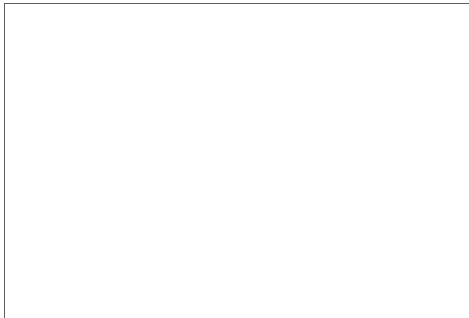




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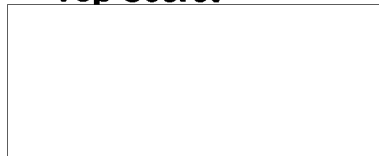
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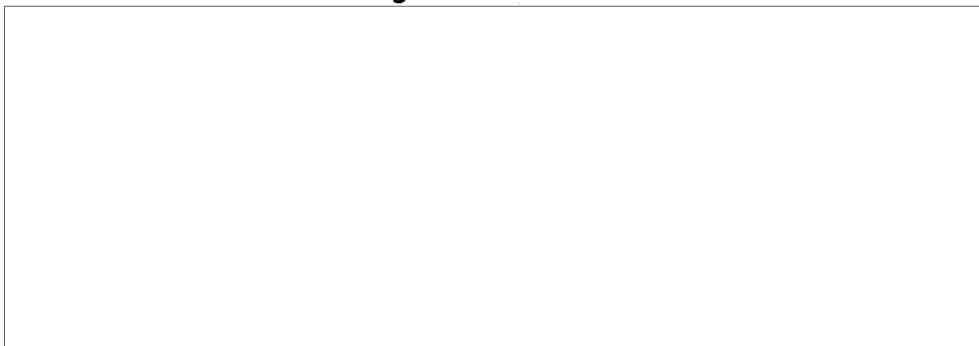
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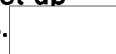
SURINAME: Radicals Foment Labor Unrest

A radical, pro-Cuban political party's efforts to create labor unrest could provoke a harsh response from the regime if disruptions spread.



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The US Embassy reports that last week some 100 of the 1,500 workers at a state-owned lumber company conducted a wildcat strike. The walkout was instigated by "action groups" recently set up by the Revolutionary People's Party to infiltrate the trade unions.



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This is the first incident of labor agitation since last fall, when the politically independent Moederbond Trade Union Federation—Suriname's second-largest union federation—held a rally calling for a return to democracy. The rally precipitated Army Commander Bouterse's execution of 15 regime opponents, including federation leader Daal, last December.



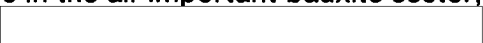
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Comment: Contrary to the protests in 1982, the leaders of the recent strike claimed their actions were a "contribution to the revolutionary process." By focusing their criticism on the government-appointed management, the radicals probably hope to embarrass their principal rival for influence with Bouterse—the socialist Progressive Workers' and Farmers' Union, headed by Prime Minister Alibux. They also are likely to pursue a labor connection in order to broaden their narrow base of support.



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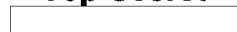
Bouterse, however, may view these actions as an attack on his authority. If the radicals try to infiltrate the country's largest union federation and cause disorders in the all-important bauxite sector, he could use force against them.



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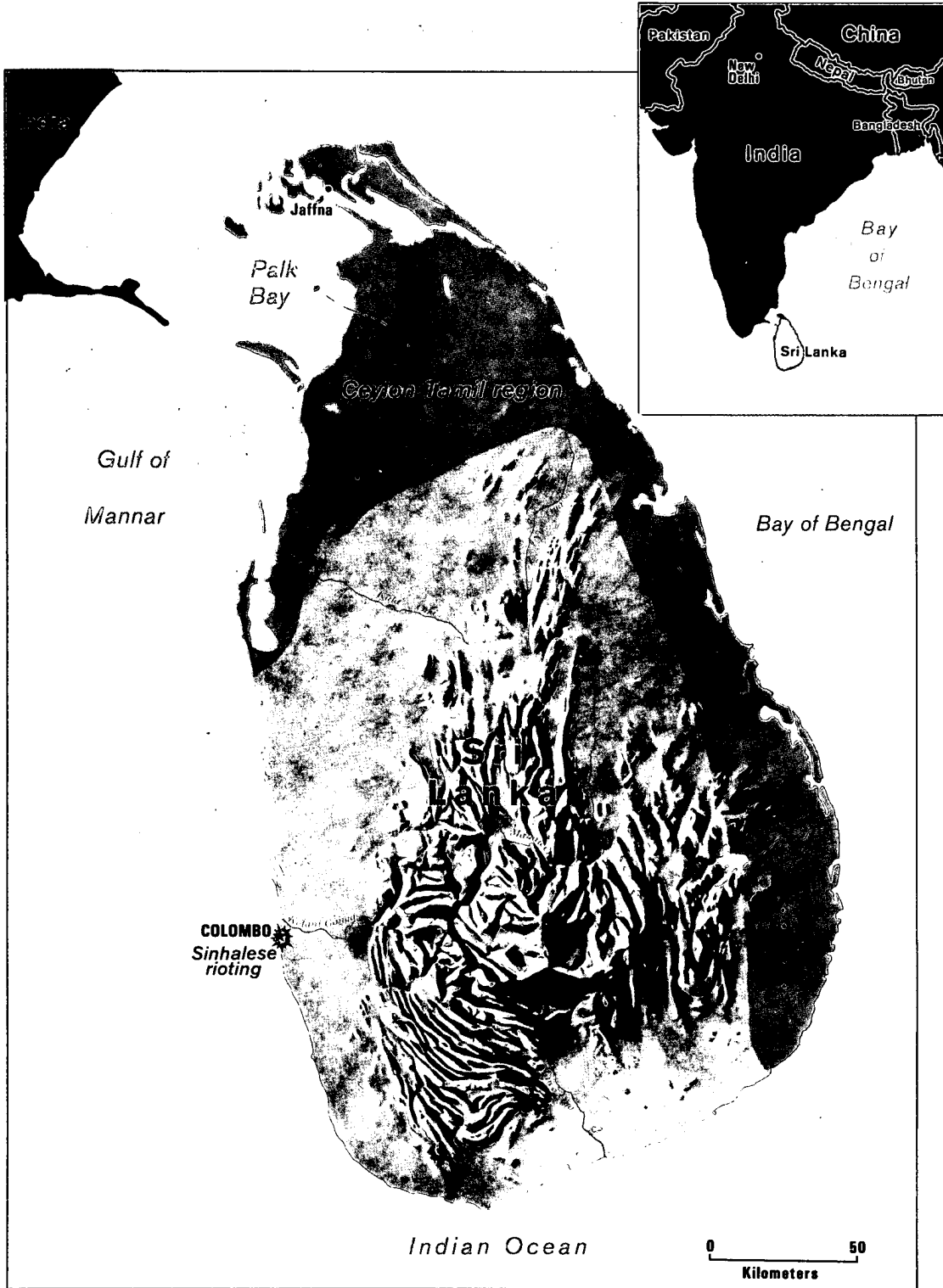


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SRI LANKA: Communal Violence Continues

President Jayewardene's government is having difficulty in bringing the country back under control as Sinhalese elements continue attacks against Tamils and their property. [Redacted]

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Scattered looting and arson continue in Colombo, where the burning and looting of 3,000 homes and shops have left 60,000 Tamils homeless. Fragmentary reports suggest sporadic violence is continuing outside the capital. [Redacted]

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India has dispatched its Foreign Minister to Colombo and has expressed concern about the safety of its diplomats there and the future of Tamil citizens in Sri Lanka. Tamil members of the Indian High Commissioner's staff have been attacked and their homes looted. Leaders of the large Tamil population in southern India want New Delhi to take a stronger stand and to give more support to increased demands for Tamil autonomy in Sri Lanka. [Redacted]

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Comment: The violence is the worst in Sri Lanka in 30 years. It has caused substantial economic damage and has virtually ended any prospects for the success of Jayewardene's recent efforts to reconcile the majority Sinhalese and minority Tamils. [Redacted]

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The wholesale destruction of life and property by Sinhalese mobs and the increased incidence of terrorism by Tamil extremists over the last year have eclipsed the efforts of moderates in both ethnic groups to bring the two communities together. The eventual movement of thousands of Tamil refugees to Jaffna in the north, where Tamils predominate, will only serve to symbolize the increasing polarization that has resulted from the violence this week. [Redacted]

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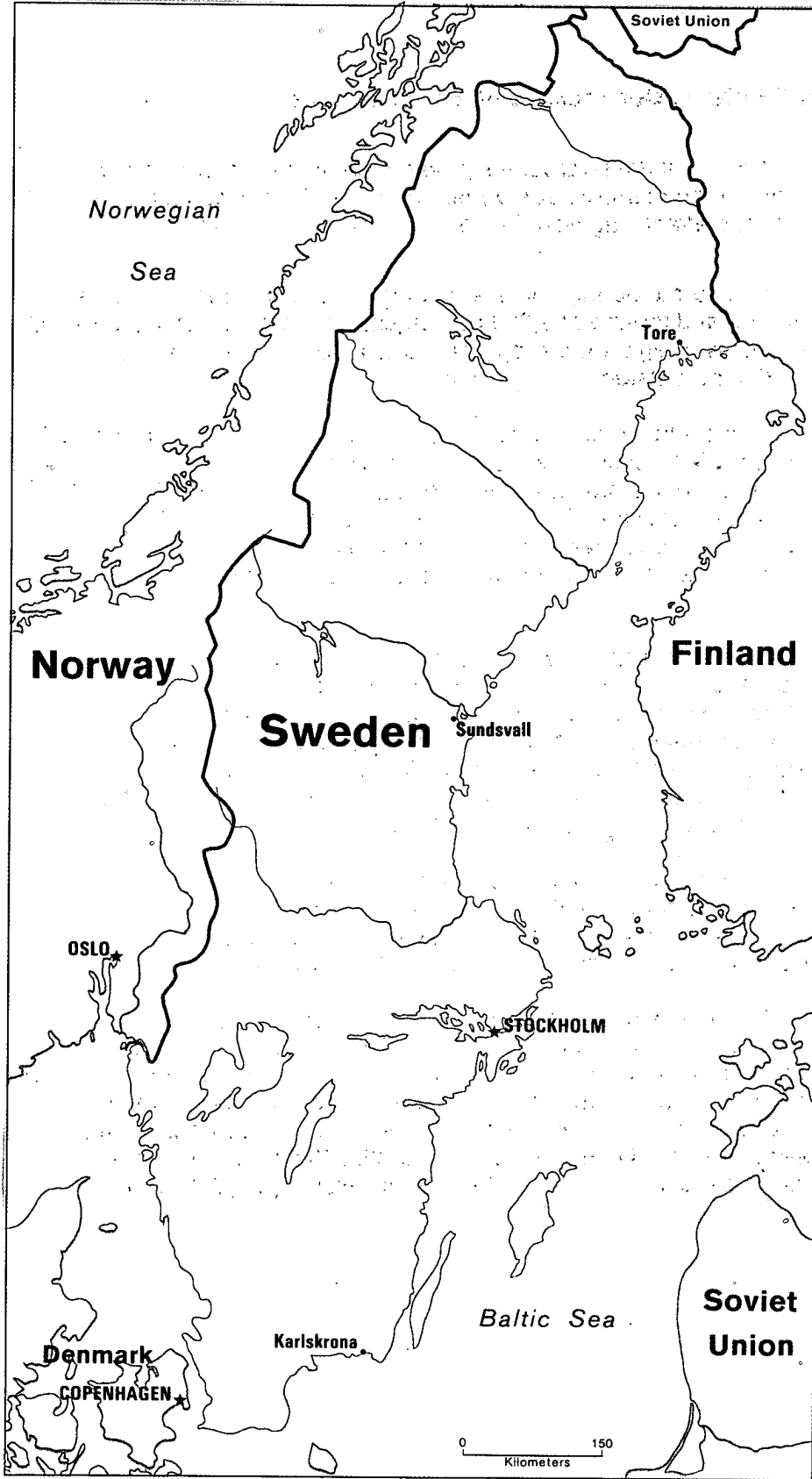
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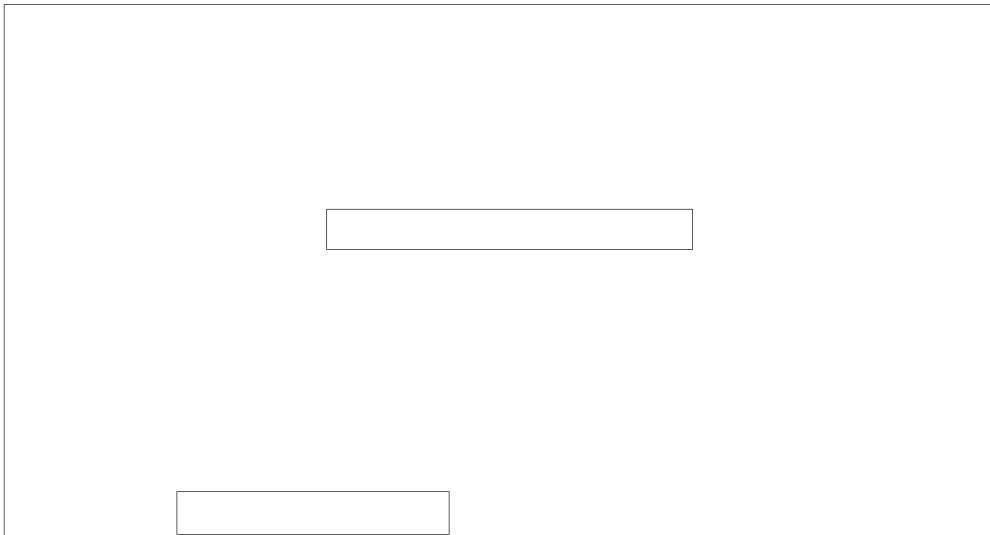
SWEDEN: New Subhunting Tactics

Defense forces in Sweden are using new tactics in their current efforts to find intruding submarines. [Redacted]

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The Swedish media report the latest search is under way in a fjord near Tore, a city about 80 kilometers from the border with Finland and the site of Sweden's northernmost deep harbor. Since mid-July, less thorough searches have occurred off Sundsvall, near the Stockholm archipelago, and near Karlskrona. [Redacted]

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Comment: The Navy's low-key response to continued sightings and its public silence on tactics apparently are designed to increase its chances of success and prevent embarrassment in case of failure. In addition, Navy budget problems have forced a reexamination of priorities and resulted in the disbanding of one coastal artillery regiment. [Redacted]

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USSR: Revised Agricultural Incentives

A new Soviet decree has revised the incentives for organizations supplying equipment, fertilizer, and other supplies and services to farms. Its primary purpose is to tie rewards for these organizations to growth in output and productivity on the farms they serve. The decree also imposes heavier penalties on equipment suppliers for delivering low-quality or unreliable products. Judicial bodies are to study problems in the farm service sector and to provide proposals within three months that will increase the effectiveness and accountability of the farm service, food processing, and distribution sectors. [REDACTED]

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Comment: The leadership apparently recognizes that the need to alleviate bottlenecks in the agricultural service and distribution sectors is crucial to achieving the goals of the Food Program. The program is being hindered by the failure of the service organizations to respond adequately to the needs of farms. If the decree can tie the interests of service organizations to the success of the farms, a major obstacle to agricultural effectiveness could be substantially reduced.

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EAST GERMANY: Warning to Peace Activists

Peace activists fear that the regime's plans to try a Lutheran deacon on charges of helping East Germans leave the country may portend a crackdown on dissent. Although Lutheran leaders have been disturbed by the deacon's political activities, they were surprised by his arrest and are seeking his release. West German media are providing extensive coverage of the case. [REDACTED]

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Comment: The deacon probably was involved in the unofficial peace movement. His arrest—the first of a Lutheran official in many years—seems intended to warn activists that church affiliation cannot guarantee immunity. A trial is unlikely, however, because the government wants to avoid negative publicity that might undermine its "peace offensive." Although East Berlin could expel the deacon, the regime may prefer to release him quietly if the Church promises to control his activities. [REDACTED]

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CHINA: Effects of Flooding

The monthlong flooding in central and eastern China has abated, according to Beijing, and all major rivers are now below warning levels. Although national estimates of damage have not been published, US officials in Beijing have been notified that press reports are exaggerated and that US aid is not needed. [Redacted]

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Comment: Crops in central and southern China are beginning to show signs of waterlogging, and late harvest yields will be low if it continues. Favorable weather is expected over most of China into mid-August, however, and this will assist in draining the fields. Cool, wet weather reduced the early rice crop in the central and southern regions, but grain supplies appear adequate as a result of the record harvest in 1982. [Redacted]

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INDONESIA: Anticrime Campaign Condemned

A senior government official has denounced Amnesty International's attack on Jakarta's anticrime campaign, stressing that the reduction in crime benefits the law-abiding majority. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Amnesty International's criticism follows its recent charge that government military forces in East Timor are using torture, which the Defense Ministry denies. [Redacted]

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Comment: Jakarta evidently is determined to carry on with its anticrime campaign. [Redacted]

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