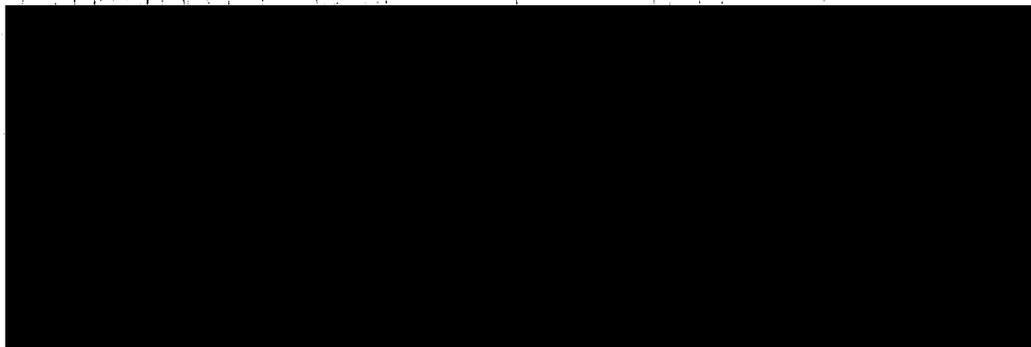


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Commission on Human Rights Meets in Geneva

The first two weeks of the 31st session of the Human Rights Commission now meeting in Geneva have been devoted to an inconclusive debate on violations of human rights in numerous countries. Resolutions on Chile and South Africa will probably pass with majority support. Charges against Israel for violations of human rights in the occupied territories and against Turkish actions in Cyprus may engender more contentious debate.

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On Chile, the West Europeans have drawn up a resolution that they hope will command broad support and head off an expected Soviet blast against the Santiago regime. The major provision of the resolution is a call for a visit by a fact-finding group to Chile. The Chilean government indicated this week that it would accept a Human Rights Commission study group provided the group only includes members from states having diplomatic relations with Chile. The South African resolution is also expected to be passed, despite its relatively strong demands for action against Pretoria's apartheid policies.

The Arab group has not yet indicated its strategy for dealing with the agenda item on Israeli violations. Discussion of this issue, however, will probably provide the major forum for their customary anti-Israeli diatribes. If the Arabs choose to call on the non-aligned majority, this could lead to the passage of inflammatory resolutions.

Despite the provocative resolution drafted by the Greek Cypriots, which is sharply critical of Turkish actions on Cyprus, negotiations among the Cypriots and Turks during the past few days appear to have succeeded in working out a compromise acceptable to all parties. The recent Turkish

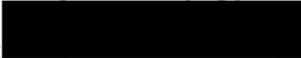
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proclamation of a federated Turkish Cypriot state 15
on the island and the contemplated Cypriot call
for a Security Council meeting to consider
the situation, however, may destroy this tenuous
cooperation in the human rights forum.



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