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POLAND: Solidarity Seeking To Reorganize

A Church official on Monday indicated that the present calm in Poland is superficial and said that Solidarity has begun to reorganize. The party, meanwhile, is helping establish local committees to rally popular support. The government is seeking large amounts of aid from the East Germans and probably its other allies,

Bishop Dabrowski told [redacted] that the calm in Poland is more apparent than real and called the situation in Silesia and on the Baltic coast tense. He added that Solidarity had begun to reorganize and operate clandestinely, with militant union leader Bujak playing a key role. [redacted]

Solidarity leaflets distributed secretly continue to call for passive resistance and work slowdowns. Bujak reportedly is organizing resistance in Warsaw, overseeing three publications, and establishing contacts with other groups. [redacted]

The authorities, meanwhile, continue to search for Solidarity leaders still at large. Military prosecutors recently issued a warrant for the arrest of Bogdan Lis, an adviser to union leader Walesa. [redacted]

Comment: [redacted]

[redacted] The regime is nervous about how events will develop if martial law is eased, especially because it can offer few economic palliatives. [redacted]

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Some press reporting has portrayed these committees as possible replacements for the decimated Communist party,

Comment: The new bodies, which will not be permitted to have an organizational structure at the province level, are unlikely to garner much support for regime policies.

Seeking Aid

Premier Jaruzelski reportedly has sent two letters to East German leader Honecker since 13 December asking for East German economic aid for 1982. He sought approximately \$675 million in credits, fulfillment of East German export commitments to Poland, and East Berlin acceptance of reduced Polish deliveries, especially coal. The requests have split the top East German leadership--those with economic portfolios resisted the request--but Honecker reportedly is inclined to overrule the dissenters on political grounds.

Other CEMA countries provided small amounts of food aid in late December, probably as a result of Soviet prodding. A trade protocol signed with Czechoslovakia yesterday allows Poland to run a considerable trade deficit.

Comment: Agreement to assist Poland would be in line with East Germany's belief that a stable Poland is in East Berlin's self-interest. The East Germans, however, are not likely to meet the entire Polish request. Although the government may be willing to make some sacrifices, such assistance is highly unpopular with the East German people.

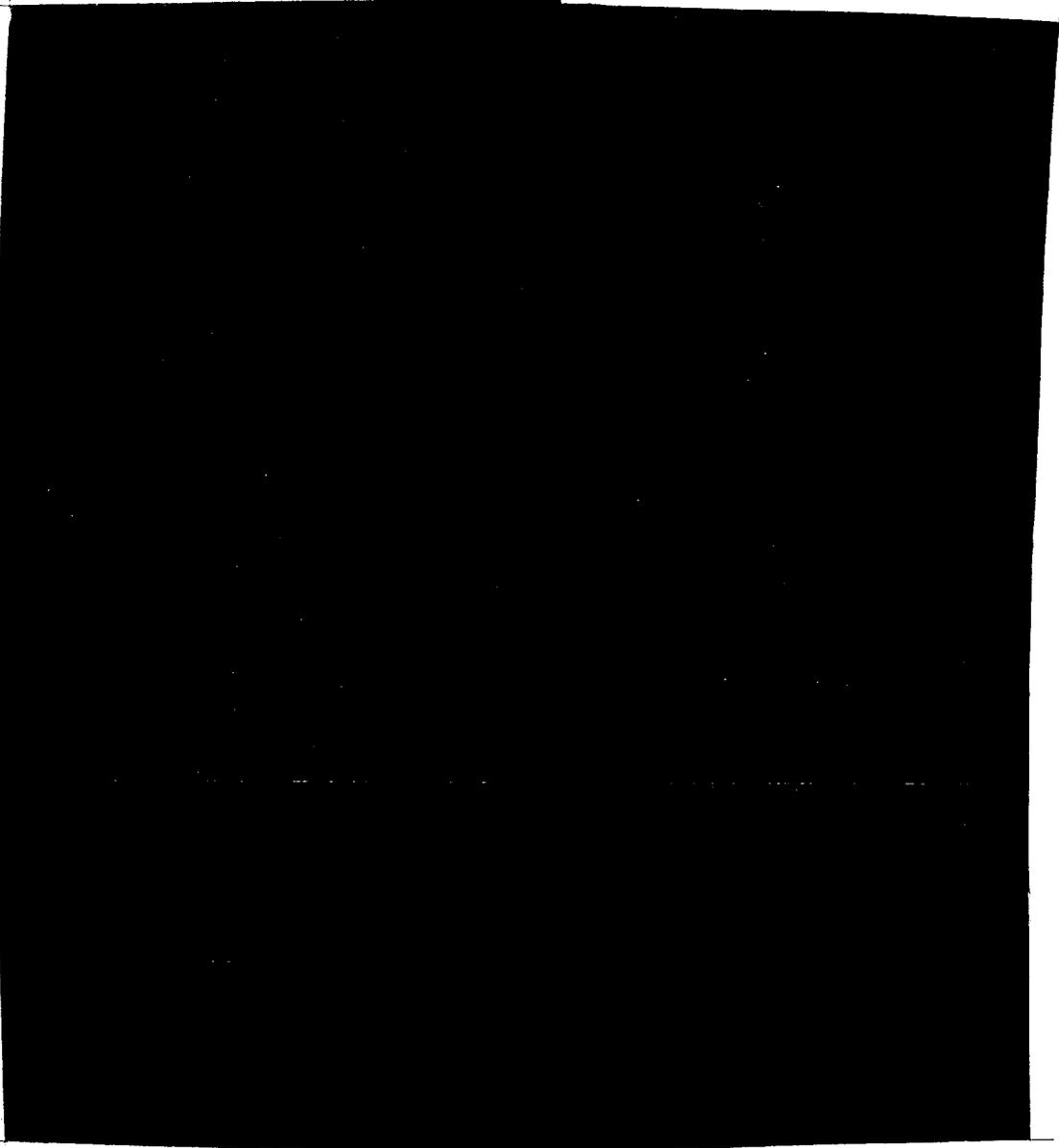
Although the Poles seem to have bought more time to meet the terms of the rescheduling agreement for last year--originally expected to be concluded by the end of

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December--the longer such delays continue the greater the likelihood that some Western bank will declare Warsaw in default.



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