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POLAND: Martial Law Tactics

The government is attempting to use the carrot-and-stick approach to head off problems and encourage productivity as most workers return to their jobs this week. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Pravda, meanwhile, has published another commentary that appears to argue for a measured Soviet response to US economic sanctions. [REDACTED]

Warsaw on Friday announced extra benefits for workers in hazardous or demanding jobs. The measures--which include early retirement and disability pay--will apply to 2 million industrial workers in sectors that have been Solidarity strongholds. In addition, workers now will be paid for time lost when factories are idled by raw material shortages, long a source of labor unhappiness. [REDACTED]

At the same time, the government may be deploying more security forces to intimidate returning workers. [REDACTED] yesterday noted an increased presence of police and military forces in Warsaw. [REDACTED]

Polish radio, reminding would-be strikers of the penalties they risk, announced the stiffest sentences yet handed out to Solidarity activists. Five organizers of the strike at the Katowice steelworks received prison terms of up to seven years--almost double that of other sentences--because of the "great damage" to the national economy. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the authorities may seek to weed out militants in the Baltic coast shipyards by issuing new access cards. The government also is putting pressure on low-level supervisors in factories to maintain production levels by threatening to fire them if work quotas are not met. This tactic may yield mixed results because some workers probably feel little sympathy for their immediate superiors. [REDACTED]

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The purge in the party and government seems to be gathering momentum. Members of party committees at all levels are being expelled, with 535 in one province alone being dropped. Special "verification" committees made up of party and Army representatives continue to interrogate officials outside the party apparatus. The liberal former editor of the Krakow party newspaper recently failed such a test, and at least five provincial governors have been dismissed. [REDACTED]

Contrary to frequent press reports of harsh conditions for detainees, some at least have received good treatment. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In a rest home belonging to the Ministry of Interior, prisoners were even permitted to listen to Voice of America broadcasts on radios provided by guards. (C)

Conditions for detainees probably vary, however, and intellectuals may be treated differently than union activists. A recent Solidarity bulletin claims that 12,000 persons have been detained, significantly more than the 5,500 admitted to by the regime. [REDACTED]

Government Moves Toward Normality

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A senior deputy in the parliament has hinted [REDACTED] that the entire body may meet soon to consider legislation, despite the continuance of martial law. The government probably hopes that the public would be more willing to accept controversial laws--especially on the contentious issues of economic reform and trade unions--passed by parliament rather than ones enacted by fiat. [REDACTED]

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Deputy Premier Rakowski reportedly told [REDACTED] last week that Warsaw has the \$350 million needed to pay all the interest on its commercial bank debt for 1981. The report, if true, means the money probably came from Moscow, because Poland has virtually no hard currency reserves and apparently has not received any new loans from Western banks. [REDACTED]

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Soviet Views

A commentary in *Pravda* criticizes the present course of US foreign policy but asserts that this policy represents only one of two "strains" within the American establishment. *Pravda* attributes this "irrational" strain

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to the extreme right wing of the Republican Party and claims that once its "dangerous nature" becomes apparent a "realist" strain will reassert itself. [REDACTED]

The article is the second in three days that appears to argue for a measured Soviet response to US sanctions. These commentaries may represent one side in an ongoing debate rather than a justification to Soviet critics that a decision already has been made. (C)

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[REDACTED] Activity by Soviet and East European forces has been at typically low levels during the New Year holiday. [REDACTED]

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