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POLAND: Government Prepares for Strikes

[REDACTED] activists are among reservists being called to duty for three months and that there are rumors of a large-scale mobilization of Army and police reserves to crush the strike called for 10 November. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] claimed at least 100 young people--mostly Solidarity activists--have received their draft notices directly from military officers instead of by mail. Party officials reportedly also have prepared extensive plans to prevent strikes in universities, including the posting of special military supervisory teams. A government spokesman [REDACTED] on Saturday that military commissars were visiting factories and taking "persuasive measures" to dissuade potential strikers. [REDACTED]

Comment: The military appears to be conducting its normal fall induction of conscripts for many units. It may be drafting many union activists, however, because it believes they can be more easily controlled while in uniform. Although the military will not be directly committed to areas of confrontation except as a last resort, the regime is likely to arrest activists and take other measures to demoralize strike organizers and create confusion among workers. [REDACTED]

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