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POLAND: Party Factionalism

*Factional disputes in the Communist Party ensure a lengthy political role for the military as well as continuing tension between the party and military.* [REDACTED]

The head of the party's watchdog Control Committee yesterday implicitly criticized the party organization in Warsaw for its tough and inflexible policy and for endangering the ideological unity of the party. He said that the party must agree on fundamental issues. [REDACTED]

Senior Hungarian officials reportedly are concerned that party members in Poland have too many conflicting plans for restoring party unity. They believe that the party's plenum last month was a "total disaster," and they fear that Premier Jaruzelski is not trying to restore party primacy. [REDACTED]

Comment: The clash between hardline and moderate elements may resume at the next Central Committee plenum, probably in a few weeks. The inability of the party to resolve its differences at the top prevents it from being effective at the grass-roots level. Military leaders, aware of the party's weaknesses, believe that they will have to play an important political role indefinitely, and this is likely to increase tension with party stalwarts who believe they are being preempted. [REDACTED]

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