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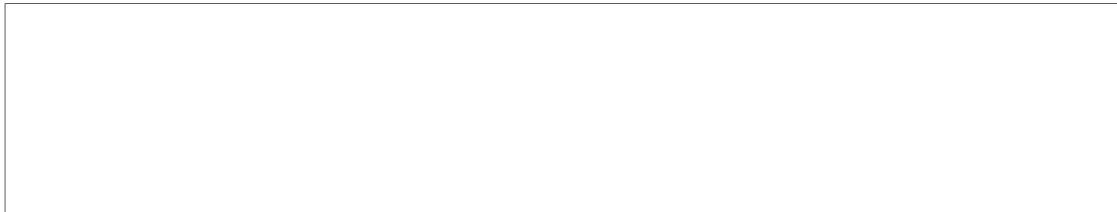


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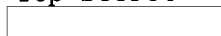
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POLAND: Resumption of Talks

Solidarity and government representatives are slated to discuss several key issues this week despite continuing local labor unrest. 


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The two sides are expected to resume discussions of the union's demands for greater access to the media and negotiation of planned increases in bread prices. The most difficult issue is likely to be the union's desire to air its own regular radio and television programs free of significant government censorship. 

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Solidarity printers in one small provincial capital, meanwhile, remain on strike, prompting militants elsewhere to threaten sympathy strikes. Union officials are trying to settle the controversy. Another dispute, in the industrial center of Katowice, involves the censorship of union publications and worker self-management, issues that are of special importance to many union activists. Workers in a large steel mill are organizing a referendum in an effort to remove the factory director, who permitted the shutdown of the union newsletter because it published allegedly anti-Soviet material. 

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Moscow Cites "Lessons" of Polish Crisis

A statement on Saturday by the Soviet Politburo, asserting that Poland's problems result from straying from Leninist principles, probably was intended to remind Polish leaders--and perhaps other East Europeans--of the need to adhere to the orthodox policies approved by Moscow. Its tone, however, was not threatening, and its language was broad enough to allow some tactical latitude. The remarks came in a routine release approving Soviet party leader Brezhnev's recent talks with his East European counterparts. 

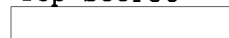
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The announcement asserted that Poland faces "acute crisis phenomena" and reaffirmed the concern of all "socialist" countries for each other's interests. It did not imply, however, an immediate need for a more active role by Poland's allies or the desirability of precipitate action by the Poles themselves.

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WESTERN SAHARA: OAU Committee Meeting

Senior OAU officials expect little immediate progress at the summit meeting today and tomorrow in Nairobi of the organization's committee charged with implementing a cease-fire in Western Sahara and supervising a referendum on the territory's future.

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The committee's members appear almost evenly divided in their sympathies toward Morocco, which is seeking to legitimize its claim to the Sahara by an unspecified formula for a "confirmatory" referendum, and toward the Polisario Front guerrillas and their Algerian backers, who are demanding self-determination without conditions. Moroccan King Hassan and Algerian President Bendjedid both plan to attend the meeting.

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Discussions may founder over Hassan's insistence that voter eligibility be determined on the basis of the Spanish census of the territory taken in 1974. The Polisario Front and Algeria are calling for a new internationally supervised count that would presumably include other "Saharans" now in Polisario guerrilla camps.

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Algeria's interest in compromise apparently has increased since the beginning of the year, and it is less willing to support the guerrillas' extreme demands. Algiers is allegedly prepared to show considerable flexibility on terms of a settlement as long as some form of independent Saharan state is established.

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Recent Polisario shellings of Moroccan positions in the disputed territory and a sizable attack on an outpost inside southern Morocco, in violation of the OAU call for a cease-fire, may cost the guerrillas even more support.

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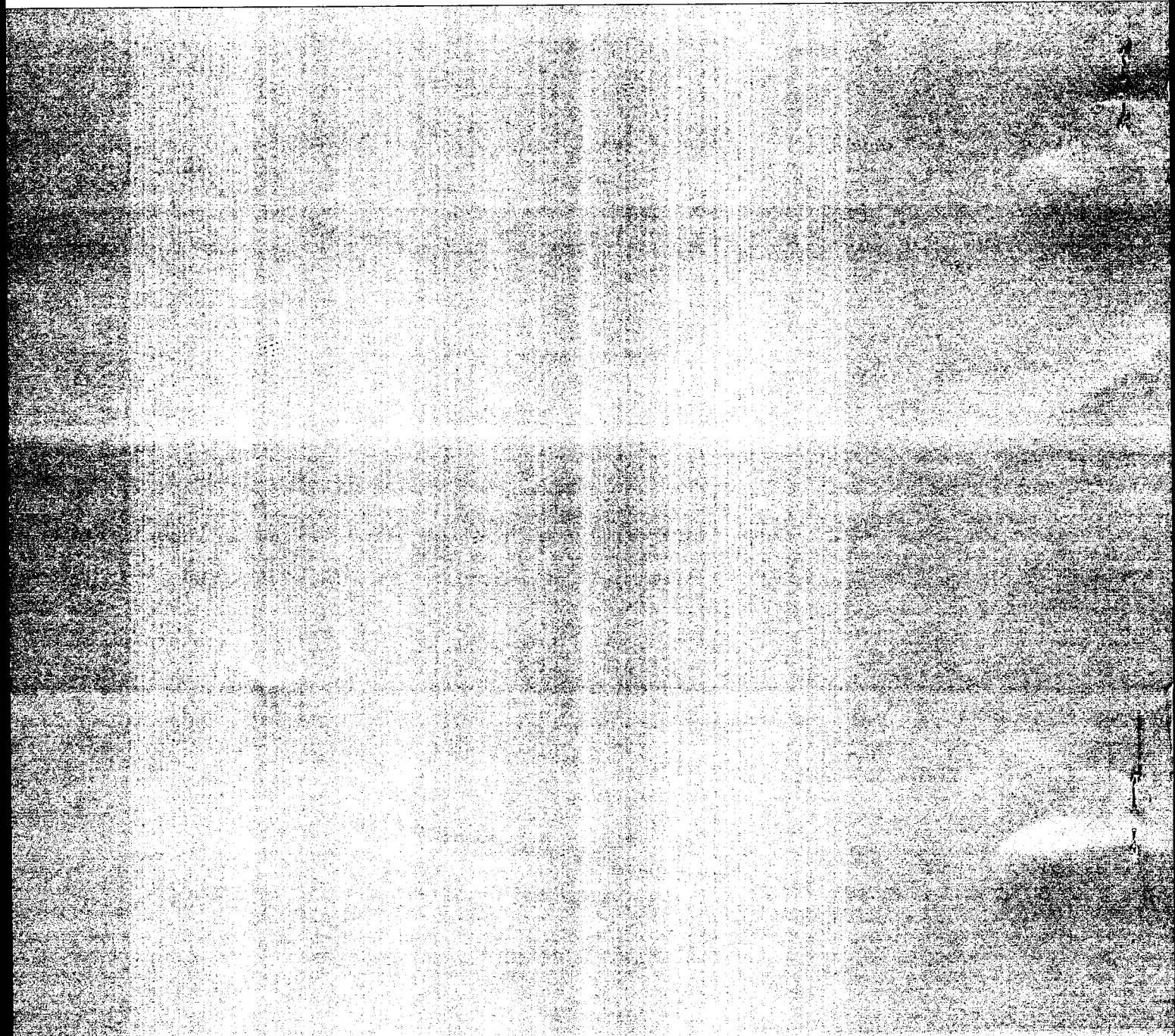
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