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USSR-Poland: Emphasis on the Positive

The communique issued yesterday at the end of Foreign Minister Gromyko's visit to Warsaw highlighted matters on which the two governments could concur, while avoiding internal Polish issues on which their views differ. [REDACTED]

The Poles apparently secured implicit Soviet agreement that their party congress could take place and an affirmation of Poland's reliability as an ally. The communique reported that the talks had occurred in a "businesslike and comradely" atmosphere, suggesting disagreement on some issues. [REDACTED]

No reference was made to "antisocialist" activity in Poland, but neither was there any expression of confidence in the Polish leaders. By noting without elaboration that preparations for the Polish party congress were discussed, the communique implied that while differences remain, they are not great enough to prevent the congress from convening. [REDACTED]

The Polish leaders apparently succeeded in reassuring Gromyko of their determination not to allow events in Poland to threaten Warsaw Pact security. The communique affirmed that Poland "was, is, and will remain" a firm link in the socialist community and that its alliance with the USSR is "unbreakable." While maintaining that the defense of socialism in Poland is of vital importance to its allies, the communique made no reference to the possibility of fraternal assistance. [REDACTED]

There is no evidence to confirm press reports that the Soviets are preparing for general mobilization of factory workers in the USSR's Carpathian Military District.

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