

Poland hit by political strife

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 interned, but later withdrew its report.
 In Washington, President Reagan said the United States had made it clear "how seriously we would view any interference in Poland" by the Soviet Union. Reagan told reporters, "We're monitoring the situation. Beyond that I can't have any comment."
 Pentagon sources said there was no indication of any unusual Soviet military activity in or around Poland. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. announced in Brussels, Belgium, that he was canceling a Middle East trip to return to Washington yesterday to monitor developments in Poland.
 The State Department in Washington held separate talks with Soviet and Polish diplomats. Details were not known, but the U.S. government has expressed concern in the past over the possibility of Soviet intervention to end 16 months of labor unrest in Poland.
 Troops and armored personnel were deployed across Warsaw. Outside the capital, travelers said long columns of army trucks, tanks, amphibious vehicles and jeeps lined the highway from Gdansk, and police set up checkpoints and stopped civilian vehicles for identity checks.
 The radio also broadcast a recording of Giamp's address.
 The Polish prime minister warned that "opposition to the authorities' decisions under martial law could cause violent enforcement of obedience... because the authorities have armed forces at their disposal."
 But the "church will be unyielding when it comes to defending human life," he added.
 "There is no greater value than human life... I shall plead even if I must plead on my knees. Do not start a fight between Poles. Do not give your lives away, brother workers, because the price of human life will be very low."
 "Every head, every pair of hands will be needed for Poland's reconstruction which must and will come about after the end of the state of martial law."
 Urban did not say who Walesa met with, but informed sources said it might be Stanislaw Ciosek, minister for trade union affairs, and that the session could be a prelude for a meeting with Premier Wojciech Jaruzelski this morning to head off the threatened general strike.

Locally, opinions differ on Polish events

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 "Moderate forces in Solidarity have pledged to hold on Feb. 15 a nationwide vote of confidence on the state authorities and to ask if new democratic elections should be held for the Sejm, the Polish parliament. In a separate resolution, the union called on the Sejm to declare democratic elections by mid-1982."
 The Soviets would view such action as an "attempt on the part of Solidarity to bring about the overthrow of the government and establish Solidarity as the authority with the Roman Catholic church," Aspatarian said.
 In addition, Aspatarian said the Soviets might "perceive it as a threat to take Poland out of the Warsaw Pact."
 Because Poland offers the Soviet Union a pivotal access to East Germany, this step would mean certain invasion, he said.
 He also said Solidarity has been very careful not to "make any noises about getting out of the Warsaw pact."
 "This is one threshold that the Soviet Union would not allow to come to pass without intervening," he said.
 Aspatarian said he thought Solidarity was a little presumptuous in its demands for democratic elections.
 "(Solidarity) brought down two governments (in Poland) and thought they could bring down a third," he said. "The risks are getting higher and higher, and the returns are getting lower and lower."
 While Birkemeyer and Reed said they thought the Polish situation resembled the steps which lead to Soviet intervention in Czechoslovakia and Hungary, Aspatarian said the two situations are very different.
 "The situation in Poland led to a lot of changes in its internal anatomy (but) Poland remains a loyal ally to the Soviet Union in terms of foreign policy," he said. "The Soviet Union has nothing to complain about."
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County budget:

Few changes in store for 1982: Services, taxes, programs remain at same levels

By JACQUELYN GOSS
 Daily Collegian Staff Writer
 Centre County's tentative budget for 1982, which is scheduled to be adopted on Dec. 22, shows few changes from this year's budget, including no new programs, no cuts in essential services and no tax increase.
 "The 1982 budget necessarily demonstrates our commitment to fiscal responsibility, but also recognizes our obligation to continue to provide essential services to the people of Centre County," the county commissioners said in their Dec. 1 budget message.
 The tentative 1982 budget, which totals \$15,898,794, is about \$100,000 less than the 1981 budget of \$15,997,034.
 Unless there are significant changes in expected expenses or funding before the budget is adopted, the tax rate should remain the same.
 "There will be some minor changes," Commission Chairman Jeffrey M. Bower said, "but I don't

expect anything earth-shattering."
 The commissioners are pleased that there will be no tax increase, Bower said. The tentative county budget shows a bigger surplus than in other years, and not too many things have been changed, he said.
 The 1982 budget is more settled than the 1981 budget was this time last year, according to the budget message. Last year, the status of federal revenue sharing funds, employee raises and the tax rate were not yet determined.
 However, federal and state budget decisions affect Centre County's budget greatly, because less than 20 percent of the county's money comes from local taxes and fees, the commissioners said.
 The budget includes a 5 percent cost-of-living increase for county employees. Also, \$435,000 in federal revenues, which will be provided during the first three quarters of 1982, will help pay for various county programs.
 Most of the money from the federal government (\$300,000) will be put into a new capital improvement fund to be used for any unexpected renovations needed.
 The commissioners are still uncertain what amount of state and federal money will be available to the county. Federal revenue sharing has already been reduced by about \$185,000 for the coming year, but the county has \$388,000 in federal funds left over from 1981.
 The federal and state budgets have not been passed yet and funding for the county may be reduced further in the fourth quarter of 1982.
 The budget is still unsettled, Commissioner John Glantz said, because of the county's dependence on money allotted in state and federal budgets. The commissioners have no way to predict if there will be changes in the amount of money the county will receive from those sources.
 "They're dragging their feet. Even then we may

have to make adjustments when state and federal decisions are made during the year," Glantz said.
 If Gov. Dick Thornburgh's proposed 1 percent across-the-board budget cut is passed by the state legislature, the county will be forced to adjust the budget.
 Funding for the county's departments and other agencies will be about the same as in 1981, despite the loss of \$1.6 million for public service jobs provided in the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, and the influence of inflation.
 The loss of CETA funds means that all public service employment in the county has been eliminated, Bower said.
 Many of the county's human service programs will receive the same amount of money as they did last year, even though state and federal funding has been reduced. And because of inflation, some cuts in staff or elsewhere may have to be made in individual programs, Bower said.

Council may adopt budget

The State College Municipal Council will hold a special meeting tonight and may adopt the proposed 1982 budget.
 Bart Natalie, secretary to Municipal Manager Carl B. Fairbanks, said the council may also adopt a series of ordinances and resolutions connected with the budget.
 The council will not consider the reorganization of the Centre Area Transportation Authority, although it had been scheduled to, Natalie said. A representative of CATA asked the council not to take any action because transportation authority is not ready.
 Fairbanks was unavailable for comment.
 —by Margaret Ann Walsh

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