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POLAND: Solidarity Militants Attack Compromise

The union militants' determined assault on the self-management compromise agreement seems to have only a limited chance of success and may partly be an effort to enhance their prospects on other issues to be discussed at the congress. [REDACTED]

Although approval by the congress of the compromise that Solidarity leader Walesa and the national leadership reached with the regime last week remains in doubt, its supporters have confidently been predicting a victory. Walesa's impassioned defense of the agreement yesterday was enthusiastically applauded. He may put all of his prestige behind this agreement; some of his supporters apparently are spreading the word that he will resign if it is rejected. [REDACTED]

Few important regional leaders appear to have called for outright rejection of the agreement, which was enacted by parliament on Friday. Some who have long objected to Walesa's highhanded ways, however, criticized the manner in which the agreement was reached. They may be trying to prevent Walesa from getting the congress to endorse his proposal for a strong central leadership. [REDACTED]

The moderates' case for the agreement has been hindered by the fact that only four of the 11-member national leadership participated in the decision. The congress today will hear explanations from those who were absent. [REDACTED]

The congress yesterday implicitly reaffirmed its controversial pledge of support for free trade union activity elsewhere in Eastern Europe and the USSR. Delegates responded enthusiastically to a letter of greetings said to be from Romanian workers. Although the congress is unlikely to reiterate its position by formally issuing another resolution, the East European regimes and the Soviets will be angered that the union has again publicized the issue. [REDACTED]

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Soviet Propaganda

TASS reported again Saturday that "Marxist-Leninist seminars" in Poland are criticizing Polish authorities for tolerating anti-Soviet activity and are demanding firm action against counterrevolutionary forces. It quoted the Polish critics as citing the need to distinguish between "dialogue" and "capitulation." It did not, however, repeat the call made last week for convening the Polish party's Central Committee, suggesting that Moscow realizes the time is not ripe for a direct challenge to party chief Kania. [REDACTED]

Meanwhile, Soviet media have discontinued--at least temporarily--their calls for immediate strong action against Solidarity. Instead, Moscow's coverage of Premier Jaruzelski's speech to the parliament last Thursday quoted his affirmation that "mutual understanding" remains possible if the union adopts a more moderate line. [REDACTED]

Military Situation

The Soviets continue to be concerned about the security of their [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] installations and personnel. Solidarity probably would counter martial law or Soviet intervention only with acts of passive resistance, such as occupation of factories and a general strike. [REDACTED]

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