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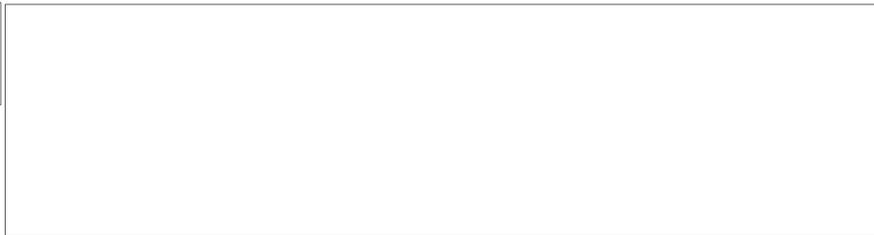
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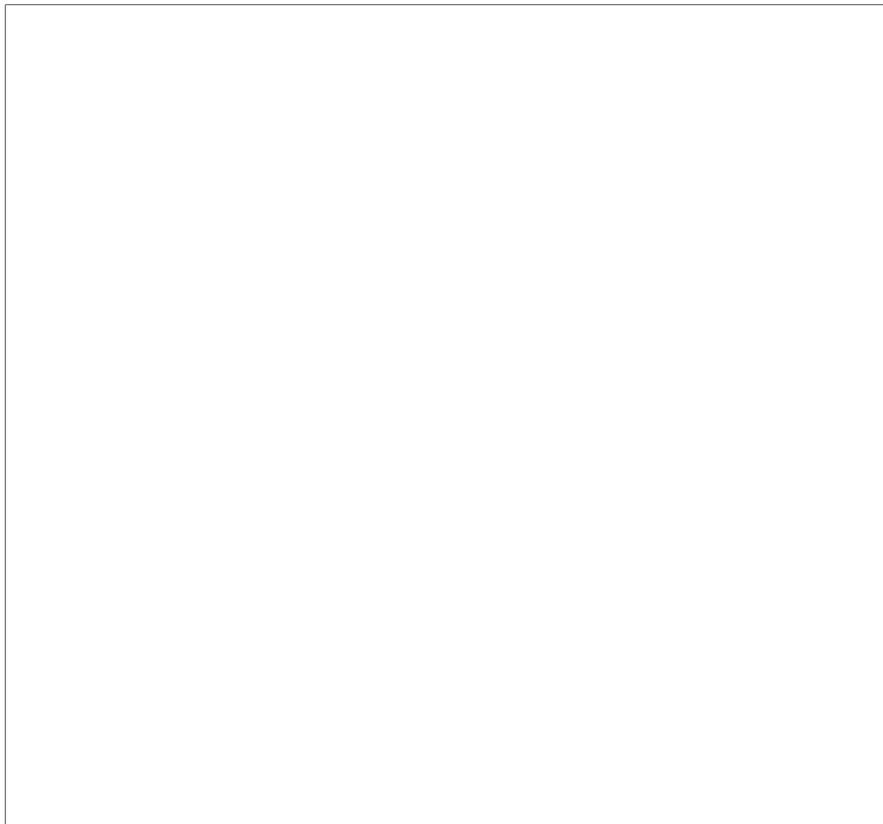
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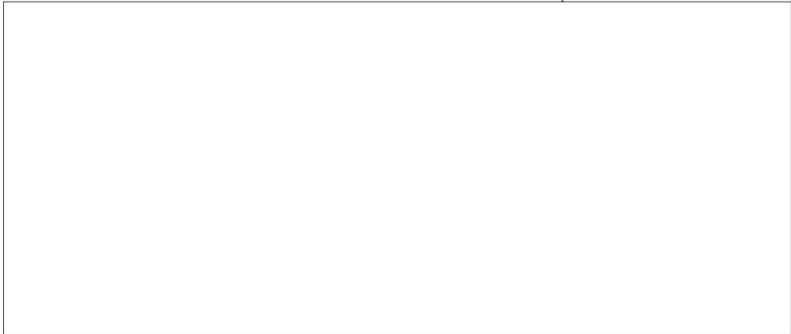
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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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Peruvian President Velasco [Redacted]

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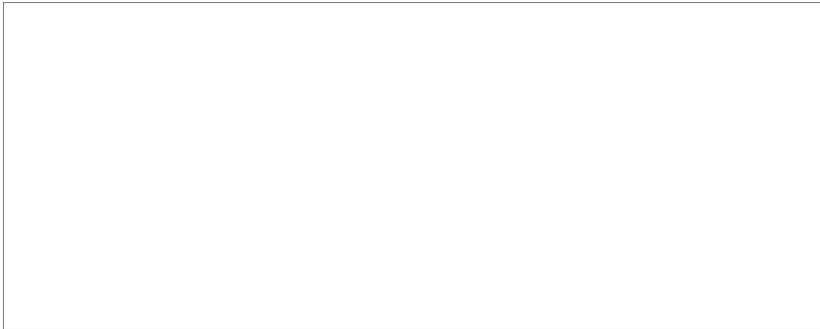
[Redacted] His most likely successor is Prime Minister Mercado. (Page 3)

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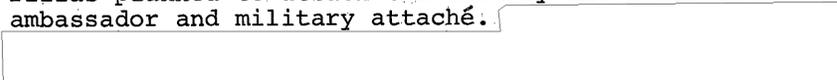


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There are growing indications that Arab terrorists are giving special emphasis to operations against Americans. US officials in Amman are said to have been the main target of an aborted fedayeen operation last month in Jordan in which the guerrillas planned to attack the embassy and seize the ambassador and military attaché.



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JAPAN

The four opposition parties have agreed to cooperate in the Diet on several specific topics. The issues include yen revaluation, inflation, and speculation in land and commodities. The parties' meeting on Wednesday was the first time in six years that they have sat down together.

Even if the alliance does little more than disrupt and delay Diet proceedings, these tactics will add measurably to Tanaka's difficulties in dealing with major issues. He is already being sniped at by members of his own party, and Japanese governments customarily do not force a vote unless at least one opposition party agrees to end debate.

The opposition arrangement is fragile, however, because it does nothing to resolve the parties' fundamental differences. Quarreling has been especially bitter between the Communists and Socialists.

Perhaps more significant over the long term is the new willingness of the Socialist Party and the Komeito to work with the Communists at the local level.

Komeito's shift to the left already has allowed the Socialist governor of Tokyo to put together a clear majority of the Metropolitan Assembly.

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Mercado stands fairly well with both the moderates and the radicals in Peru's revolutionary government. Although not the first choice of either group, he appears to be the best bet, given the widespread desire to avoid an open succession battle.

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