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Despite the Soviet media's generally positive treatment of the situation in Poland since mid-December, Moscow continues to maintain a level of public pressure on the Kania regime to put Poland's house in order.

An article by commentator Vadim Nekrasov in the Soviet party theoretical journal, *Kommunist*, published on Monday, labeled Poland's problems an "acute political crisis." It charged that the situation is complicated by "chaos in the economy, irresponsible use of strikes, and manifestations of open antisocialist activity by counterrevolutionary groupings connected with subversive centers in the West." Taking another swipe at Solidarity, the article stated that the Polish leaders themselves believe splitting the country's trade union movement is a "negative factor."

The article made one of the strongest public Soviet criticisms thus far of the Kania regime's performance. It contended that the Polish party has yet to solve the "important tasks" of reestablishing "Leninist norms in the life of the party," strengthening the party's leading role and giving a "rebuff to the enemies of socialism."

Polish leaders are certain to view the article as a telling reminder from the USSR that it expects progress soon. It made clear Moscow's vital interest in the outcome of the crisis by stating that Poland's troubles affect "the power and security of the countries of socialism."

The *Kommunist* article contrasts sharply with the bulk of Moscow's other recent coverage, which has suggested the situation in Poland is returning to normal. This raises the possibility that the publication of the article indicates some disagreement within the Soviet party over how to handle the Polish crisis.

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Solidarity Commission Meeting

Delegates to the meeting today in Gdansk of Solidarity's National Coordinating Commission will be under pressure to support the immediate implementation of a five-day workweek. The Warsaw chapter of Solidarity stated on Monday that its members will cease working on Saturdays as of this weekend.

Last fall the government promised coal miners a five-day workweek beginning this month but has offered the rest of the labor force only every other Saturday off. For economic and political reasons the regime may feel it cannot give ground without getting something in return.

The Commission also may take up other sensitive subjects including support for registering an independent farmers' union. Several local sit-in demonstrations in southeast Poland involving farmers may prompt Solidarity to restate its support for the farmers' cause.

The Supreme Court, which last month postponed consideration of registering the new union, has not yet indicated when it will give its ruling. The problem of a farmers' union apparently was discussed by Solidarity leader Walesa and Deputy Prime Minister Jagielski during their lengthy talks on Monday.