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This estimate has been borne out by events in most respects, and its basic analysis of the situation appears to remain valid. However, it has inevitably become outdated in some respects. With the disappearance from the political scene of Ghulam Mohammed, the character of the ruling group has changed somewhat, particularly in the emergence of Mirza as the dominant figure. The restoration of parliamentary government, the series of political maneuvers leading to Suhrawardy's elevation to the premiership, and the approach of general elections under the new constitution have added new dimensions to the struggle between the ruling group and its rivals. While Pakistan's economy remains precarious, its immediate situation and prospects have improved somewhat over the last year and a half, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In the foreign affairs field, the ending of the honeymoon period in US-Pakistani relations, the development of the Bloc campaign to woo the Arab-Asian nations, and the increasing articulateness of popular feeling on international questions have all made Pakistan likely to be somewhat more restrained in its pro-Westernism than was indicated in NIE 52-55.

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