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POLAND: Possible Compulsory Deliveries

The party paper claims that compulsory grain deliveries are the only alternative to bread rationing. There are reports of armed resistance in Wroclaw. The government is calling for public discussion of the future of trade unions.

A commentary in the party daily yesterday implies that compulsory deliveries will be introduced soon to avoid bread rationing. The article claims that the government is rapidly drawing down grain reserves and that daily procurements fill only 20 percent of the needs.

Comment: The regime may be unhappy over the farmers' initial response to the increased grain prices last week and their continuing reluctance to take up the government's offer to buy grain now with payment to be made in 1983-85 at prices existing at the time. Poland's inability to import more grain is prompting it to rely more on domestic procurements.

The distrustful farmers--who can store grain for as long as two years--apparently are holding back because of their concern over unsettled conditions, their need to use grain for livestock feed, and their frustration with supply shortages. Forced deliveries would alienate farmers and would lead to some distress slaughtering of livestock. In the long term this would cause a further drop in meat supplies.

Situation in Wroclaw

A reliable source reports that approximately 300 people, most of them soldiers who have deserted their units, have formed an armed resistance group in an isolated area near Wroclaw. Other contacts about the formation of a "forest" unit of the Wroclaw Revolutionary Army and a copy of a letter in English from the group demanding the release of prisoners.

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Comment: This is the first report that an armed resistance group has been formed. Although it could easily be the product of the active Polish rumor mill, it should be taken seriously. Such an endeavor would be attractive to rebellious, romantic Polish youth; a number of signs suggest that Wroclaw has been a center of unrest.

Trade Union Report

The government has directed Deputy Premier Rakowski to prepare a report by the end of the month on "the premises for the rebirth of the trade union movement" and has called for public discussion of the report. Meanwhile, the regime has eased restrictions on US missions in Poland, apparently making good on Foreign Minister Czyrek's pledge last week that Western diplomats would soon be able to move more freely around the country.

Comment: The government appeared to be making some conciliatory gestures on the eve of the CSCE conference in Madrid in an effort to reduce Western criticism. The preparation of a report by Rakowski--who reportedly opposes revival of Solidarity--seems little more than the beginning of efforts to justify creation of a compliant trade union structure.

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