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The Soviet Union is continuing to pressure Warsaw to limit the role of free trade unions.

Soviet trade union chief Aleksey Shibayev on 1 October declared that the World Federation of Trade Unions will rebuff decisively attempts to set trade unions against the Party or the State.

has indicated that the transformation of the free trade unions into a political party that challenges Communist control could possibly prompt Soviet intervention as would a lessening of Polish allegiance to the Warsaw Pact.

The Soviets also are pursuing the theme that the Polish Party and its established trade unions, although ineffective in the past, can still resolve the country's problems. In the trade union newspaper *Trud*, a Soviet correspondent in Gdansk on Tuesday reported that a Polish trade union official believes that the existing party-controlled unions have had a sound program but need to implement it more effectively. The article also warned against trends supporting "antisocialist forces" and "copying slogans from the trade union movement in the capitalist countries," an apparent allusion to the momentum of the free trade unions in the area.

Economic Situation

Comments at the parliament session on the economy were generally tentative and sober. National income was projected to increase by 1.0-1.5 percent next year, while industrial production was forecast to rise by 3-4 percent--about the same as the targets for 1980. These goals were

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accompanied by warnings that a drop in overall output was likely if the production of coal and other raw materials falters and if imports of raw materials are cut back sharply.

The government also promised to complete a reform program by the end of the year--with no indication as to its content--but pointed out that implementation of reforms inevitably is a long-term proposition.

Members of parliament continued to stress the regime's commitment to the swift improvement in consumer welfare. They repeated such frequently made promises as speedier introduction than called for in the strike settlements of increases in wage and benefit payments, increased availability of coal for the population despite production difficulties, and a sharp rise in meat imports.

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