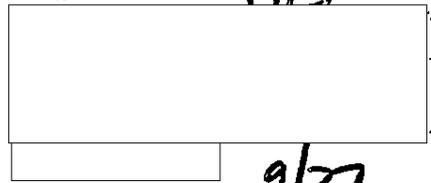


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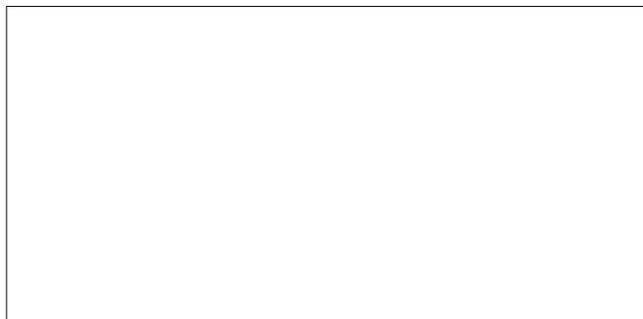
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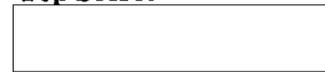
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## Leading Development

FRY:

Milosevic Playing for Time 

*The FRY election commission's announcement last night that a second round of the presidential election will have to be held provides the first sign of what may be President Milosevic's strategy for holding on to power.*



- *If the opposition follows through with a boycott of a second round, Milosevic will be able to run unopposed and to claim that he had been legally re-elected.*
- *Given the way the election has gone so far, it is unlikely that Milosevic has chosen to try for a second-round ballot because he believes that he could beat opposition candidate Kostunica in a runoff.* 

*Whether Milosevic follows through on a second round depends on whether strong public support builds for Kostunica's contention that he won the first round outright.*

- *While the debate continues, Milosevic remains in office, allowing him to redouble his efforts to split the opposition and to shore up his shaky regime.* 

*The election commission claimed Kostunica received 48 percent of the vote on Sunday while Milosevic got 40 percent. The runoff will be held on 8 October.* 



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**EU Leaders Call for Quick Sanctions Relief**

EU foreign ministers are determined to keep the pressure on Milosevic. They have declared him the loser of the FRY election, and French Foreign Minister Vedrine—speaking for the French presidency of the EU—yesterday said he had asked the European Commission to initiate the process for ending sanctions rapidly.

- An EU Commission spokesman yesterday said sanctions could only be lifted when there is a “democratic Serbia.”
- If Milosevic resorts to fraud and repression to retain power, however, the EU will not back punitive economic or military measures.

The election will make the European Allies even less inclined to approve NATO contingency planning for a possible intervention in Montenegro because of concerns that—if the news leaked—it would rally Serb nationalists behind Milosevic.

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