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Japanese Prime Minister Miki has accepted the suggestion of officials from the Foreign Ministry and Japan Defense Agency that the US be allowed additional time for direct examination of the Soviet MIG-25.

Miki's revised deadline--extending direct US access to the aircraft through October 3--is apparently firm.

Foreign Minister Kosaka will confirm Japan's commitment to return the MIG-25 during his meeting with Foreign Minister Gromyko at the UN today, but reportedly will avoid giving Gromyko a firm date. Japanese defense officials calculate that it will take about two weeks to prepare the aircraft for shipment. Should negotiations for the transfer proceed rapidly, even the Japanese investigation of the MIG would be curtailed.

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The Polish Supreme Court today suspended the prison sentences of seven workers who were jailed for activity during the strike in June.

In commenting on the action affecting the three-to-five year sentences, the court said that "a sense of social justice has been satisfied." The suspension, which is unprecedented, was obviously ordered by the top party hierarchy.

The Polish population will view the suspension of the sentences as a conciliatory gesture by Warsaw, but will also see it as another sign of public power over the leaders.

In addition to placating the Polish people, the regime was responding to pleas from the Polish episcopate and to demands of West European communist parties that the strikers be treated leniently.

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