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POLAND: Soviet Criticism Mounts

Moscow is dissatisfied with the course being taken by the second session of Solidarity's congress and the absence of counter-measures by Warsaw. [REDACTED]

TASS yesterday tersely reported a statement on Tuesday by the Polish Politburo that criticized Solidarity but expressed "hope" that union moderates would prevail. TASS suggested that this hope is inconsistent with the draft program under consideration at the congress, which it called a political "manifesto" that seeks to end "socialist ownership." [REDACTED]

TASS ignored Solidarity's attempt in union documents to placate Moscow by reaffirming Poland's postwar alliances. Moscow, citing a gibe at the Polish regime in a Czechoslovak article, also stated that counterrevolution cannot be smashed with "appeals." [REDACTED]

A Moscow lecturer earlier this week provided additional evidence of Soviet dissatisfaction with the lack of firm action by Warsaw. He called party leader Kania and Premier Jaruzelski "indecisive," and suggested that the Polish military might act to end the crisis. In an unusually explicit reference to possible intervention, he refused to rule out the use of Soviet troops if that were necessary to keep Poland within the Warsaw Pact. [REDACTED]

The Solidarity congress, meanwhile, has settled down to a lengthy discussion of its draft program, a process that could last until the weekend. The delegates then are slated to elect a new union leadership. Andrzej Gwiazda--a leading militant who currently is a deputy chairman--reportedly will run against the current head of the union, Lech Walesa, for the office of union chairman but has little chance of drawing significant support. [REDACTED]

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Military Developments

The Polish forces are preparing for their fall callup of conscripts and release of active duty soldiers to the reserves.

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