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POLAND: Incident in Katowice

A disturbance yesterday in the industrial center of Katowice--where a large crowd rallied to the defense of at least one Solidarity activist briefly detained by police for distributing "anti-Soviet" leaflets--may be a result of the tougher stance adopted at the Central Committee session. A party official told [REDACTED] before the incident that party leader Jaruzelski's policy of "firmness with moderation" would include taking action against those conducting anti-Soviet agitation, either by arresting the offenders or asking them to emigrate. The rallying of bystanders to the support of those detained shows where popular sympathies lie, and its significance will not be lost on the regime. The militia reportedly used tear gas to break up the crowd, which Warsaw radio has admitted numbered in the "thousands."

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