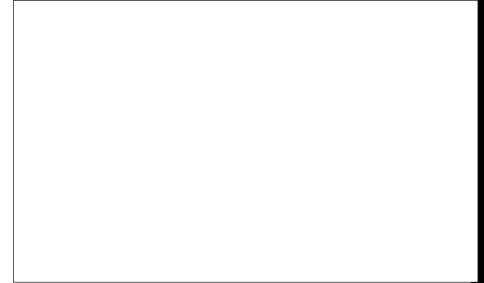




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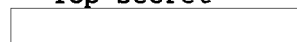
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POLAND: Political Tension High

The clash between police and Solidarity followers in Bydgoszcz has raised political tension to its highest level since last November.

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Union leaders endorsed a few two-hour warning strikes yesterday but have deferred any larger strike actions until some time next week. Solidarity chief Walesa and other leaders apparently believe the incident was a provocation staged by hardliners in the government intent on undermining Prime Minister Jaruzelski.

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There evidently is considerable sentiment in union ranks favoring a general strike. Walesa argued yesterday against such an action, warning that the situation is "very precarious," but he may have difficulty reining in union militants.

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Should a nationwide general strike take place, the government would come under great pressure from conservatives and Moscow to declare martial law. In the current atmosphere, such an action could lead to a total breakdown of civil order. If this were to occur, Moscow would almost certainly intervene militarily.

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The government faces strong demands from the public to repudiate the actions of the police during the clash. Youth, media, and party groups in the Bydgoszcz area have expressed their opposition to the use of force.

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The government has opened an investigation, and a preliminary report was made public this morning. It admitted that the beatings had occurred, but added that the commission had not established the causes of the beatings. The regime called on Solidarity to participate in the investigation.

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Jaruzelski issued a statement yesterday in which he said talks are "particularly necessary" in the present circumstances. This was a response to Solidarity's decision to suspend talks with the government and may also have been an implicit rejection of the police actions. While eager to avoid charges of a whitewash, the regime does not want to heap abuse on the police. To do so would give more ammunition to the hardliners and would undermine police effectiveness.

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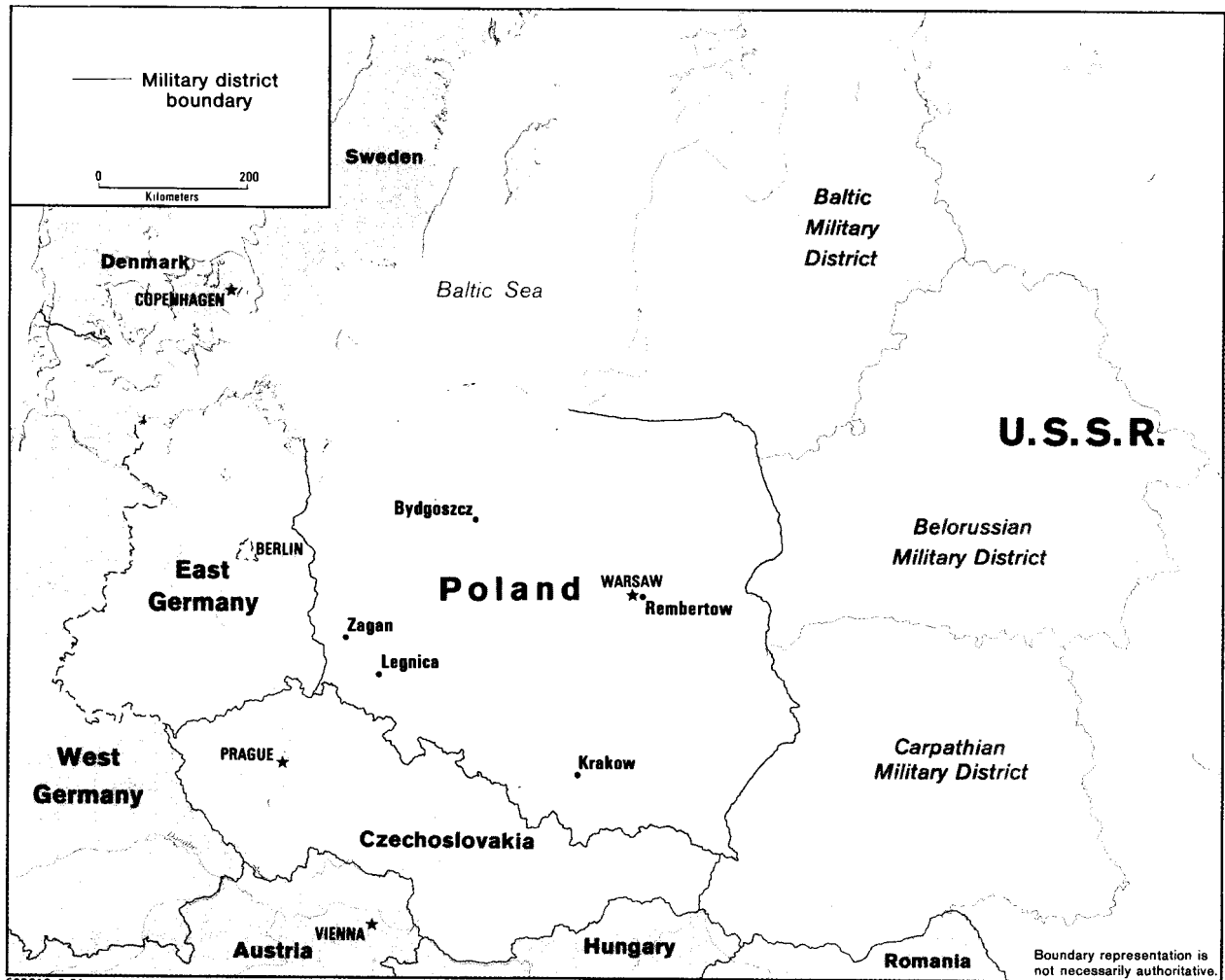


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COLOMBIA: Setback for Guerrillas

The Army has scored a major success against the M-19 guerrillas that may have a significant impact on the group's plans for increased violence. [redacted] 25X1

Over the past several weeks, the Army has captured or killed 50 or more M-19 members, including at least some of the group's high command. Most of the guerrillas apparently landed on the southwestern coast in February or early March and subsequently mounted attacks on several towns in the region. The Army intercepted a large arms shipment--including rifles, machineguns, mortars, grenades, and bazookas--in the same area this month. [redacted] 25X1

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The M-19 has been largely an urban organization since its inception in the early 1970s, and the move to rural areas apparently was just beginning. The Army's operation seems likely to cripple that effort and, as the investigation continues, new leads also could help disrupt some of M-19's urban operations. [redacted] 25X1

If Havana's support is as extensive as preliminary reports indicate, it would represent a new high in Cuban involvement in South America. Nonetheless, it would be consistent with Cuba's recent efforts to raise the level of its aid to revolutionaries throughout the hemisphere. This would heighten the Colombian Government's already strong concern about Cuban activities and might increase Bogota's willingness to increase its support to other threatened countries. [redacted] 25X1

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PAKISTAN: Domestic Impact of the Recent Hijacking

The hijackers' links with the late Prime Minister Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party have temporarily set back efforts by President Zia's political foes to end military rule.



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Attempts by Moscow and Kabul to use the incident against Islamabad and evidence of Afghan collusion with the terrorists have persuaded most Pakistanis that domestic conflict would only benefit the Soviets. This has put the multiparty Movement for the Restoration of Democracy on the defensive and undermined its campaign for elections, according to a leader of the opposition coalition. In addition, the role played by Bhutto's sons in the hijacking has reinforced misgivings among moderates about cooperation with the People's Party, the strongest element in the opposition.



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Zia is capitalizing on the national sense of outrage by moving against the People's Party, apparently hoping to break it up and permanently discredit the Bhutto family. He has publicly suggested the party is part of an international conspiracy to turn Pakistan into a Soviet client state.



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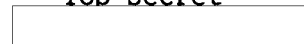
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The President's attack on the People's Party could backfire if Nusrat Bhutto and her daughter--both of whom are in jail--appear to become victims or if the evidence against them seems weak. Moreover, the incident has not removed the root causes of discontent, and new challenges to Zia's rule--including other terrorist incidents--probably will occur. One lesson terrorists may draw from the hijacking is that Zia is more likely to give in when foreigners, particularly Americans, are among the targets.



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JAPAN-CHINA-USSR: Reaction to Brezhnev's Proposal

Japan and China are showing no interest in President Brezhnev's recent proposal to negotiate confidence-building measures for the Far East. [redacted]

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The USSR has made demarches to Japan, China, North Korea, and the US on the proposal but has provided few details. Moscow apparently is suggesting that prior notification of large ground maneuvers be given and that observers be allowed at such exercises, as is done in Europe. [redacted]

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The USSR also may be thinking of including air and naval maneuvers. Soviet diplomats have said, however, that Moscow's proposal does not include Soviet forces in Mongolia, an exception clearly aimed at leaving unchanged Moscow's strategic position opposite China. [redacted]

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Japanese Foreign Minister Ito, in responding to Soviet Ambassador Polyanski's request on 15 March that Japan negotiate the measures, complained that Soviet actions in East Asia have increased tension. Ito said Tokyo would study Polyanski's demarche and respond formally at a later date, but he made clear that Japan lacks interest in the proposal. [redacted]

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The Soviets made a similar approach to Beijing on 7 March, suggesting consultative meetings that would lead to a multilateral conference, presumably to include the US. The Chinese believe the Soviets have intensified their military buildup in the Far East, and they have termed Brezhnev's proposal "hypocritical propaganda" and plan to ignore it. [redacted]

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ZIMBABWE: Aid Donors Conference

Prime Minister Mugabe's government will host a crucial conference of prospective aid donors beginning on Monday.

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Mugabe is seeking \$1.8 billion in assistance over the next three years. Economic experts consider this period vital to developing Zimbabwe's ability to achieve self-sustained growth.

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Salisbury claims it has thus far received aid of only \$83 million out of the \$315 million pledged. An unofficial British compilation, however, shows more than \$1 billion already pledged or virtually certain to be pledged for the next four years. The funds come mainly from the World Bank, the European Development Fund, the US, UK, West Germany, Sweden, Canada, and China. Much of this aid is tied to the purchase of goods, however, and will not be available to fund Mugabe's various social programs.

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With the additional pledges expected at the conference, the total will approach the \$1.5 billion figure associated with the multidonor, multiyear Kissinger plan of 1976 and subsequent Anglo-American settlement initiatives used by the Zimbabweans as the basis for their expectations.

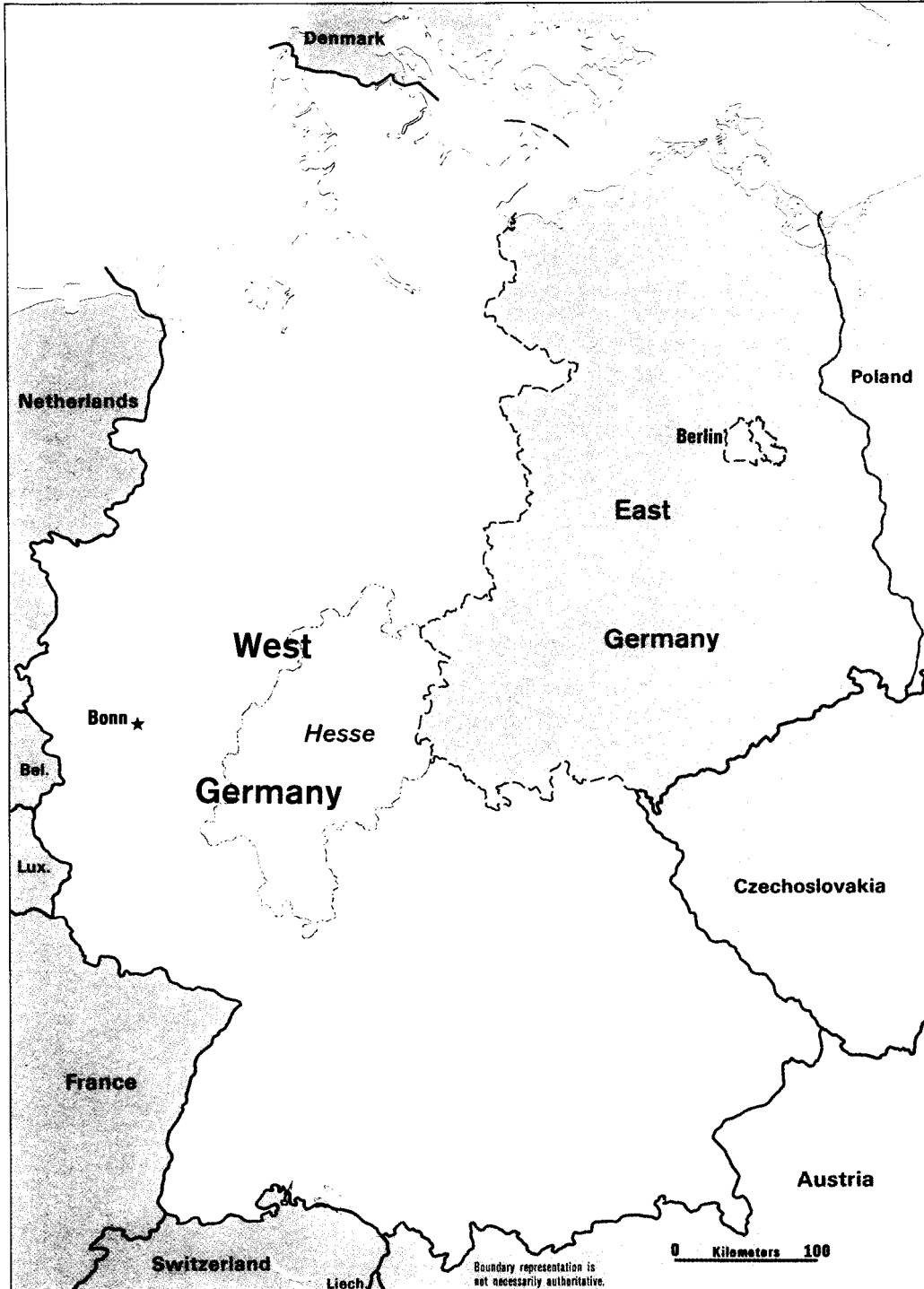
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A successful conference will make it easier for Mugabe to pursue his moderate, pragmatic policies. It also will reassure the economically vital white minority, whose confidence in Zimbabwe's long-term stability probably was shaken by the recent violence in Bulawayo.

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MEXICO: New Leader for Governing Party

The change on Thursday in the leadership of the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party probably was aimed primarily at preparing for the presidential and congressional elections next year. The new party leader, Agrarian Reform Secretary Garcia Paniagua, is a prominent anti-Communist who was formerly in charge of intelligence and security matters in the Interior Ministry. 25X6
[redacted] predecessor has played an active role in Mexico's Central America policy and has headed the party's work with left-of-center parties in Latin America. While the change may result in a softening of the party's rhetoric on Central America and in less contact with the Salvadoran left, it is unlikely to produce a basic shift in policy 25X1
toward the region. [redacted]

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CANADA: Election in Ontario Benefits Trudeau

Ontario Premier Davis's reelection in the provincial election on Thursday makes him an even more powerful factor in national political maneuvering. His solid win assures the continuity of Ontario's vital support for Prime Minister Trudeau's bid to reform the constitution and centralize decisionmaking power over energy programs. There are indications Davis will now feel secure in supporting the move to somewhat higher energy prices that Trudeau will need to offer in order to break the current impasse on energy policy between Ottawa and the chief energy-producing province of Alberta. The federal government and Alberta will begin negotiations next month.

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SOUTH KOREA: Student Protest

The government's handling of the first student demonstration of the spring term appears designed to discourage future antigovernment activity and to win votes for the progovernment party in the National Assembly elections next Wednesday. When police moved on a group of about 200 students at Seoul National University last Thursday, their tactics were harsher than those used against similar demonstrations during the fall of 1980. Moreover, unlike earlier incidents, the incident received extensive coverage in the press and on television.

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The government is concerned about its showing in the election and hopes to swing popular support behind its candidates, many of whom are running on a "social stability" platform.

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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC: Postelection Violence

The government of President Dacko, who was reelected by a narrow margin last Sunday, has contained the disturbances in Bangui yesterday. The unrest was started by accusations from the opposition of election fraud involving the French. Although the allegations appear to have some validity, the runner-up candidate, left-leaning Ange Patasse, has appealed for calm in an effort to prevent bloodshed. The French probably have sufficient military forces to check any additional disorders. With the presidential election approaching in France, however, President Giscard is anxious to avoid clashes between French troops and Central African civilians and probably would allow French units to be used only as a last resort. [REDACTED] 25X1

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