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POLAND: Government Defers Emergency Legislation

The government's reported decision not to press for a bill giving it emergency powers should allow for a cooling of tempers over the holiday season. [REDACTED]

An influential member of parliament yesterday [REDACTED] that passage of such a law at the session of parliament next week was "completely out of the question." Solidarity leader Walesa yesterday asserted confidently that such a law would not be considered. A church spokesman told [REDACTED] that Archbishop Glemp had played a key role in getting Party Chief Jaruzelski to defer the legislation, which, he claimed, Jaruzelski had wanted "very badly." [REDACTED]

The church official also said that in his letters to Walesa and Jaruzelski earlier this week, the Archbishop suggested areas of negotiation in which progress might be possible. Glemp's meeting with Walesa yesterday--his second in five days--may have been used to discuss these ideas and to urge Walesa to continue a moderate course. [REDACTED]

The regime has not backed down entirely in its search for ways to control Solidarity. At the parliamentary session, scheduled for 15 and 16 December, the government may present a long-delayed draft law on trade unions which reportedly proposes some controls on strikes and which authorizes parliament to ban strikes for three months during a calendar year. Such provisions would be scrutinized and debated in parliament because Solidarity leaders are known to be critical of some of these provisions. [REDACTED]

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