erode party leader Kania's commitment to the search for a political solution or even jeopardize his political position. [REDACTED]

The government seems prepared, however, to allow the second session of Solidarity's congress to take place as scheduled. The final decision on martial law will probably be determined by a combination of the congress results and the severity of Soviet pressure, which remains high. [REDACTED]

Soviets Maintain Pressure, Hint at Economic Sanctions

The latest letter from Soviet factory workers to their Polish counterparts contained a suggestion of possible Soviet economic sanctions. The message, from a metallurgical combine, pointedly juxtaposed indignation over the "wave of anti-Sovietism" in Poland with references to the quantity of metal products and technical assistance sent by the plant to Poland each year. [REDACTED]

Meanwhile, Soviet criticism of the Polish regime continues, despite efforts by Warsaw to appear responsive and gestures by the regime and Solidarity to reduce tension. Moscow apparently intends to continue voicing its displeasure, at least until satisfied that moderates have regained control within the union and that the regime will oppose a resurgence by the militants. [REDACTED]

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