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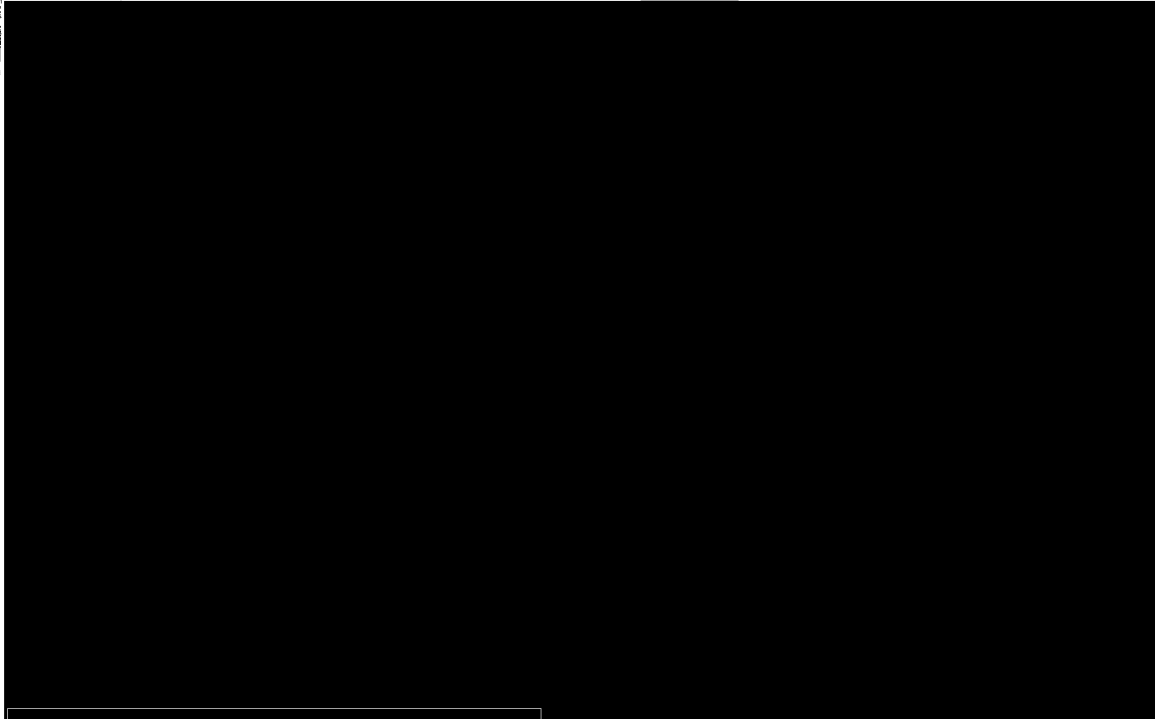
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### Chile: Anniversary Speech

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The Pinochet government, which marked its third anniversary on Saturday, shows no signs of moderating its tough internal security practices or making any substantial concessions in the area of human rights.

Authoritarian practices now being followed. The expansive guarantees of human rights promised by Pinochet at the OAS meeting in Santiago last June are still largely being ignored by the security forces. The Interior Ministry has announced that 205 political prisoners were

In his anniversary speech, President Pinochet reiterated the regime's hard-line views and indicated that new decrees would soon be issued further restricting political activity. The crackdown is aimed at the Christian Democrats and the church—the government's principal domestic critics.

The junta's promulgation of several acts to be included in a new constitution apparently will institutionalize the au-



President Pinochet

being released, but the state of siege has been extended for another six months.

Pinochet gave no hint on Saturday that changes in economic policies are planned, although an acrimonious debate

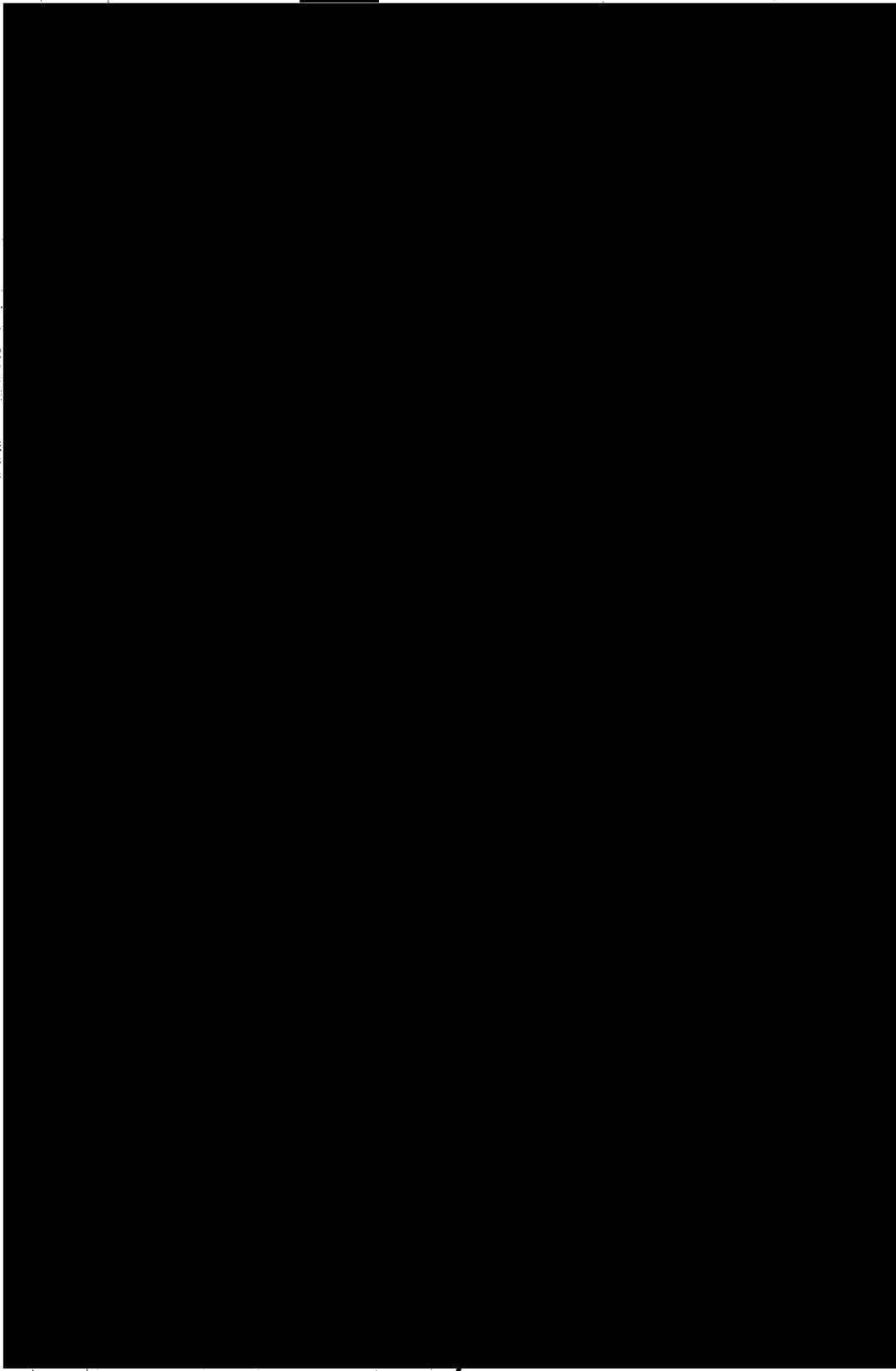
is under way in the government over the social costs of the harsh austerity program. Despite some improvements in economic conditions, there has been no overall recovery, according to the US embassy.

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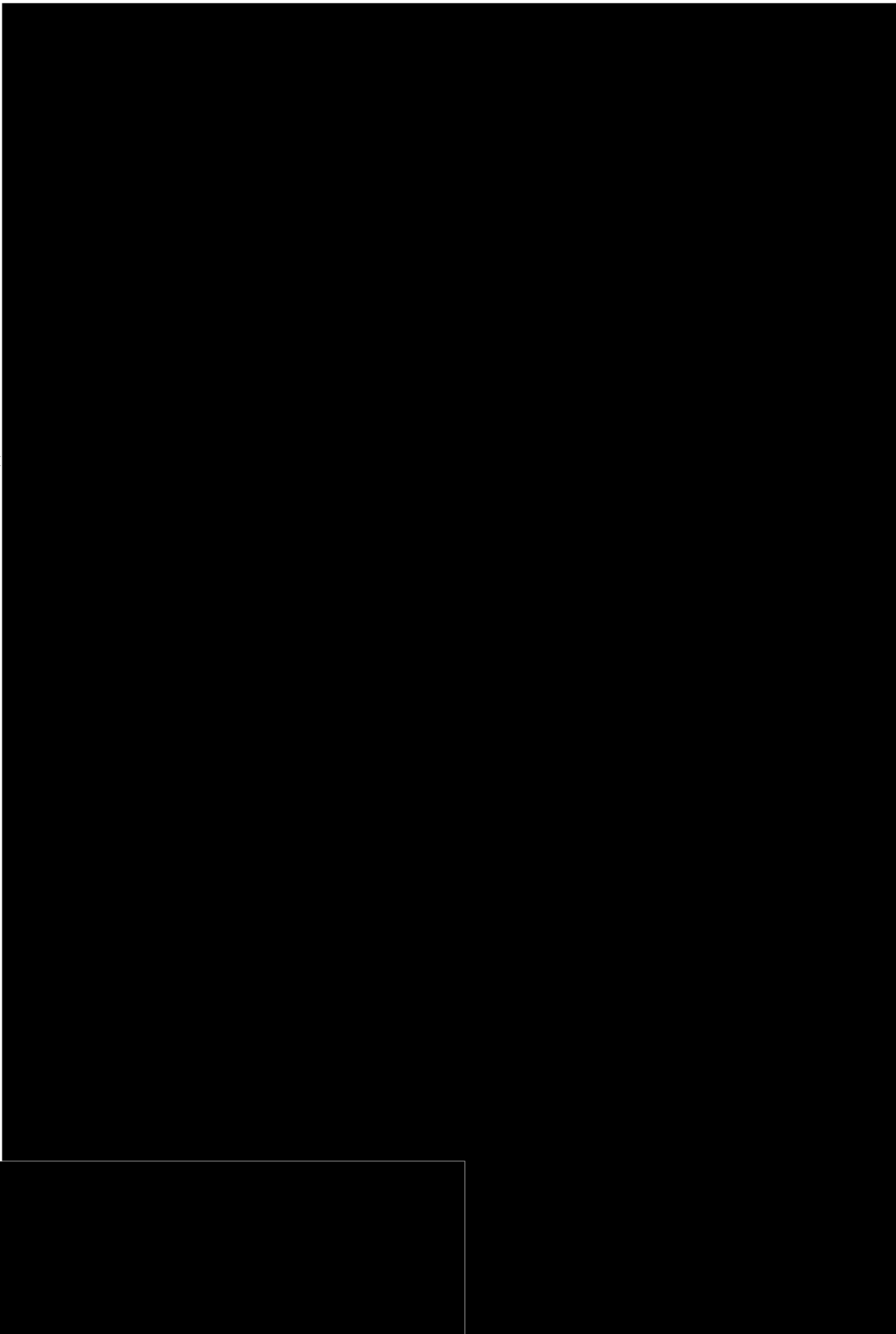
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