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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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The hijacking of civil aircraft over Europe yesterday is summarized on Page 2.

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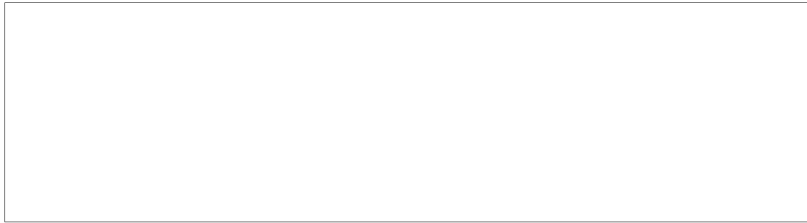
Allende probably will be able to secure the necessary votes from the Chilean Congress to nail down the presidency. (Page 5)



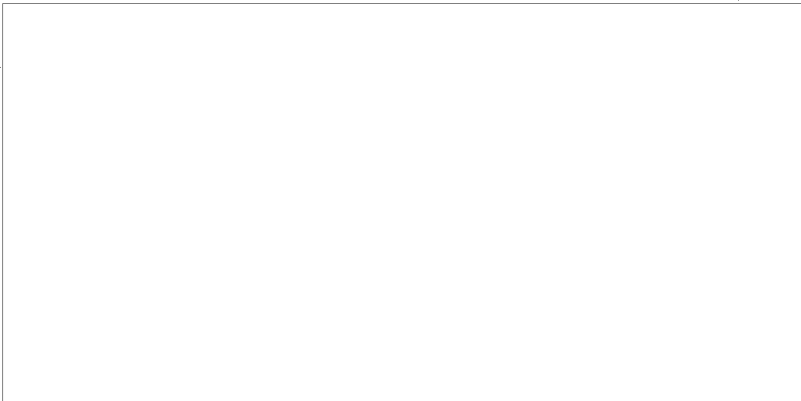
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EGYPT-ISRAEL



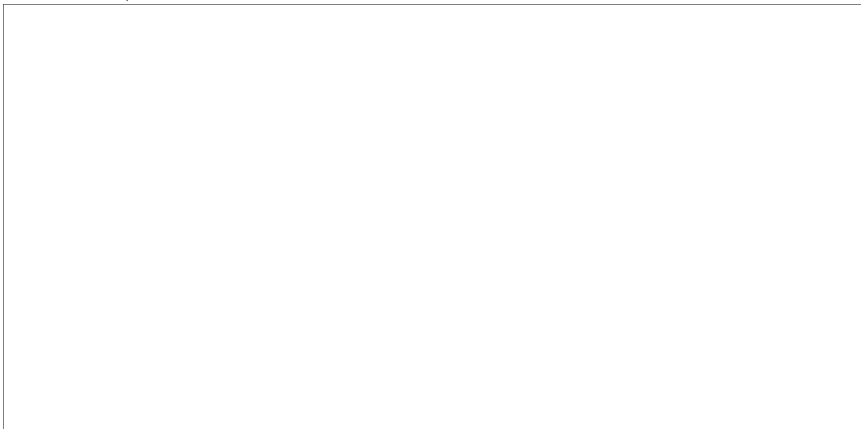
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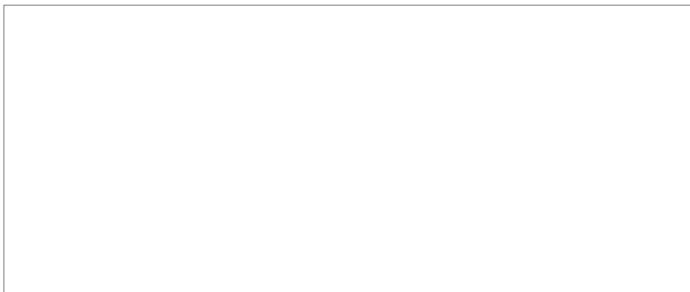
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ARAB STATES

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), which has been involved in a number of similar incidents in the past, claimed responsibility for hijacking four aircraft yesterday en route from Europe to New York. The Pan American 747, which was hijacked after departing Amsterdam, has been blown up in Cairo. An El Al flight crew foiled an attempt against their flight after it left Amsterdam and after a stop in London the plane continued to New York.

Two other planes--a Swissair DC-8 hijacked after departing Zurich and a TWA 707 hijacked after departing Frankfurt--were forced to fly to Dawson's Landing, an unused military airstrip about 25 miles east of Zarqa, Jordan. A spokesman for the PFLP in Amman has announced that the passengers on these two flights will be held as hostages until three PFLP members currently held by Swiss authorities are released. The PFLP set a deadline of 1300 EDT on 9 September for the release of the prisoners and has threatened to blow up the two aircraft if any rescue attempts are made.

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Following earlier terrorist attacks against aircraft, Israel warned the Arab government that it held them responsible for the actions of the fedayeen and that it would take appropriate action at a time of its own choosing. In December 1968 for example, Israeli helicopter-borne troops landed at Beirut airport and destroyed a number of Lebanese-owned aircraft. Because of the large numbers of Israeli citizens and US citizens of the Jewish faith included in the hostages held by the fedayeen, however, it is unlikely that Israel will take any immediate action of this kind.

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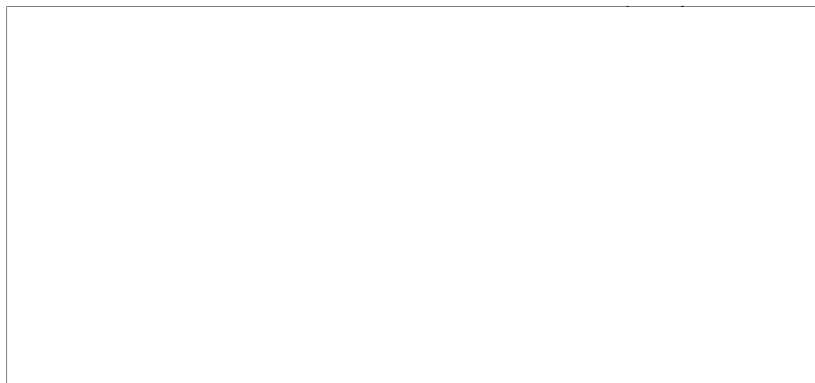
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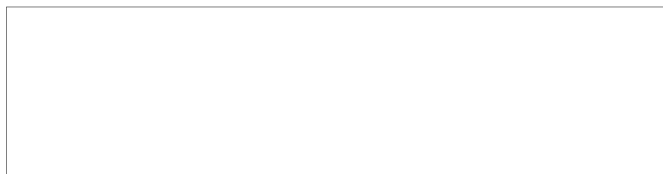
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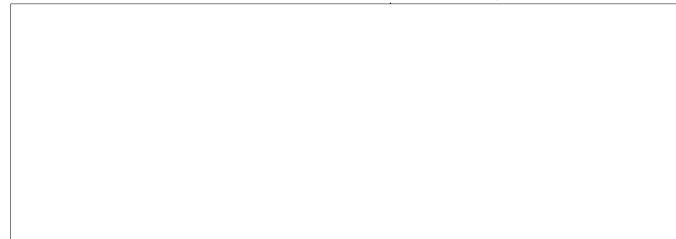


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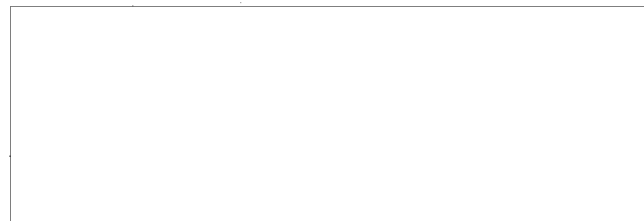
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NOTE

Chile: Socialist Salvador Allende's election victory is unlikely to be overturned in the congressional vote on 24 October despite the slim margin of his plurality. Alessandri stated some time ago that he would not accept the office if he did not win the popular vote. In any case, less than one-fourth of the legislators are in his camp and it is doubtful that outgoing President Frei will try--or could succeed--in marshalling enough legislators of his own Christian Democratic party to give Alessandri a congressional majority. Defeated government candidate Radomiro Tomic is almost certain to offer support of leftwing Christian Democrats to Allende. There is no indication at this time that military leaders are planning to move to keep Allende from becoming President.

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