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POLAND: Worker Unrest

The Polish Government appears to be contending with strikes and sit-ins by workers angry at the shift of some types of meat to higher priced commercial stores, but the beginning of the new work-week could bring additional work stoppages.

One unconfirmed report asserts that on Saturday several Silesian coal mines had been "occupied" and subsequently "ringed" by police.

no problems in the major cities.

Several sources have told that the leadership is looking for ways to rescind the price increases, but it is not clear that these sources are privy to the regime's thinking. Even if the government does retreat, other economic grievances that have been brought to the surface by the recent events may continue to spark unrest.

Polish leadership, meanwhile, is attempting to portray a business-as-usual atmosphere. On Friday, Prime Minister Babiuch visited provincial factories and party leader Gierek received an international peace prize in Warsaw.

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