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*Union officials in Radom suspended their plans to hold a two-hour warning strike tomorrow after the government reportedly agreed to receive a negotiating team in Warsaw to discuss the workers' grievances with Deputy Prime Minister Rakowski.*

The workers in Radom apparently responded to the appeals for moderation from Solidarity chief Walesa and dissident leader Jacek Kuron. Walesa yesterday told a mass meeting that workers must stop striking, adding that "we have a reasonable government" that will negotiate. The regime must now work effectively to deal with worker demands if it wants to avoid a renewal of strike threats.

Prime Minister Jaruzelski continues to demonstrate his readiness to establish procedures for responding to demands frequently raised by workers. Late last week he created a commission to investigate the transfer of government buildings to public use--one of the grievances of the workers in Radom.

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