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*Moscow continues its media attacks on Solidarity and the dissidents but has not reiterated its criticism of late last month directed at "revisionists" in the Polish Communist Party.* [REDACTED]

In a TASS dispatch last Thursday and an article in *Pravda* yesterday, the Soviets accused Solidarity--which they claim is dominated by the "antisocialist" dissident group KOR--of undermining Poland's economy and attempting to seize political power. Quoting from a Polish weekly, the TASS dispatch contends that Solidarity's recently published program differs from that of a political party only in the absence of a foreign policy section. [REDACTED]

Soviet media have adopted a more positive tone in their treatment of the Polish party since the 10th Party Plenum on 29 April. Although Moscow is still not expressing confidence that the party can reassert its authority, some articles have noted that Polish Communists have begun to "regroup" for an offensive against "counterrevolution." [REDACTED]

The overall tone of Soviet commentary suggests that Moscow has not lost all hope in the party leadership's ability to come up with a sound strategy for containing pressures for reform. Nevertheless, its continued sniping at developments in Poland indicates that the Kremlin intends to keep some pressure on the Polish leaders. [REDACTED]

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