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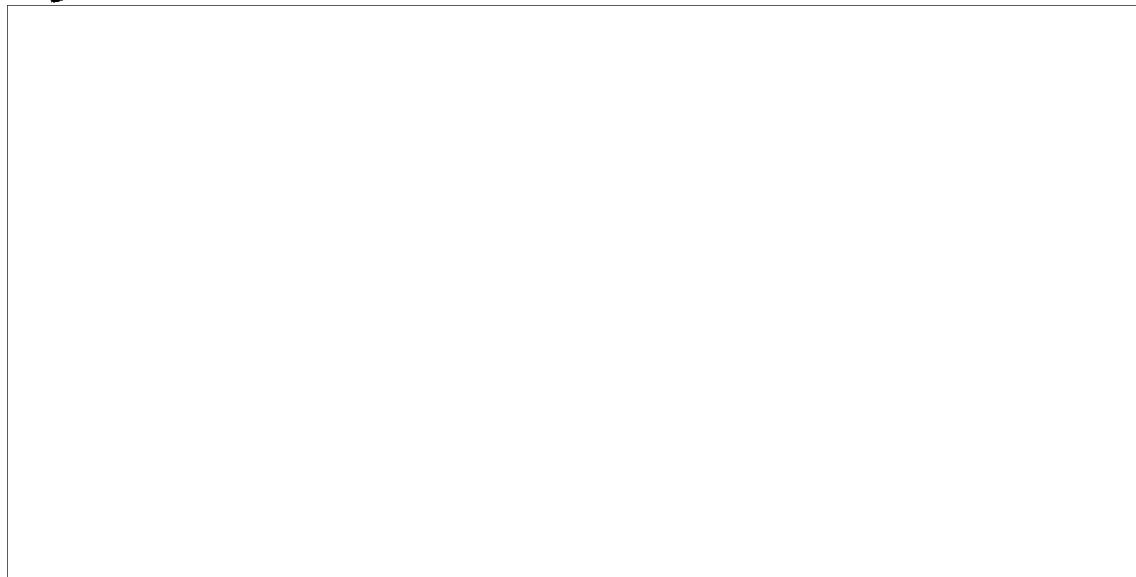
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FRANCE: Communist Party Congress

The Communist Party congress that ended yesterday avoided serious debate on contentious issues despite recent polls that indicate the Communists' share of the electorate has been dropping since the presidential election last spring.

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Many of the disaffected Communists remain bitter over the leadership's decision to scuttle the alliance with the Socialists in 1977 and to instruct party militants not to vote for Socialist candidate Mitterrand in the runoff against then President Giscard. The leadership's mild response to the imposition of martial law in Poland also has contributed to its loss of supporters.

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Comment: The Communist leadership is trying to weather its present problems by simultaneously reiterating its support for the thrust of President Mitterrand's policies--symbolized by the presence of Communist ministers--and clamping down on dissent within the party. They apparently hope to prevent further defections among the Communist rank and file should a split with the Socialists occur and to lay the groundwork for a resurgence of their party if, as most of the leadership apparently expects, Mitterrand's policies become unpopular with French workers.

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