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POLAND: Restless Youth

The Jaruzelski regime has had only marginal success intimidating young Poles and expects them to continue to commit acts of defiance.

Young people comprised most of a crowd of several hundred at a demonstration Saturday in Poznan to mark the end of the third month of martial law. Students also apparently took the lead in earlier protest demonstrations at Poznan and Gdansk.

students largely ignore the martial law regulations making class attendance mandatory and prohibiting unauthorized gatherings on campus. Meanwhile, a senior Polish prelate has expressed fear that the students' naive contempt for the authorities will make them easy prey for provocations by party hardliners.

Comment: The regime has avoided using heavyhanded measures with the universities out of concern for creating martyrs that risk putting it in even less favorable light. The police on Saturday handled the demonstration in Poznan without the great show of force that was used in an earlier incident. The authorities will continue their efforts to keep student organizers off balance by selective expulsions and other forms of intimidation, and by threatening to revoke still existing academic reforms.

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