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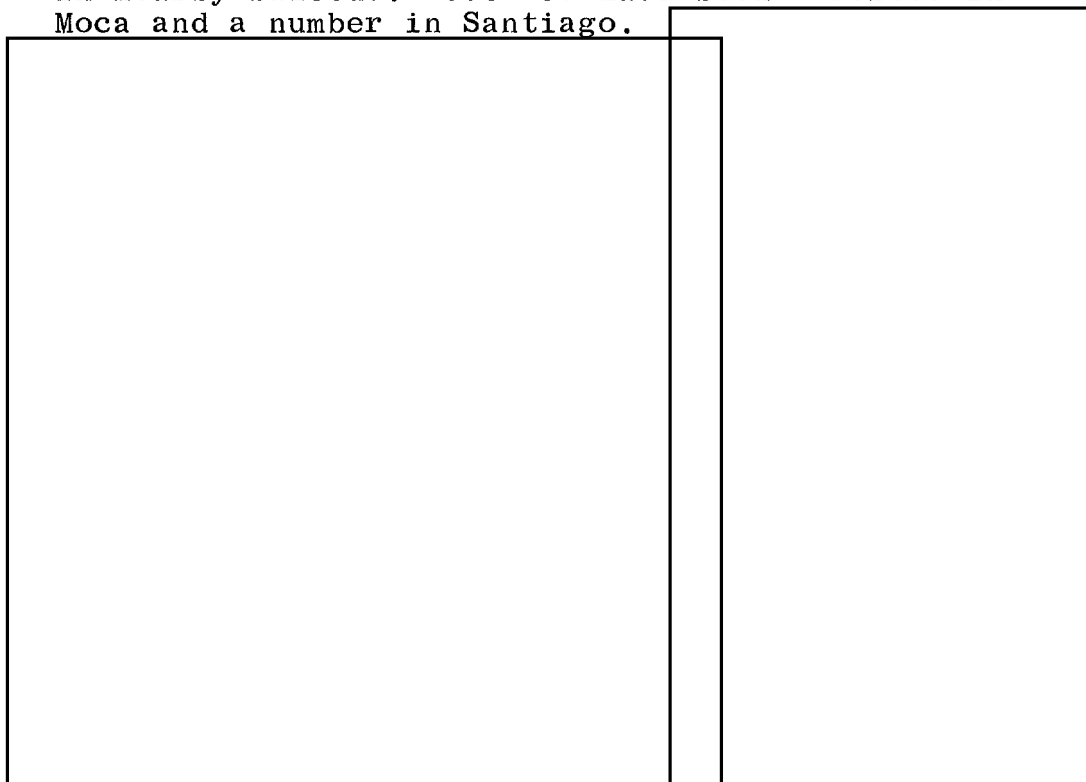
Situation in the Dominican Republic  
(Report #275 - As of 7:00 am EDT)

There has been no significant change in the situation as loyalist forces continue to make preventive arrests throughout the country in an effort to discourage expected pro-rebel demonstrations and violence in the interior this week.

The police commander in San Francisco de Macoris stated yesterday, for instance, that preventive arrests in his area between 9 and 12 June total 26 and that about ten are being detained in nearby Salcedo. Over 35 have been arrested in Moca and a number in Santiago.

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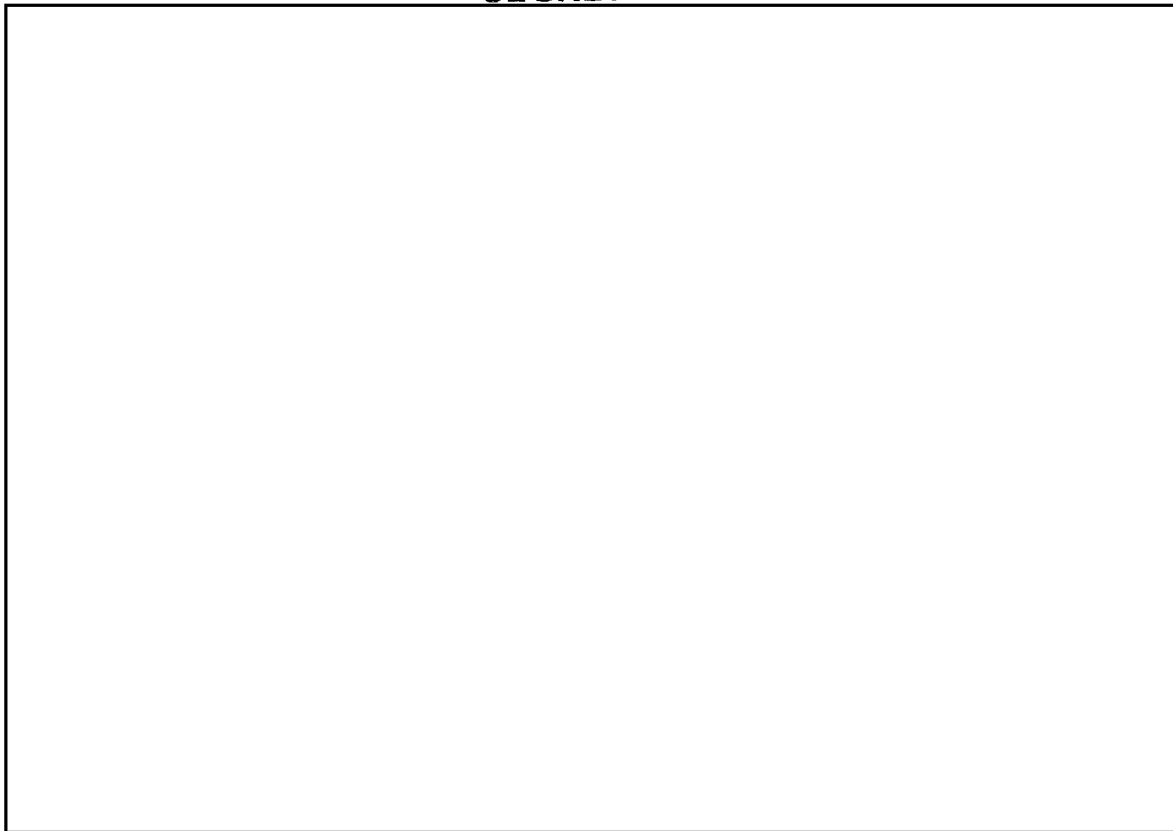
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The police commander in San Juan de la Maguana, the town in the southwestern part of the country where there were rebel attacks on 2 and 10 June, is unable to estimate the number of attackers who took part in the recent foray. He described them simply as the men who had previously fled to the hills and implied that they had gone back there. He said that the attackers had left a number of weapons behind them after the most recent attack.

Today's "Parade of Democratic Rededication," which is being sponsored by the Imbert government, is likely to be the biggest anti-Communist rally yet staged by the loyalist forces. The government has had nearly a week to prepare for it and is bringing in many people from the countryside to participate.



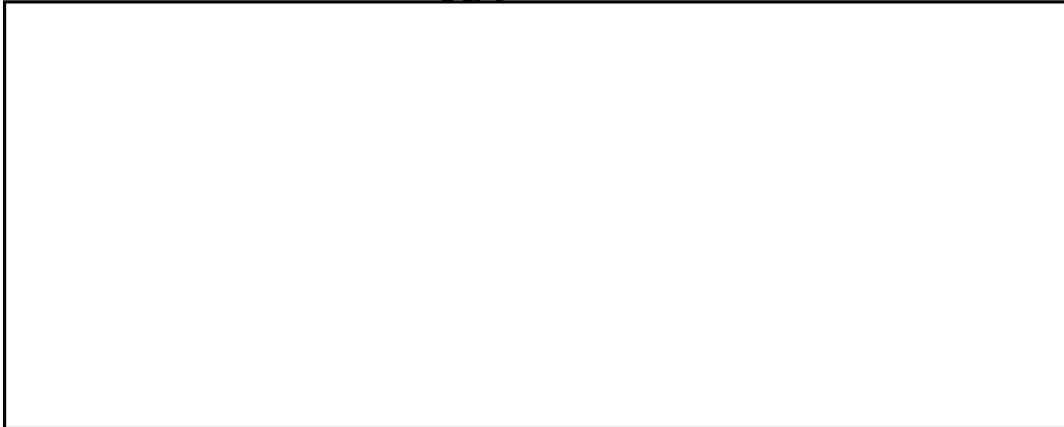
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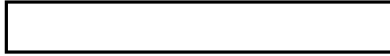
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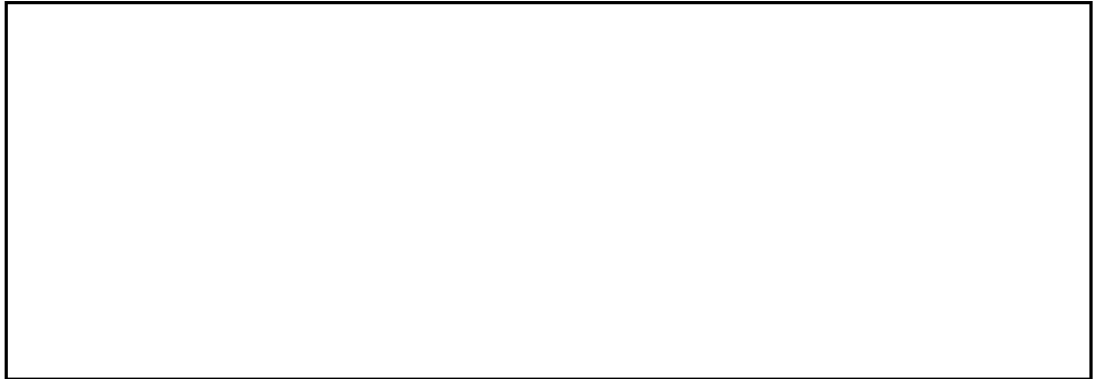
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