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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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PHILIPPINES

The Marcos government has imposed martial law throughout the country. It cited a recent series of bombing incidents which culminated in an assassination attempt yesterday on Defense Secretary Enrile. The government quickly arrested a number of prominent journalists and politicians including a senator President Marcos had accused of collaborating with the Maoist-inclined New Peoples Army insurgents. Marcos had earlier alleged that the bombings were the first phase of a Maoist subversive plot.

Whatever the precise reasons for the government's actions, [redacted] Marcos carefully orchestrated the move well in advance. [redacted] at least some of the bombs were set by pro-Soviet terrorist groups, that none can be definitely traced to the Maoists, and that the "captured" Communist document on which Marcos based his charges is counterfeit and possibly a government plant.

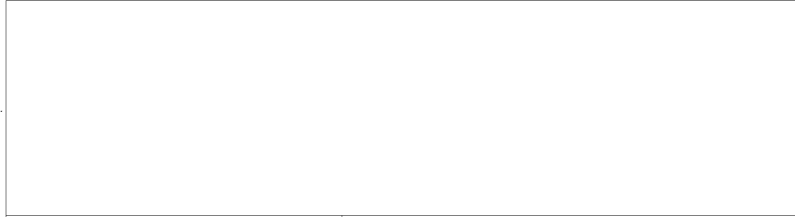
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For some time Marcos considered martial law as a possible means of prolonging his rule. Although the new draft constitution could allow him to stay in power by less drastic means, he may see martial law as an interim measure to strengthen his control of the political process and thereby assure passage of a popular referendum on the constitution.

He will have difficulty in convincing a skeptical public that such personal motives did not dictate his move. If students, Communists, and Marcos' wide range of political opponents eventually take to the streets in protest, the government could face a much more dangerous security problem than before the decree. The small armed forces are not capable of effectively implementing total military control in Manila, let alone the entire country.

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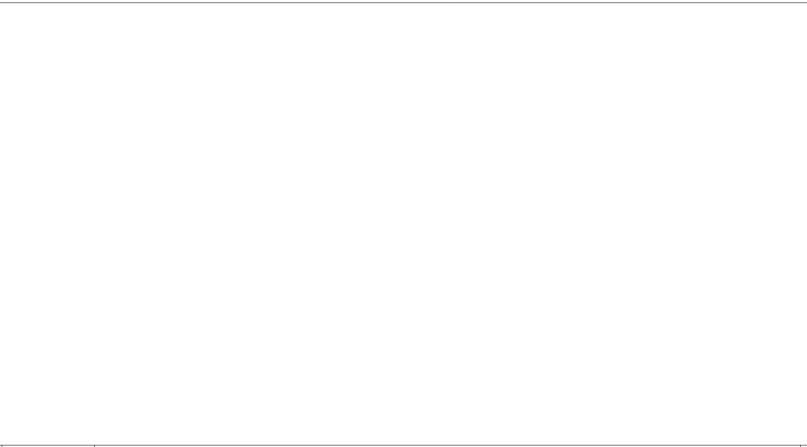


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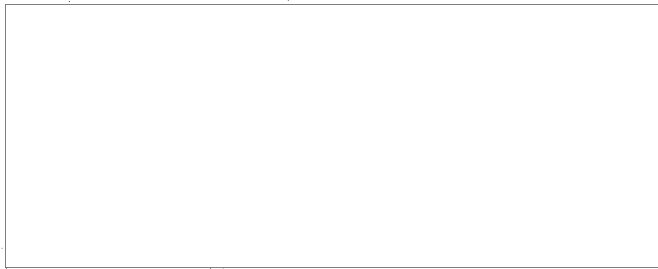
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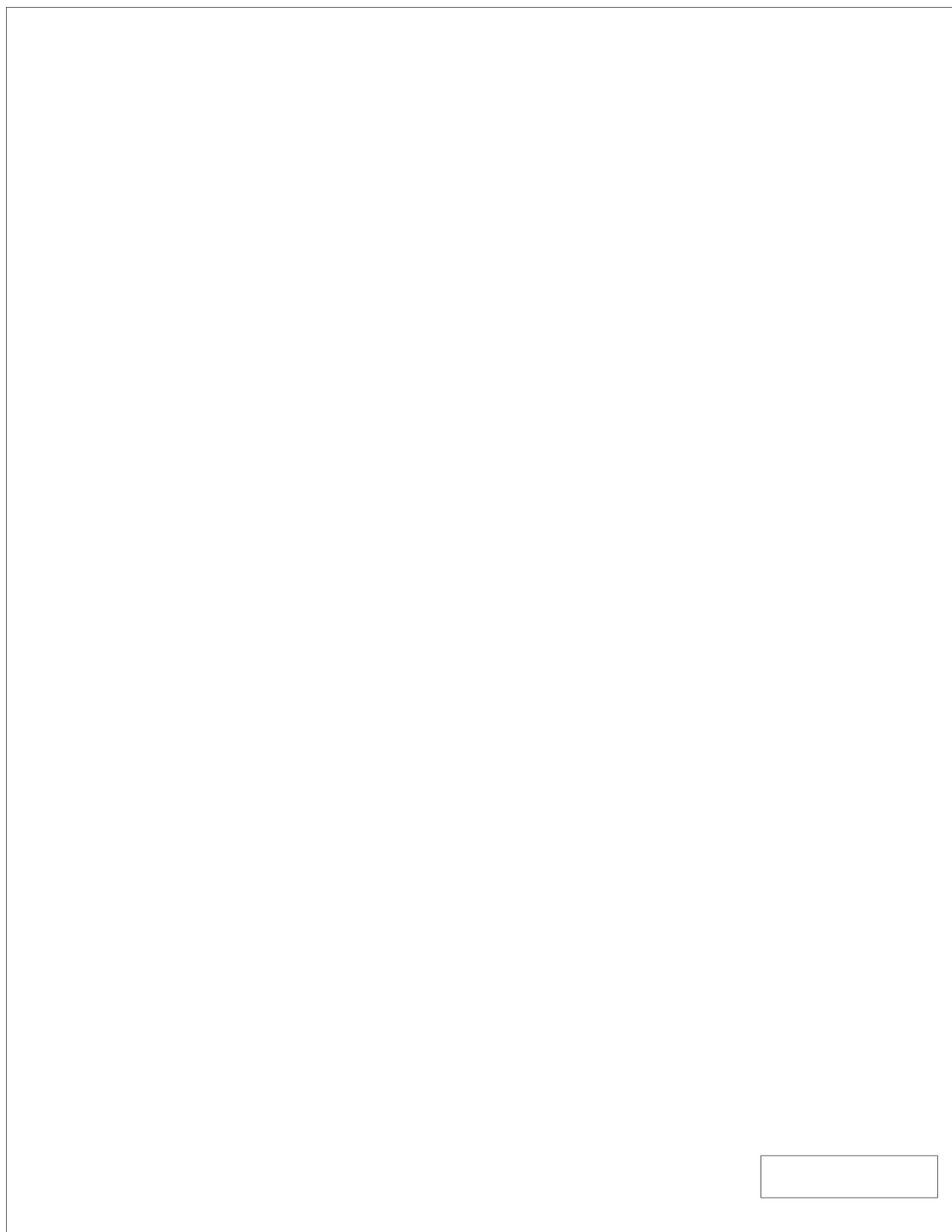
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SOUTH KOREA - JAPAN

President Pak Chong-hui will make his first state visit to Japan this fall, primarily in search of assurances that expansion of Tokyo's contacts with Pyongyang not proceed in a manner that would damage South Korean interests. Pak is also concerned about a possible unfavorable shift in Japanese policy following Prime Minister Tanaka's visit to China. Finally, he wants additional economic assistance to help service Seoul's mounting foreign debt repayments.

The Japanese recently pledged \$170 million for debt relief to Seoul--considerably less than the South Koreans need and hope to obtain. Tanaka can be expected to promise Pak additional economic aid. The Japanese are not likely to tie themselves down, however, with firm assurances that they will limit their economic or political dealings with North Korea.

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