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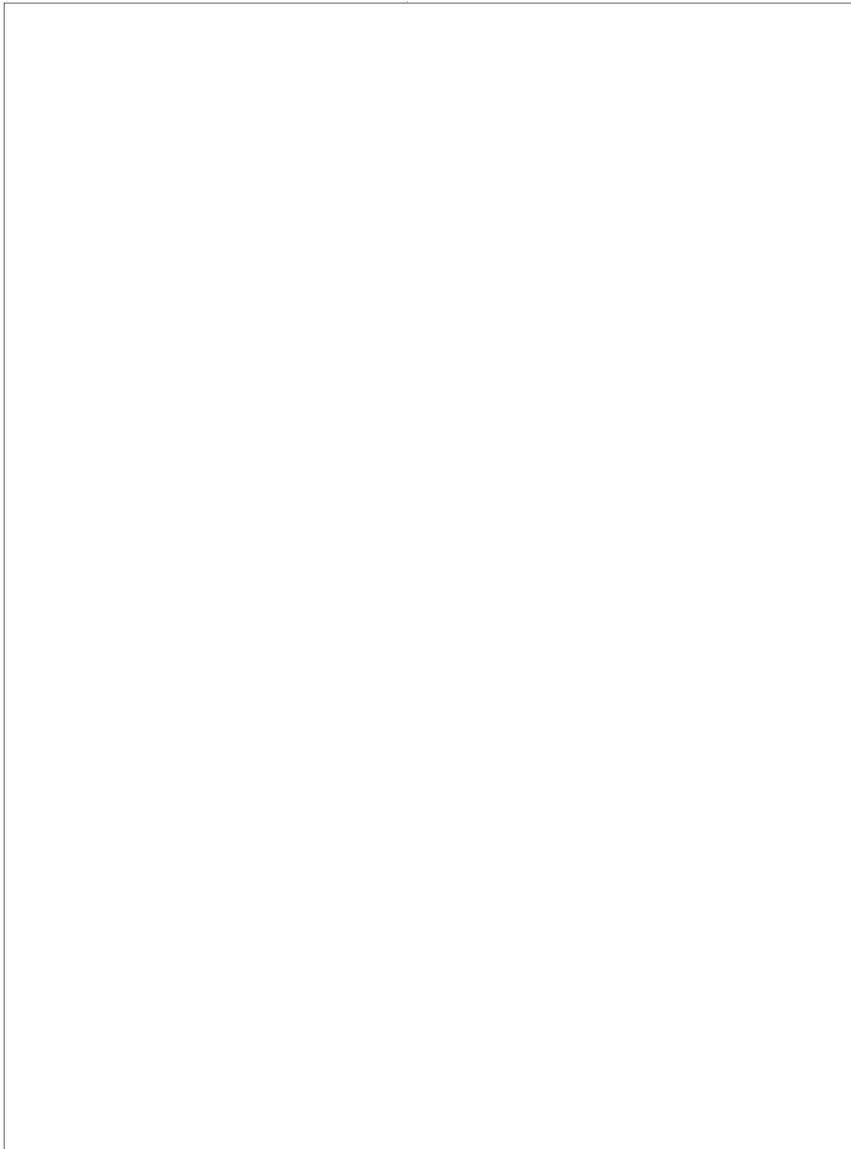


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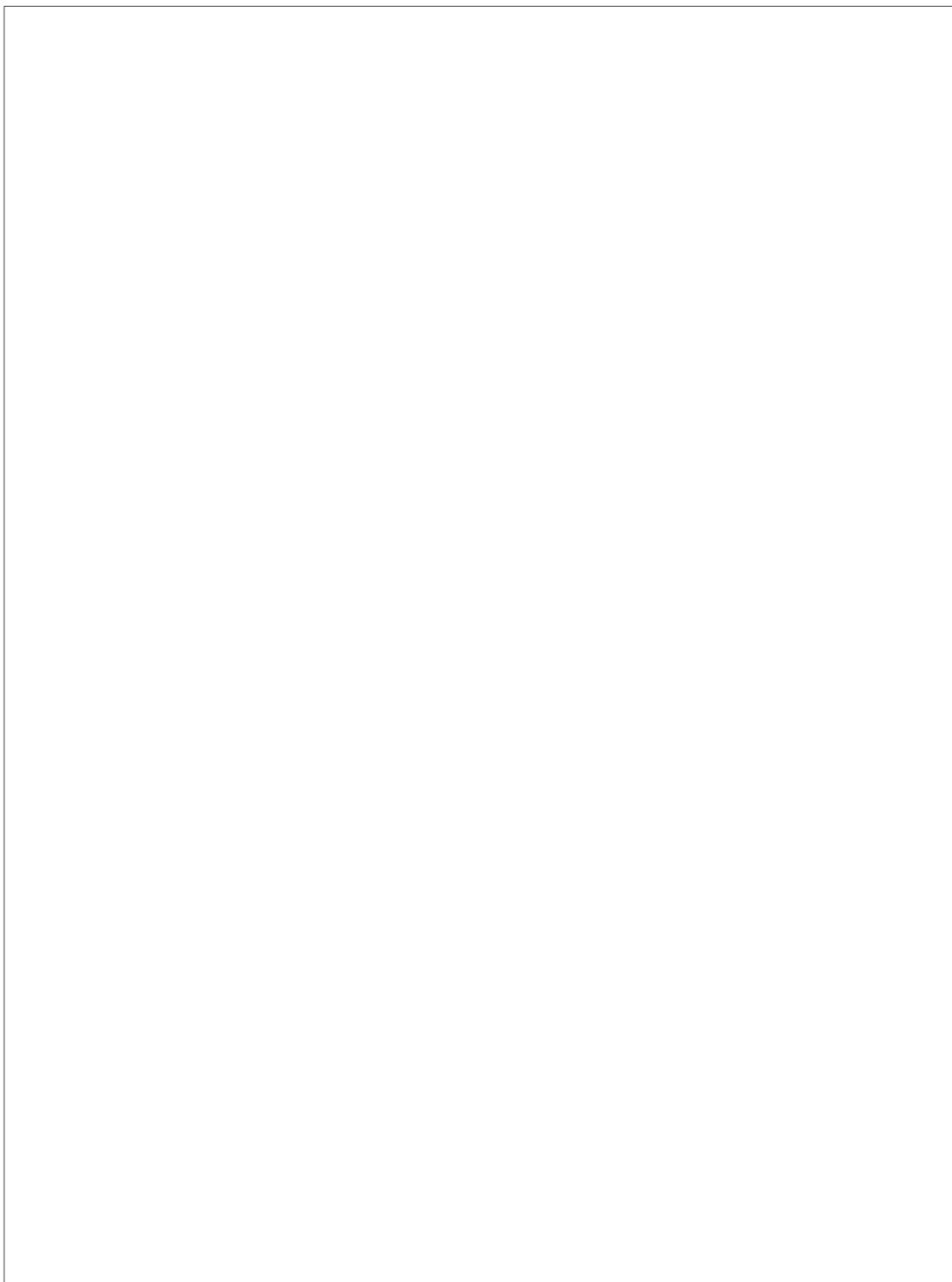
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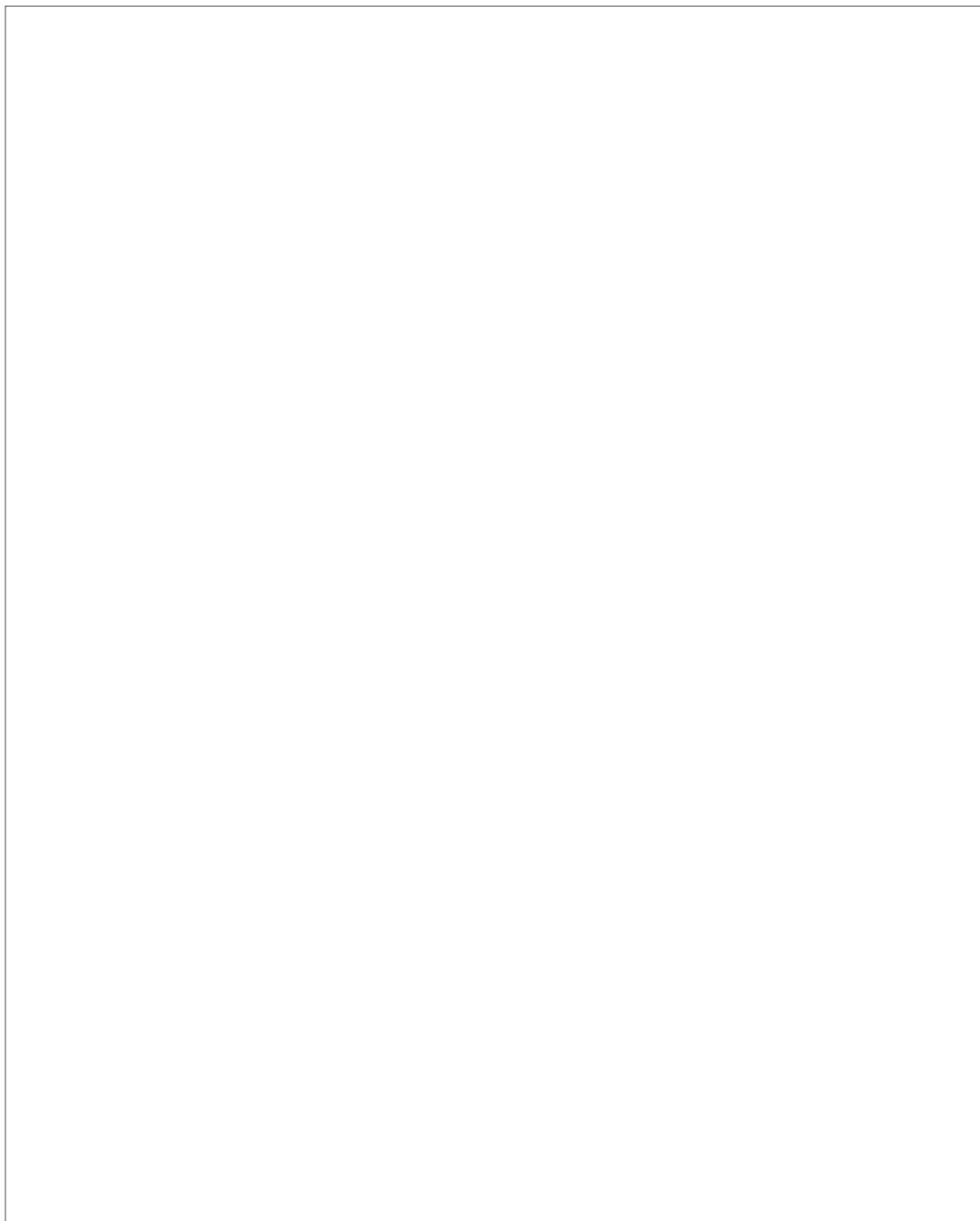
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In Brief

Europe

— Dissatisfaction with US-EC steel agreement could affect UK support for US positions on GATT round agenda . . . Thatcher personally interested in steel issue . . . will not block GATT talks, but could use side issues to show irritation. [redacted]

[redacted]

— UK failing to renew 10-year contract with Namibia for uranium . . . turning to US suppliers . . . London wants to diversify supply due to unrest in South Africa, stalemate in Namibian independence negotiations. [redacted]

East Asia

— Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze reportedly accepting standing invitation to stop in North Korea in January after visiting Japan . . . first visit by any Soviet Foreign Minister . . . further sign of improving relations. [redacted]

South Asia

— India began three days of talks with six key Sri Lankan Tamil groups in New Delhi . . . Foreign Secretary Bhandari likely to push militants for new talks with Colombo amid growing violence, divisions among insurgents. [redacted]

Oceania

— Australia has renewed long-term agreement for sale of wheat to Iraq . . . minimum of 800,000 tons per year, 6 million tons over five years . . . reportedly under government-backed two-year credits. [redacted]

Middle East

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Americas

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Africa

— [redacted] concern growing among police officials in Ghana over country's role as regional transit point for heroin, cocaine . . . especially worried about increased local use . . . may look to US for drug enforcement aid. [redacted]

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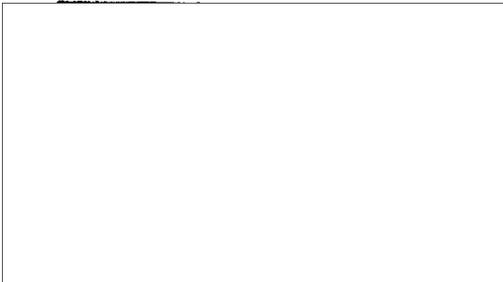
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USSR:

Anniversary of the Revolution

The leadership lineup for the October Revolution anniversary parade yesterday reflects the shift in power that has taken place under General Secretary Gorbachev. [redacted]

By virtue of their new positions, President Gromyko and Premier Ryzhkov stood immediately after Gorbachev, followed by Second Secretary Ligachev and Moscow party boss Grishin. Grishin sat in a more prominent position at the anniversary meeting the day before and presided at a Moscow ceremony attended by the Politburo on Tuesday. [redacted]

At the meeting on Wednesday, KGB Chief Chebrikov strongly endorsed Gorbachev's line on economic matters and on rejuvenation of the party and government. He stated that officials who have become bogged down by inertia and have lost their taste for "reform" must be replaced, and he stressed that policies that have proved ineffective must be discarded. Without mentioning Brezhnev by name, Chebrikov attacked the failure of his regime to address mounting economic problems and claimed that the "mood of society" has improved notably. [redacted]

Comment: The choice of Chebrikov to give the speech and the thrust of his remarks show that he now is part of the Gorbachev team. Although he advanced to the Politburo under Andropov, he was originally a Brezhnev protege. Grishin's prominence—following a flurry of criticism of Moscow's city management in the press and rumors that he is on the way out—suggests that Gorbachev may allow him to go gracefully. [redacted]

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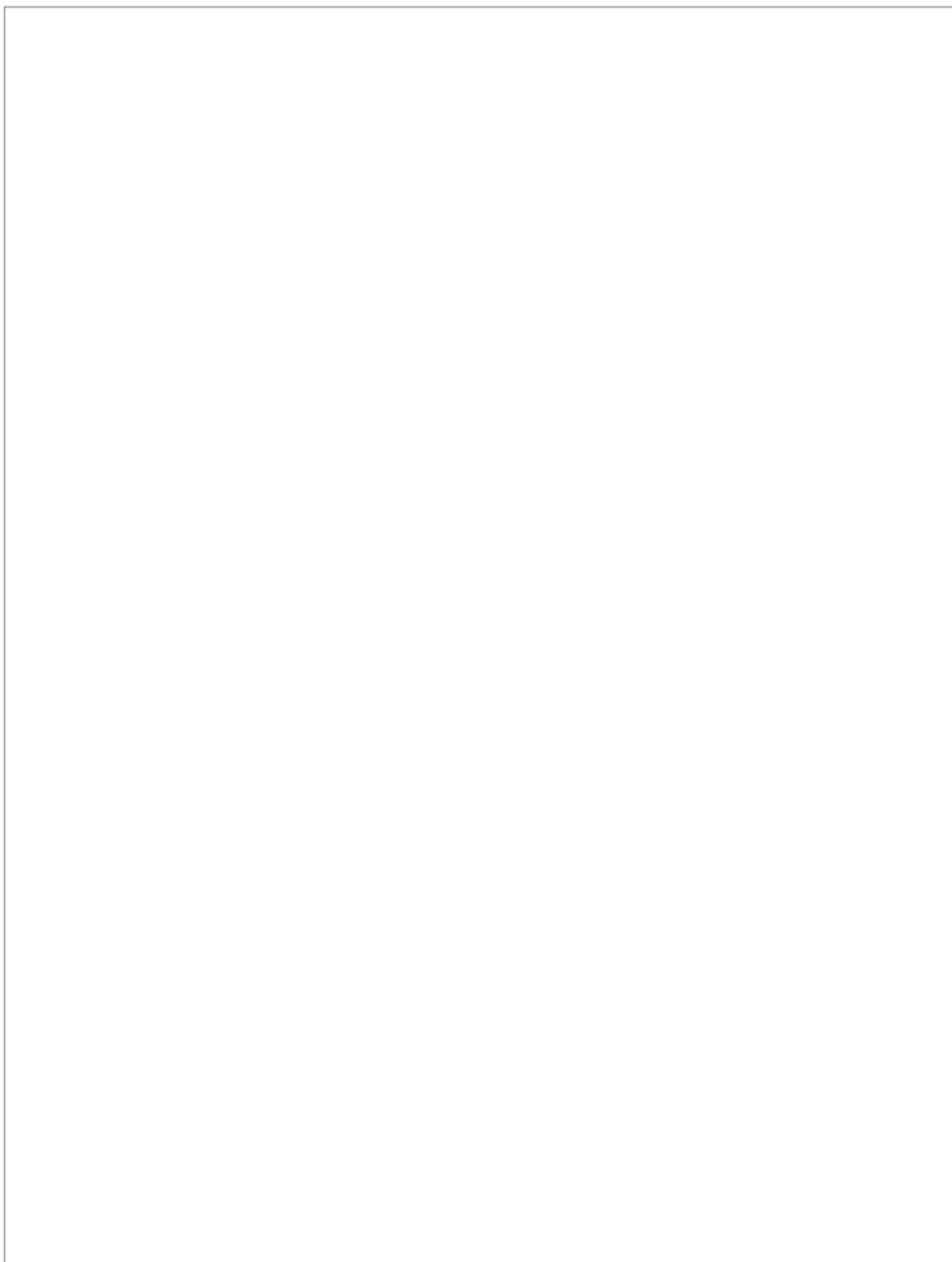
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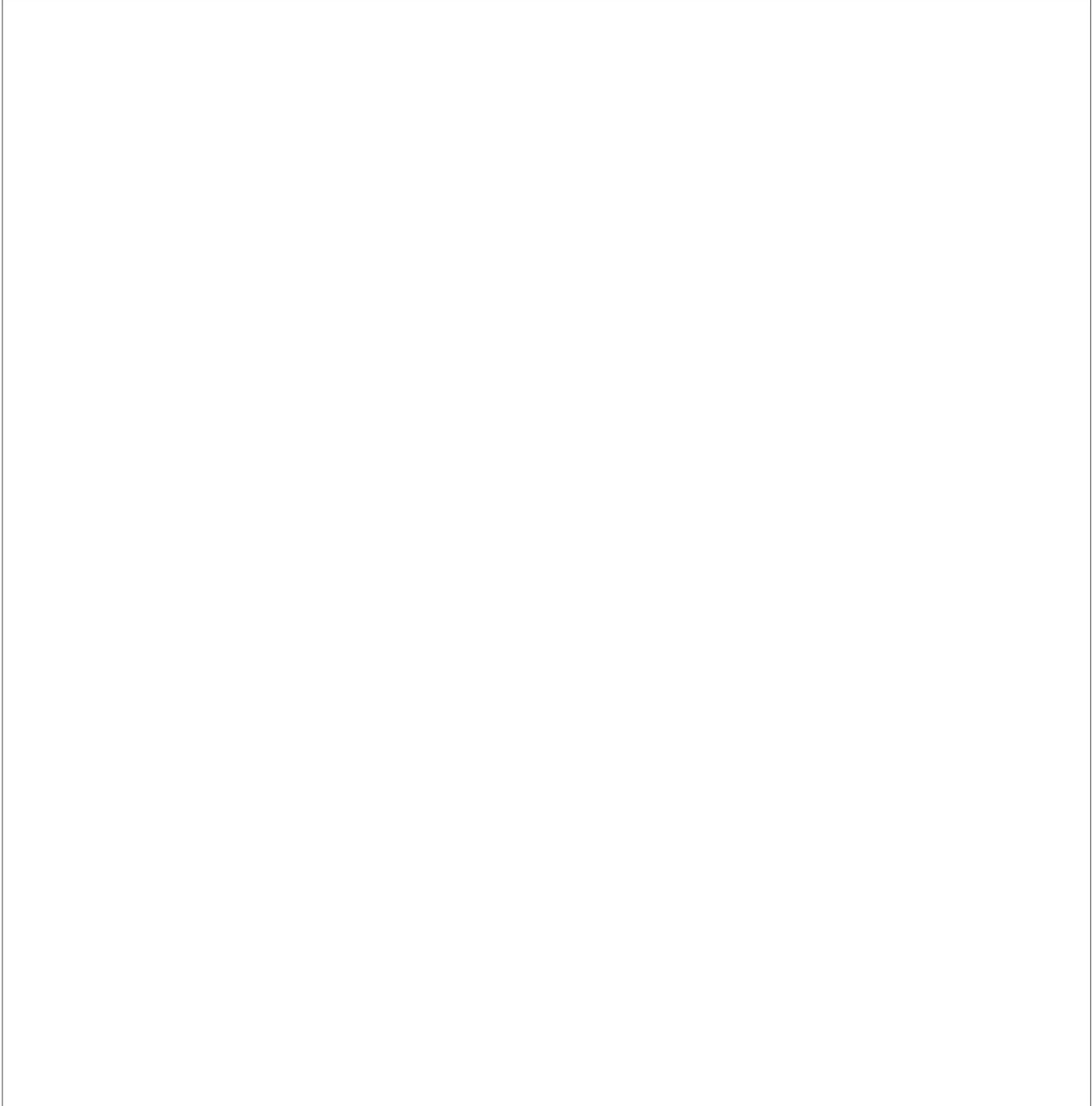
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SOUTH KOREA:****Dialogue Faltering**

North Korea is growing impatient with South Korea's apparent determination to stall North-South negotiations. [redacted]

Seoul yesterday rejected P'yongyang's offer to permit delegates to future North-South Red Cross talks to fly between the capitals rather than meet at Panmunjom. [redacted]

President Chun Doo Hwan opposed permitting North Korean aircraft to fly over sensitive military installations and felt acceptance of the offer would arouse "unjustified" hopes for diplomatic progress. South Korea also has ducked repeated North Korean proposals to schedule the next round of interparliamentary talks, putting off any response until at least mid-December. [redacted]

North Korea, which earlier had expressed cautious optimism concerning North-South talks, is reconsidering its position. Media in the North have turned increasingly critical of the South's position over the past two weeks and have resumed harsher attacks against Chun's leadership. [redacted]

Kim Il-song told visiting Chinese Vice Premier Li Peng last month that P'yongyang will end the dialogue if the combined US and South Korean Team Spirit military exercise in 1986 is larger or the same size as last year. [redacted]

Comment: South Korea appears convinced the North is playing to the gallery to persuade Washington that direct US-North Korean contacts are the only way to overcome Seoul's obstructionism and advance the dialogue. Both Koreas almost certainly view the US decision to grant visas to North Korean academics as evidence P'yongyang's new line is winning points in Washington. Seoul may hope to stall progress until the announcement of Team Spirit provokes P'yongyang to suspend contacts, as it did last year. [redacted]

The Chinese have asked [redacted] to cancel or scale down the combined exercise next year, fearing it will harm the North-South dialogue. Beijing worries that increased tensions on the peninsula will give the Soviets greater leverage in P'yongyang. China wants to use progress in the dialogue to convince the US to participate in tripartite talks and convince Kim he can gain more—with Chinese help—by diplomatic means than he can by increasing military reliance on Moscow. [redacted]

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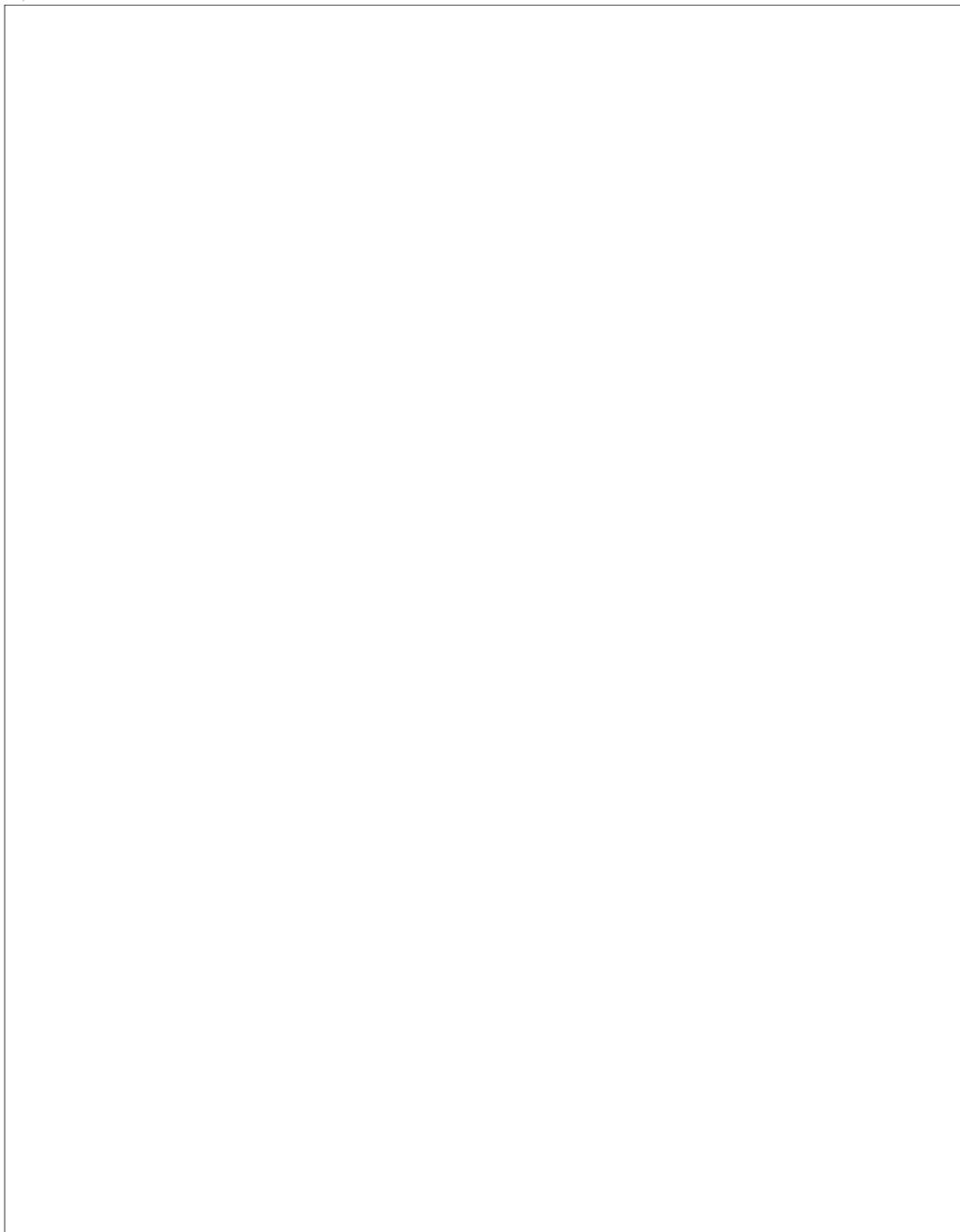
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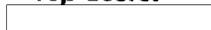
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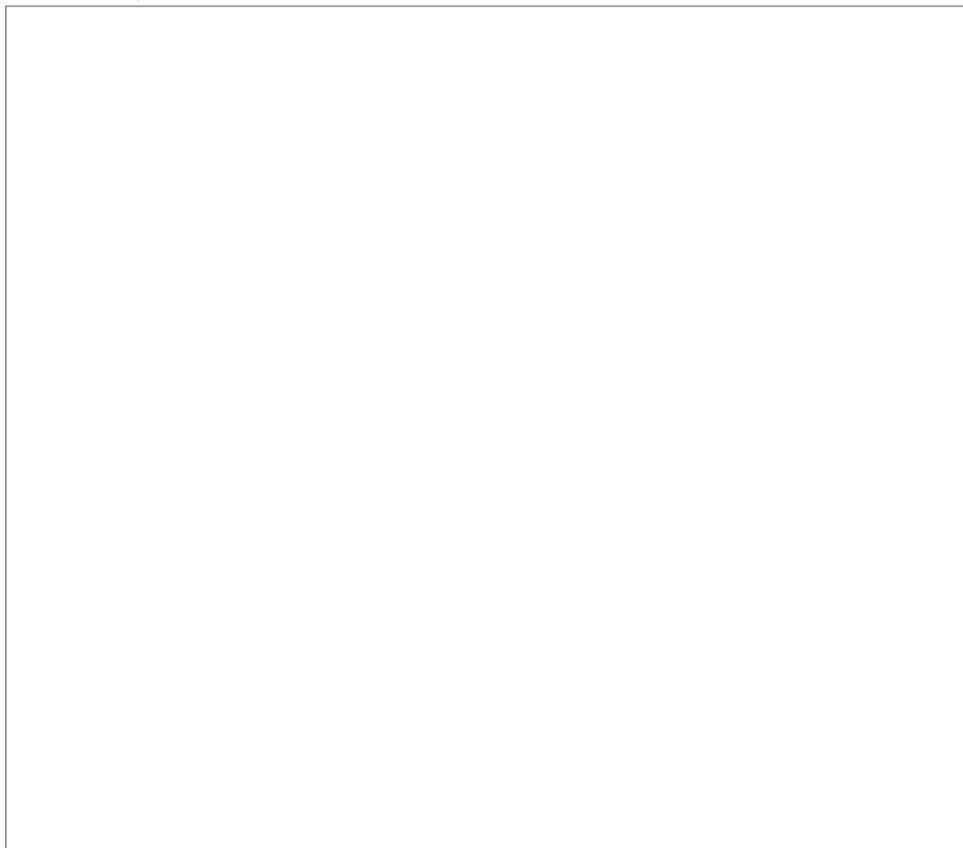


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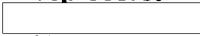
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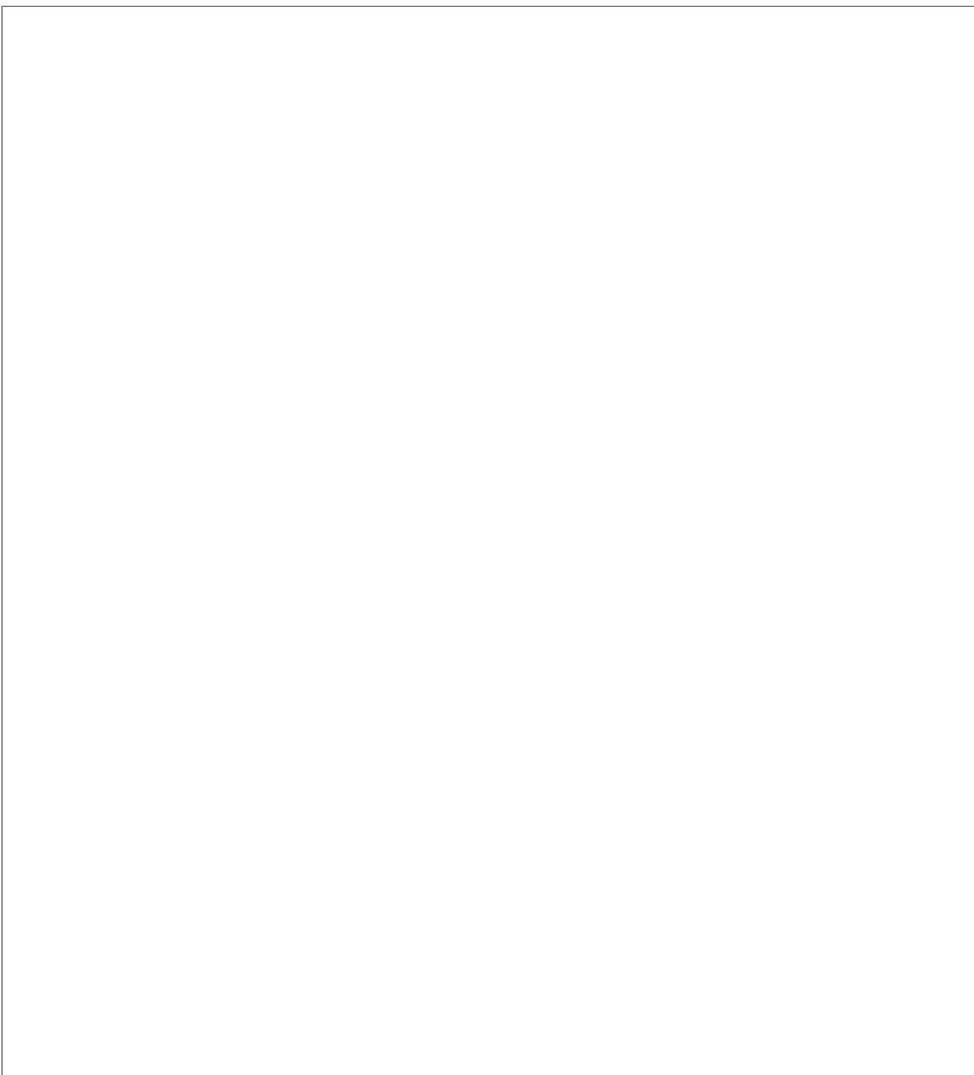
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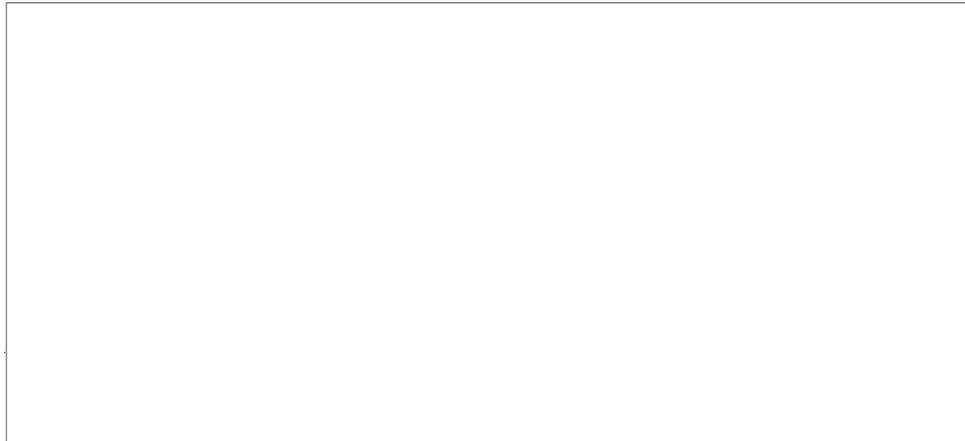
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SOUTH AFRICA: Reduced Violence

Unrest has declined recently, but scattered incidents continue to cause casualties and damage. Two blacks were killed on Tuesday as police dispersed a rock-throwing mob in western Cape Province. The South African Institute of Race Relations reports that the rate of unrest-related deaths in eastern Cape Province and Transvaal has dropped significantly below the level of mid-July, when the state of emergency was declared. [redacted] blacks are replacing white security forces in townships near Pretoria following a request from the councils of a town where two children died as a result of alleged police abuses. The press reports that the government may lift the state of emergency in some districts within a few weeks.

[redacted]

Comment: Tensions are likely to remain high in the Cape Town area; security forces have begun house-to-house searches and have detained leaders of nonwhite community groups. The government may ban a multiracial meeting of 23 organizations scheduled for Monday in Cape Town to discuss the state of emergency and apartheid. [redacted]

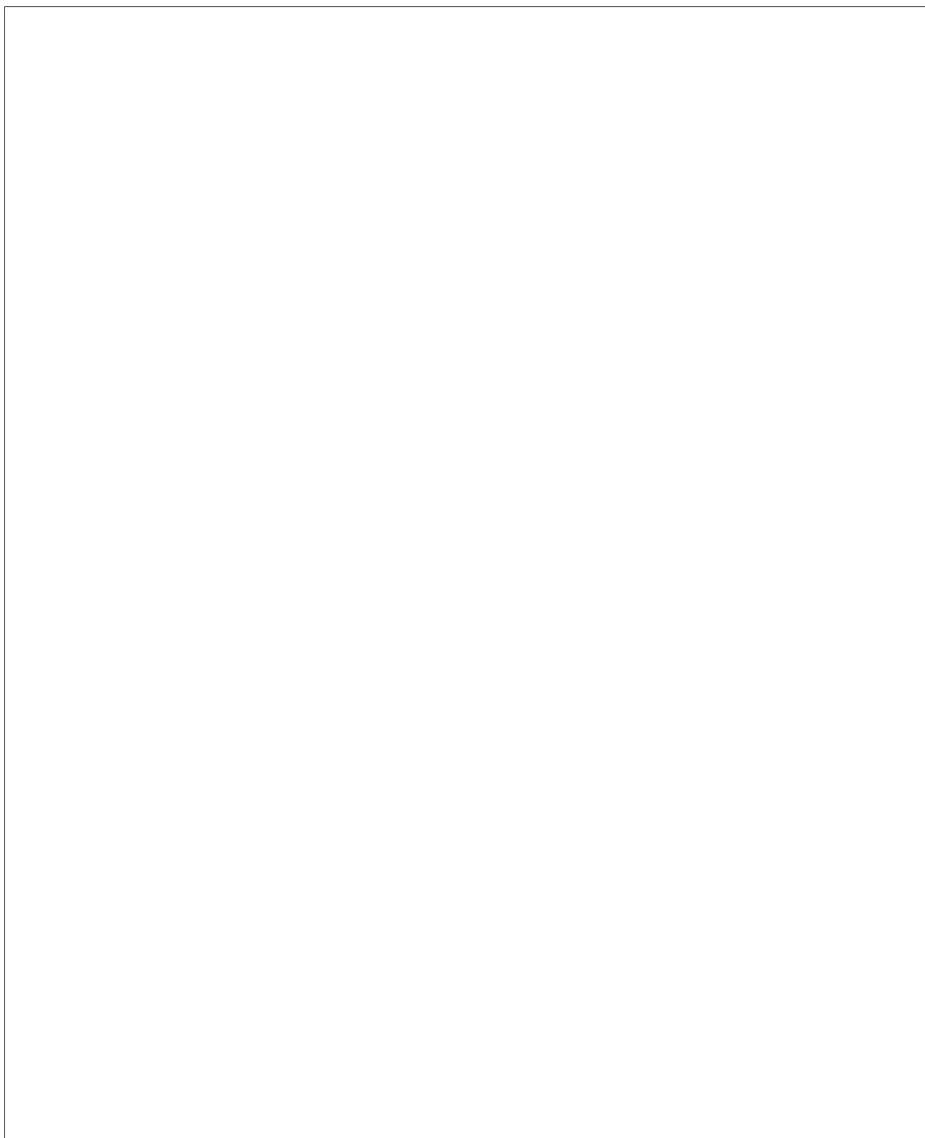


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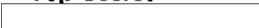
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