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POLAND: Reaction to Trade Union Legislation

Solidarity activists [redacted] are undecided on how to react to the impending passage of a new trade union law and the possible dissolution of their union. Although they recognize the regime will not allow them to participate in new unions, they believe a boycott of the unions from the beginning would give a propaganda edge to the authorities. [redacted]

Comment: The indecision seems to rule out the likelihood of a coordinated nationwide response to the government's plans. Underground Solidarity leaders have admitted they do not believe they will be ready to call for a general strike until next spring at the earliest. Instead, they could call for demonstrations on 10 November, the second anniversary of the regime's official recognition of the union, or on 13 December, the first anniversary of martial law. This uncertainty, however, does not preclude the possibility of spontaneous demonstrations by workers when the law is passed. [redacted]

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