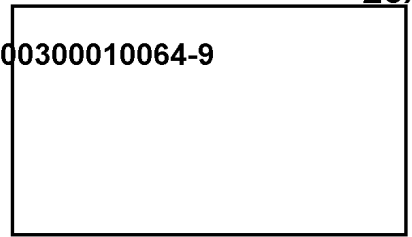


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2. // PAPUA NEW GUINEA: AFTER ONLY ONE~~MONTH~~ MONTH OF INDEPENDENCE, THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA IS BEING FORCED TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE SECESSIONIST PROBLEM IN ITS MOST IMPORTANT REVENUE-PRODUCING TERRITORY, BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.//4

//DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS, LEADERS IN PORT MONRESBY HAVE LEARNED THAT THE SECESSIONIST MOVEMENT IS FAR STRONGER AND MORE DANGEROUS THAN PREVIOUSLY BELIEVED. THE MOVEMENT REPORTEDLY IS WELL ORGANIZED AT ALL LEVELS, WELL FINANCED BY PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN, AND SUPPORTED BY MOST OF THE ISLAND'S POPULATION.//4

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ACTING PRIME MINISTER KIKI SUSPENDED THE BOUGAINVILLE

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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ON OCTOBER 16. THIS PRESUMABLY MEANS THAT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IS IMPOSING DIRECT RULE AND THAT LOCAL PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS, MOST OF WHOM ARE BELIEVED TO SUPPORT SECESSION, ARE SUPPOSED TO STOP PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES.//4

//A SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTION OF THE PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS ON BOUGAINVILLE ARE LIKELY TO RESIST THE SUSPENSION, GIVING PORT MORESBY ITS FIRST SEVERE TEST SINCE INDEPENDENCE.

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1. PORTUGAL: ONE OF THE MOST MILITANT AND BEST ARMED EXTREME-LEFT GROUPS IN PORTUGAL HAS CHALLENGED THE GOVERNMENT'S NEW DIRECTIVE AIMED AT RECOVERING ILLEGAL ARMS. THIS IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF ATTEMPTS TO UNDERCUT THE GOVERNMENT'S AUTHORITY, AND IT COULD SIGNAL A DECISIVE TEST OF STRENGTH FOR THE REGIME.Y

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY OF THE PROLETARIAT - REVOLUTIONARY BRIGADES SAID IT WOULD IGNORE THE GOVERNMENT'S ORDER OF LAST FRIDAY GIVING ARMED MILITIA GROUPS EIGHT DAYS TO HAND OVER ILLEGAL WEAPONS. HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT LACKED THE STRENGTH TO ENFORCE ITS BAN, AND ADDED THAT IF THERE WERE A CONFRONTATION, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LOSE.Y

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THIS HAS BEEN THE ONLY PUBLIC REACTION TO THE GOVERNMENT'S DIRECTIVE SO FAR, BUT OTHER GROUPS ON THE EXTREME LEFT AND THOSE SUPPORTED BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY CAN BE EXPECTED TO OFFER RESISTANCE. THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE REVOLUTIONARY BRIGADES SAID WORKERS AND PEASANTS COUNCILS AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS WOULD ALSO REFUSE TO HAND OVER THEIR ARMS. THESE COUNCILS ARE GROUPS SET UP BY ADHERENTS OF THE FAR LEFT IN AN ATTEMPT TO DESTROY PORTUGAL'S MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES.4

MEANWHILE, OVER THE WEEKEND THERE WAS AN INDICATION THAT THE RECENT EXCESSES OF THE FAR LEFT AND THE COMMUNISTS MAY BE CONTRIBUTING TO A SHIFT IN POPULAR SENTIMENT TO THE RIGHT.4

IN PORTO ON SATURDAY, 15,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED A RALLY HELD BY THE CENTER-RIGHT PARTY, THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CENTER. THE RALLY PROCEEDED WITHOUT INCIDENT, DESPITE APPEALS BY SEVERAL FAR-LEFT GROUPS THAT IT BE DISRUPTED. BECAUSE OF THE LARGE CONSERVATIVE TURNOUT, LEFTIST MILITANTS FELT OBLIGED TO PROTECT THEIR OWN HEADQUARTERS.4

SPEAKING AT THE RALLY, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CENTER LEADERS--

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INCLUDING SEVERAL WHO HAVE BEEN LINKED TO FORMER PRESIDENT SPINOLA'S PLANS TO RETURN FROM EXILE TO HEAD A RIGHTIST REGIME--TOUTED THE PARTY'S GROWING STRENGTH IN CENTRAL AND NORTHERN PORTUGAL. ALTHOUGH NOT REPRESENTED IN THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT, PARTY LEADERS SAID THEY WERE READY TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT IF IT COULD MAINTAIN PUBLIC ORDER AND RESTORE MILITARY DISCIPLINE.4

THE RALLY ON SATURDAY WAS IN MARKED CONTRAST TO A SIMILAR MEETING HELD IN JANUARY, WHEN LEFTIST DEMONSTRATORS BESIEGED THE CONFERENCE HALL AND PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING SEVERAL PROMINENT FOREIGN OBSERVERS, HAD TO BE RESCUED BY THE MILITARY POLICE. [REDACTED]

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2. SPAIN: GENERAL FRANCO IS SUFFERING FROM A MILD ATTACK OF FLU, A GOVERNMENT SOURCE ANNOUNCED SATURDAY.4

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ILLNESS IS NOT CONSIDERED SERIOUS, BUT THERE ARE RUMORS THAT HE IS SUFFERING FROM CONSTRICTION OF THE CORONARY VESSELS. THE DOCTORS HAVE PRESCRIBED EIGHT DAYS OF REST, ACCORDING TO A NEWS REPORT.4

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AN ATTACK OF FLU FOR THE 62-YEAR-OLD FRANCO CANNOT BE TAKEN 25X1B.

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FRANCO'S SUDDEN ILLNESS MAY COMPLICATE THE HANDLING OF THE  
PRESSING PROBLEMS OF TERRORISM AND MOROCCO'S CLAIM TO SPANISH  
SAHARA. HE HAS BEEN TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN DECISION-MAKING IN  
RECENT MONTHS, WHEN THE GOVERNMENT HAS HAD TO CHOOSE FROM AMONG  
VARIOUS COURSES OF ACTION.

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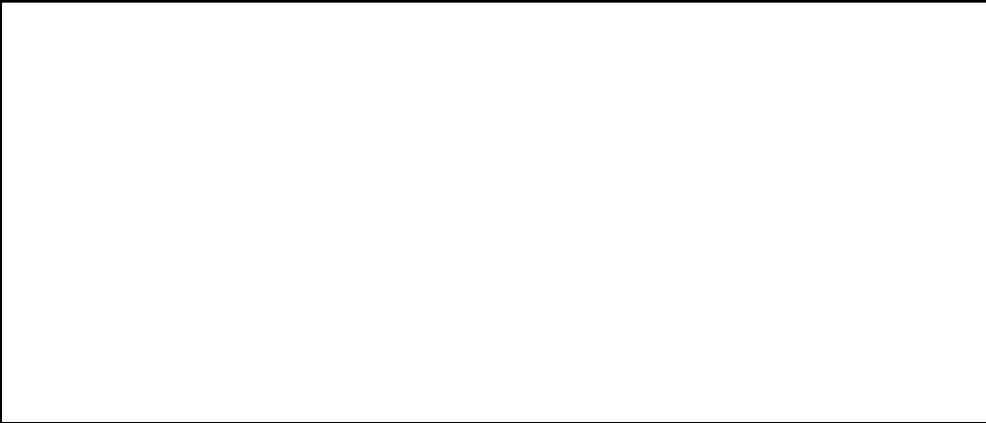
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//ARGENTINA: ARGENTINE PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA PERON APPEARS TO HAVE BOUGHT SOME TIME FOR HER GOVERNMENT WITH THE NON-CONTROVERSIAL ADDRESS SHE GAVE ON OCTOBER 17 AT A MAJOR PERONIST RALLY.//

//PERON ADHERED CLOSELY TO A PREPARED TEXT, OBVIOUSLY APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY PERONIST AND MILITARY LEADERS. IT TOUCHED ON THREE POPULAR THEMES--EVOKING HER HUSBAND'S MEMORY, DENOUNCING TERRORISM, AND PROMISING SUPPORT FOR THE ARMED FORCES IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST SUBVERSION. IN ADDITION, SHE REPEATED AN EARLIER PROMISE TO RESUME THE DIALOGUE WITH ALL POLITICAL GROUPS THAT WAS BEGUN BY JUAN PERON.//

//THE REMARKS WERE WELL RECEIVED BY A CROWD OF ABOUT 70,000 PERONISTS; A LARGER ATTENDANCE HAD BEEN HOPED FOR. POLICE AND LABOR OFFICIALS HAD TAKEN EXTENSIVE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN RESPONSE TO TERRORIST THREATS, AND THERE WERE NO MAJOR INCIDENTS.//

//THE SURFACE CALM IS LIKELY TO BE TEMPORARY. THE RETURN OF THE WIDELY DISCREDITED PRESIDENT UNDOUBTEDLY WILL EXACERBATE POLITICAL TENSIONS, ESPECIALLY WITHIN THE ALREADY FACTIONALIZED PERONIST MOVEMENT.



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1. LEBANON: SNIPER FIRE AND KIDNAPINGS CONTINUED IN BEIRUT OVER THE WEEKEND. CLASHES BETWEEN CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS WERE LIMITED IN SCOPE, HOWEVER, AND THERE WERE NO MOVES TO REBUILD THE BARRICADES.Y

AS OF SATURDAY THE INCREASE IN VIOLENCE HAD NOT SERIOUSLY DAMPENED THE ECONOMIC RESURGENCE IN THE CAPITAL WHICH BEGAN LATE LAST WEEK. MOST SHOPS AND BANKS WERE OPEN, AND MOST ROADS WERE PASSABLE.Y

THE MEETING OF THE POLITICAL REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE ON SATURDAY REPORTEDLY WAS MARRIED BY DEEP DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LEFTIST LEADER KAMAL JUNBLATT AND PHALANGIST LEADER PIERRE JUMAYYIL. THE LATTER IS CONTINUING TO INSIST THAT SECURITY MUST BE RESTORED BEFORE REFORM CAN BE DISCUSSED. THE SUBCOMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN TODAY.Y

POORLY CONCEALED ARMS PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES BY THE CHRISTIANS HAVE DRAWN CRITICISM FROM JUNBLATT, WHO HAS ALLEGED US AND LEBANESE GOVERNMENT COMPLICITY IN THE DELIVERIES. 25X1

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2. MOROCCO-SPAIN: MOROCCO IS PROTESTING SPAIN'S APPEAL OF SATURDAY FOR A MEETING OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS KING HASSAN'S PLANNED MASS MARCH INTO SPANISH SAHARA. THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETS ON MONDAY TO DISCUSS MADRID'S REQUEST.4

A MOROCCAN COMMUNIQUE ACCUSED MADRID OF DISTORTING THE FACTS IN ITS APPEAL TO THE UN AND CHARGED THAT SPAIN ALONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRESENT SITUATION. THE STATEMENT DENIED THAT THE PLANNED MARCH OF 350,000 UNARMED MOROCCANS WOULD CONSTITUTE AN "INVASION."4

MOROCCAN AUTHORITIES ARE CONTINUING PREPARATIONS FOR THE MARCH AND CLAIM TO HAVE RECRUITED ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS. SPECIAL TRAINS AND NEARLY 8,000 TRUCKS WILL BE USED FOR TRANSPORT. THE FIRST CONTINGENTS OF MARCHERS MAY BEGIN MOVING TO ASSEMBLY POINTS IN SOUTHERN MOROCCO TOMORROW.4

THE MARCH COULD LEAD TO FIGHTING WITH PRO-INDEPENDENCE

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SAHARANS EVEN IF THE SPANISH TRY TO AVOID A CLASH. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS FROM MADRID, THE ALGERIAN-SUPPORTED POLISARIO FRONT AND THE LEADER OF THE TERRITORY'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAVE SAID THAT THEIR FOLLOWERS WILL GO TO THE BORDER TO STOP THE MOROCCANS. KING HASSAN HAS ALREADY WARNED THAT MOROCCANS WILL DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST ANY NON-SPANISH FORCES. THE MOROCCANS HAVE 12,000-15,000 TROOPS IN THE SOUTH AVAILABLE TO INTERVENE.

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3. ANGOLA: THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA—THE DOMINANT NATIONALIST GROUP IN THE TERRITORY—MAY BE MOVING TOWARD A UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BEFORE NOVEMBER 11, THE DATE LISBON IS SCHEDULED TO TRANSFER SOVEREIGNTY. AN ATTEMPT TO SEIZE FULL POLITICAL POWER COULD COME BEFORE THE END OF OCTOBER.4

IN A SPEECH EARLIER THIS WEEK IN LUANDA, MOVEMENT PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO DECLARED THAT HIS ORGANIZATION WILL PROCLAIM INDEPENDENCE FOR ANGOLA "WITHIN A FEW WEEKS, COME WHAT MAY." NETO HAS PREVIOUSLY ASSERTED THAT THE MOVEMENT WOULD SEIZE POWER ONLY IF

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THE PORTUGUESE ATTEMPTED TO TURN THE ANGOLAN PROBLEM OVER TO THE UN. NETO'S REMARKS MAY HAVE BEEN PROMPTED BY A GROWING CONCERN WITHIN HIS ORGANIZATION THAT PORTUGAL IS STILL NOT READY TO TRANSFER SOVEREIGNTY TO A SINGLE LIBERATION GROUP, NO MATTER WHAT ADVANTAGES IT MAY HOLD OVER ITS RIVALS.

IN RECENT WEEKS, MOVEMENT OFFICIALS HAVE WORKED HARD TO CULTIVATE THE IMPRESSION THAT THEIR ORGANIZATION IS THE ONLY LIBERATION GROUP CAPABLE OF RUNNING AN INDEPENDENT ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT. THEIR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN BASED ON THE BELIEF THAT LISBON EVENTUALLY WOULD ABANDON ITS AVOWED POLICY OF PROMOTING A COALITION GOVERNMENT FOR ANGOLA.

IN EARLY OCTOBER, HOWEVER, THE NEW AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT SENT AN ENVISSARY TO LOURENCO MARQUES TO UNDERSCORE TO THE NEW NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE PORTUGAL'S CONTINUING EFFORT TO FIND AN ALTERNATIVE TO TURNING OVERPOWER TO THE POPULAR MOVEMENT. THE MOZAMBIQUE REGIME HAS CLOSE TIES TO THE POPULAR MOVEMENT.

FOREIGN MINISTER ANTUNES REAFFIRMED THAT POLICY AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION LAST WEEK, STATING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO RECOGNIZE ALL THREE LIBERATION GROUPS AS HAVING A LEGITIMATE AND

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