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The Solidarity chapter in the eastern city of Radom has raised a number of demands that the government probably considers nonnegotiable, and the increasingly tense situation could lead to strikes next week.

The chapter in Radom has demanded the dismissal of local officials who suppressed workers during disturbances in 1976, the transfer of police buildings to the local health service, and the dropping of legal procedures against dissidents. Accession to these demands would affect the morale and authority of the security services and probably would provoke demands from throughout the country that the police be called to account for their past behavior.

Solidarity leader Walesa realizes that strike activity can develop a troublesome momentum, but he cannot disassociate himself from the grievances aired in Radom. Although he is likely to become involved in the negotiations, his presence may not help moderate the demands of the workers in Radom who appear determined to have their demands at least partially met.

Campaign Against Dissidents

The police yesterday detained prominent dissident Adam Michnik for three hours and told him to report to a Warsaw police station three times a week. Michnik eluded the police last week with the aid of a worker guard.

In addition, the media have laid out the evidence against the dissidents held since last September who were recently charged with plotting to overthrow the socialist system.

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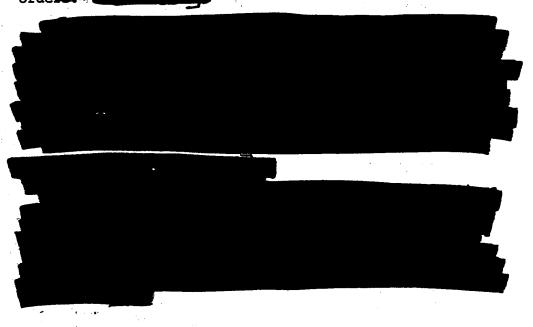
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The government's tougher stance has provoked a strong reaction from several regional Solidarity chapters, which have threatened strikes if harassment continues. In the past, Walesa and Solidarity's entire national leadership have pledged to strike if dissidents such as Michnik and Jacek Kuron were arrested.

the more aggressive campaign against dissidents was adopted after difficult talks with Soviet leaders earlier this month.

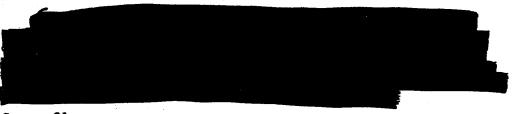
the Polish party leadership believes that certain dissident leaders must be "neutralized" through legal means and that this will be accepted by the "truly representative" trade union leaders.

the leadership believes the civilian security authorities are ready in any case to "deal quickly and effectively" with possible discorders.



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Soyuz-81

Final preparations for the Warsaw Pact exercise. Soyuz-81, may have begun on Wednesday

Soyuz-81 is expected to begin on Monday. Operations by Soviet, Polish, and East German aircraft are scheduled to be conducted over northern East Germany between 16 and 23 March.