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POLAND: Central Committee Meeting Called

Yesterday's announcement that the Polish party Central Committee will meet "shortly" is an effort by the regime to put more pressure on the Solidarity congress to moderate its decisions. [REDACTED]

The announcement is also designed to show Moscow that the regime is taking a tough course. Party leader Kania and other moderates will probably be able to deflect pressure from hardliners for more forceful actions by arguing that the congress' direction is not yet clear. The hardliners probably have the support of Moscow, which last week implicitly called for convening a Central Committee meeting to oust Kania. [REDACTED]

Militants' Pressure on Walesa

Walesa remains the strong favorite to win reelection, but militant elements in Solidarity want to curb his autocratic tendencies and ensure themselves a greater role in decisionmaking. Militants yesterday approved a resolution that sharply reprimanded Walesa and a small group of leaders for going over the union's head in reaching a compromise with the government on the worker self-management law. [REDACTED]

The resolution also criticized Walesa's advisers--who are largely political dissidents and Catholic intellectuals--as too ready to compromise. The congress has not yet taken a position, however, on the self-management agreement itself. [REDACTED]

Walesa's critics apparently have struck a responsive chord among the rank and file with their claim that the current leadership is "too political." They risk having their campaign backfire, however, if they press too hard and appear too ambitious for power. [REDACTED]

The delegates, meanwhile, are involving themselves in political areas that will provoke angry criticism from the regime and the Soviets. The union's draft program, released yesterday, apparently contains several politically sensitive demands, including a call for Solidarity's own radio-TV stations. [REDACTED]

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A small group of delegates announced the formation of a discussion club "serving independence" that wants free elections and full sovereignty for Poland. This endeavor seems unlikely to gather any significant support. [REDACTED]

Soviet Criticism

Moscow's commentary so far on the second session of the congress suggests that it foresees an outcome as unacceptable as was the first session. TASS claims that "counterrevolutionary" elements are operating in and around the congress and preparing new actions to interfere in the affairs of Poland's Communist neighbors--an allusion to the appeal to the workers of Eastern Europe and the USSR. [REDACTED]

Quoting a claim by the Czechoslovak party newspaper that the self-dissolution of the Committee for Social Self-Defense in Poland is only a maneuver, TASS notes that leaders of the disbanded "counterrevolutionary" organization will retain their influence within Solidarity's leadership. The Soviet agency also quotes the Czechoslovak newspaper's warning of unrealistic expectations within Poland that the Solidarity congress will somehow overcome the present crisis. [REDACTED]

The current commentary is doubtless intended in part to influence the deliberations of the congress, and the Soviets will probably withhold their final judgment until the congress announces its major decisions. Meanwhile, Moscow is clearly preparing the ground to demand that the Polish regime resume the offensive against Solidarity and take forceful action against its more radical leaders. [REDACTED]

Troop Rotation

On Monday, the Soviet Ministry of Defense published its semiannual order for the callup and release of conscripts; flights carrying personnel to and from the Soviet Groups of Forces in Eastern Europe should begin in mid-October. About one-fourth of the enlisted personnel in

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Soviet units are replaced during each troop rotation.
During and after troop rotations, the preparedness of
Soviet units is temporarily reduced. [REDACTED]

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