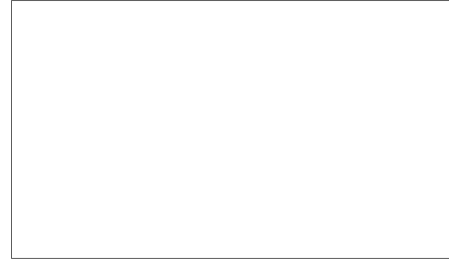




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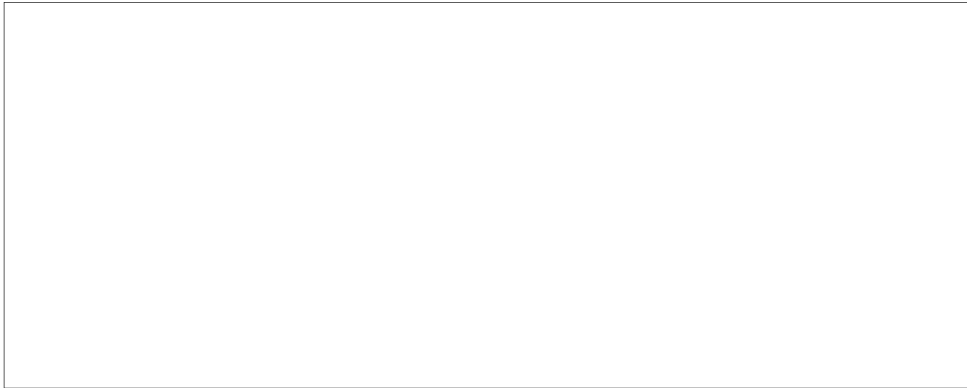
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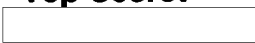


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**JAPAN: Nakasone Expecting Election Victory**

*Prime Minister Nakasone's Liberal Democratic Party holds a commanding lead in the polls in the campaign for Upper House elections on 26 June.* [Redacted]

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Polls conducted this month show growing support for both the Liberal Democratic Party and Nakasone's cabinet. One poll places support for the party at the highest point ever, and another shows a majority of the people support the cabinet. [Redacted]

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**Comment:** The surge in popular support for Nakasone partly reflects favorable reactions to his trips in May to Southeast Asia and to the US. A substantial victory would strengthen his hand in dealing with opposition parties on economic issues. It also might be seen as a vote of confidence in his positions on security and national defense, despite negative media coverage on those issues. [Redacted]

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Although the polls are favorable, two rounds of local elections earlier this year and the usual voter apathy in Upper House elections could work against the Liberal Democratic Party. Some party members view the elections primarily as a referendum on Nakasone's policies, [Redacted]

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**LIBYA: Overtures for Arab Unity**

*Libyan leader Qadhafi, following his humiliating setbacks at the recent OAU summit, is pursuing better relations with all Arab governments.* [Redacted]

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After departing abruptly from Addis Ababa last week, Qadhafi made impromptu visits to North Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Syria. In each country he stressed the necessity of Arab unity in the face of the dangers posed by Israel. [Redacted]

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Since Qadhafi's return to Libya, the official Libyan news agency has announced that Libya is playing a "major role in the general pan-Arab mobilization" against Israel. It also has announced that no problems exist in relations with Morocco because Libya had discharged its duty to the Polisario Front and because the Western Sahara issue is now under OAU jurisdiction. In addition, the news agency accused an Iranian newspaper of "deliberately distorting" an interview with Qadhafi that had quoted him as condemning the Iraqi regime. [Redacted]

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**Comment:** Qadhafi probably is trying to regain prestige by appealing for unity in the Arab world. He also was shaken by the Lebanese-Israeli agreement and genuinely believes that Arab unity is the only effective way to counter the Israelis. He will continue to insist that the Arabs have to consider a military option against Israel. [Redacted]

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The news agency's items suggest that Qadhafi's stress on Arab unity could lead to a cutoff in support for the Polisario and to a softening in Libya's hostile stance against Iraq. Qadhafi's conciliatory mood may begin to evaporate, however, as he realizes that few if any of his fellow Arabs are prepared to associate themselves with a military confrontation with Israel. [Redacted]

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**SPAIN: Proposal on CSCE**

*Spain yesterday proposed a compromise to bring the CSCE review conference in Madrid to a successful conclusion.* [Redacted]

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Prime Minister Gonzalez presented a package of provisions on human rights, implementation of the final act, and mandate for a Conference on Disarmament in Europe. The proposal drops many Western amendments to the draft concluding document prepared by the neutral participants, but it retains the most important one—a call for a followup meeting on human contacts, including family reunification. Spain also proposes delaying the beginning of the Conference on Disarmament in Europe from November 1983 to January 1984. [Redacted]

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The Allies welcomed the Spanish announcement, and most neutrals reportedly are generally pleased with it. The Soviet delegation has difficulty with the proposal, however, because Madrid makes specific recommendations rather than general comments. The US delegation reports East European delegates seemed uncertain when the plan was presented. [Redacted]

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**Comment:** The Allies probably will want the US to accept Gonzalez's package as the basis for a final agreement. They presumably also view it as an opportunity to put the East on the defensive. Although most NATO members wanted to convene a Conference on Disarmament in Europe before INF deployments begin in December, they almost certainly believe that a delay will not create a public relations problem. [Redacted]

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The negative initial reaction from the Soviets probably was a result of their displeasure over the delay in the opening date for the disarmament conference and over the proposed followup meeting on human contacts. The Soviet delegation, apparently surprised by the Spanish action, probably is waiting for instructions from Moscow. [Redacted]

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Gonzalez presumably hopes that announcing his initiatives now will help prepare the way for his visit to Washington. He also hopes to influence EC officials meeting in Stuttgart to discuss Spanish membership in positive terms. [Redacted]

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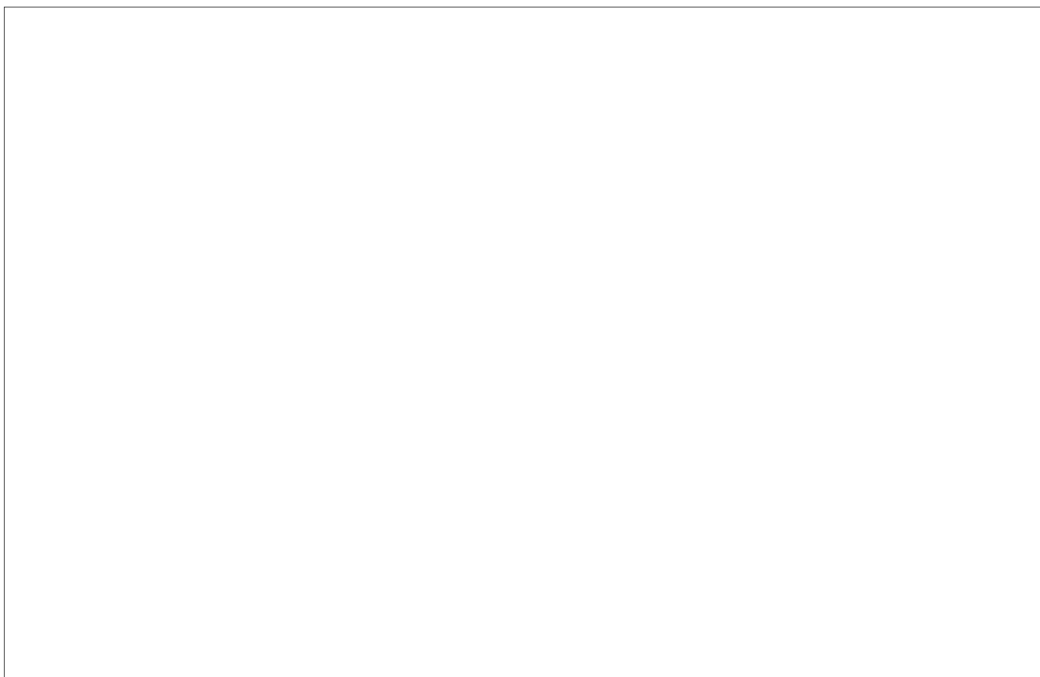
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**TURKEY: Elections Law Enacted**

The military government has just enacted a new electoral law requiring that a political party receive at least 10 percent of the nationwide vote to qualify for representation in parliament. To overcome this hurdle, the US Embassy reports government and business leaders are urging that half a dozen fledgling political parties consolidate their efforts. The press states that interparty negotiations are already under way but casts doubt on the chances of major consolidations any time soon. The law also apportions the 400 assembly seats according to population, while assuring the smaller of the country's 67 provinces one seat each. [Redacted]

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**Comment:** The law, which commits the military government to hold a general election on 6 November, is designed to promote a more stable parliamentary system by favoring larger parties. Even with the new statute in place, however, President Evren appears worried about the proliferation of parties. He may put even more pressure on existing groups to join forces. In any case, the promulgation of the law sets the stage for the restoration of civilian rule this fall. [Redacted]

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