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POLAND: Tense Confrontation

As a result of its attempt to take a tough stand against strikers, the Jaruzelski regime has become embroiled in a tense confrontation in Warsaw with more than 300 student firefighters. The regime has ringed the building housing the firefighters' academy with riot policemen and water cannon but has said it will not use force. The students, who are demanding that their academy be taken out of the Ministry of Interior and moved to the Ministry of Higher Education, have refused to leave the building despite the dissolution of the academy on Saturday. Negotiations are under way to resolve the conflict. A decision to use force could cause a reaction from the large crowd that is observing the standoff, and the Warsaw chapter of Solidarity, which supports the students, would also probably react with strikes and other demonstrations. [REDACTED]

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