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From the Press Office

SUMMARY OF ABC's "P.M."

An emergency meeting will soon be underway in Poland in another bid to resolve the hardening of attitudes between the Government and Solidarity, the free trade union movement. Report from Mark Colvin in Warsaw.

The Chairman of Elder Smith Goldsborough Morts, Sir Norman Young, has reacted angrily to today's decision by the South Australian Government not to interfere in the takeover bid for the company by Mr. Robert Holmes a'Court's West Australian based Bell group of companies. Report from Peter Rapp. Interview with Graham Scott, Senior Lecturer in Economics at Flinders University.

Last year, the Federal Government was severely embarrassed when Canberra journalist Laurie Oakes released substantial details of the Budget two nights before it was delivered by the Treasurer, Mr. Howard. The story may have passed, but it has certainly not been forgotten. Communications Minister, Ian Sinclair, was in the uncomfortable position today of having to present an award for the story and he didn't let the occasion pass without comment. Report from Simon Nasht: Ian Sinclair certainly made it clear today just how far he and his Government colleagues took the definition of a free press. If any other Minister had been given the task of awarding Mr. Oakes the Thorn Company Award for Television News Story of the Year, they probably would have let the matter pass without too much comment. Not so a tough campaigner like Ian Sinclair. Excerpt from Mr. Sinclair's speech at the Awards.

The ALP's National Executive has been meeting to consider what action to take over the split in the Queensland Branch of the Party. John Highfield reports they have not made a decision.

Within 20 years Australia will be one of the four super-powers in the world with its influence located principally in the Pacific region. That is the view of a Professor of International Relations at the Faculty of Politics and Law at a University in Tokyo. He listed the major powers of the future as the Soviet Union in the north, the United States in the West, Japan in the East, and Australia in the south: interviewed.

Actress Judy Davis has won the British Academy Award for best actress for her role in the film "My Brilliant Career".

The increase in interest rates is to affect Australian savings bonds. "PM" understands they are to go up by three quarters of one percent to 12.25% in an announcement expected to be made later this evening by the Treasurer.