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POLAND: Seventh Month of Martial Law

Solidarity activists apparently are planning fewer demonstrations on Sunday to mark the imposition of martial law than they staged in May, but tensions are high and clashes with the police remain possible.

[redacted] underground activists are calling only for one to three minutes of silence in factories instead of strikes. [redacted] this tactic and the reduction in the scope and number of leaflets and posters since the demonstrations in May indicate a declining confidence among antigovernment forces. [redacted]

Solidarity leaders [redacted] do not plan any mass actions for the next several months. They believe that workers are tired and that the strikes in May exposed their activists, who were then arrested or fired. At the same time, however, [redacted] the calm in some factories is only illusory because there is considerable worker discontent over wage scales, pension and retirement plans and factory bonus systems. [redacted]

[redacted] in Krakow [redacted] increasing tensions on local university campuses. Students, who have been the most willing to participate in street demonstrations, are discussing means of self-defense in protests set for Sunday. [redacted]

Comment: The belief held by some party officials that Solidarity is no longer a problem could lead to overconfidence. If Solidarity activists caught the security services off guard or understrength and if they were willing to fight back, some of the demonstrations could get out of hand and spread. [redacted]

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