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WESTERN HEMISPHERE BRIEF



81.//CHILE: ATTACKS ON SECURITY FORCES APPEAR TO BE TAPER-  
 ING OFF. SANTIAGO AND THE PROVINCES WERE QUIET YESTERDAY AL-  
 THOUGH ARRESTS OF EXTREMISTS AND RAIDS IN SEARCH OF WEAPONS  
 HAVE INCREASED.

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THE REGIME NOW SAYS THAT MANY OF THE 5,200 PERSONS UNDER  
 ARREST ARE INNOCENT OF ANY WRONGDOING AND WILL BE FREED AFTER  
 QUESTIONING. IT CLAIMS THE ARRESTS WERE JUSTIFIED BY THE NEED  
 TO PREVENT THE ESCAPE OF THOSE SUSPECTED OF ARMED RESISTANCE  
 OR SABOTAGE. THE LATTER WILL BE TRIED BY MILITARY COURTS.

ACCORDING TO JUNTA PRESIDENT PINOCHET, THE COURTS WILL  
 DEAL SEVERELY WITH FOREIGNERS WHO HAVE KILLED CHILEANS. IT IS  
 STILL UNCLEAR WHAT THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO DO WITH THE REST  
 OF THE THOUSANDS OF FOREIGNERS WHO ARE ALLEGEDLY ILLEGAL RESI-  
 DENTS. FOREIGN MINISTER HUERTA HAS TOLD THE UN REFUGEE COM-  
 MISSION THAT CHILE WILL NOT SEND POLITICAL REFUGEES BACK TO

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THEIR OWN COUNTRIES AGAINST THEIR WILL. SOME EXPULSIONS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE, HOWEVER.

THE JUNTA IS TO BEGIN ITS ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING EFFORT IN EARNEST TODAY, THE FIRST REGULAR WORKDAY SINCE THE COUP. GOVERNMENT WORKERS HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT IF THEY DO NOT APPEAR TODAY THEY WILL LOSE THEIR JOBS, THERE MAY BE ABSENTEEISM BY THE SUPPORTERS OF THE PREVIOUS REGIME. 1.50

POSSIBLY IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE POTENTIAL LABOR PROBLEMS, INITIAL GOVERNMENT PLANS FOR THE STATE-OWNED SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY MAY INCLUDE TURNING OVER TO THE WORKERS AS MUCH AS 50 PERCENT OWNERSHIP OF ENTERPRISES AND SELLING THE REMAINDER TO THE PUBLIC. SUCH A SCHEME COULD SALVAGE A SENSE OF PARTICIPATION FOR THE WORKERS. COMPANIES TAKEN OVER BY THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT BUT NOT LEGALLY OWNED BY THE STATE [REDACTED] WILL BE RETURNED TO THEIR OWNERS. THE JUNTA APPEARS TO BE COORDINATING ITS ECONOMIC POLICY WITH PRIVATE-SECTOR INTEREST GROUPS.

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
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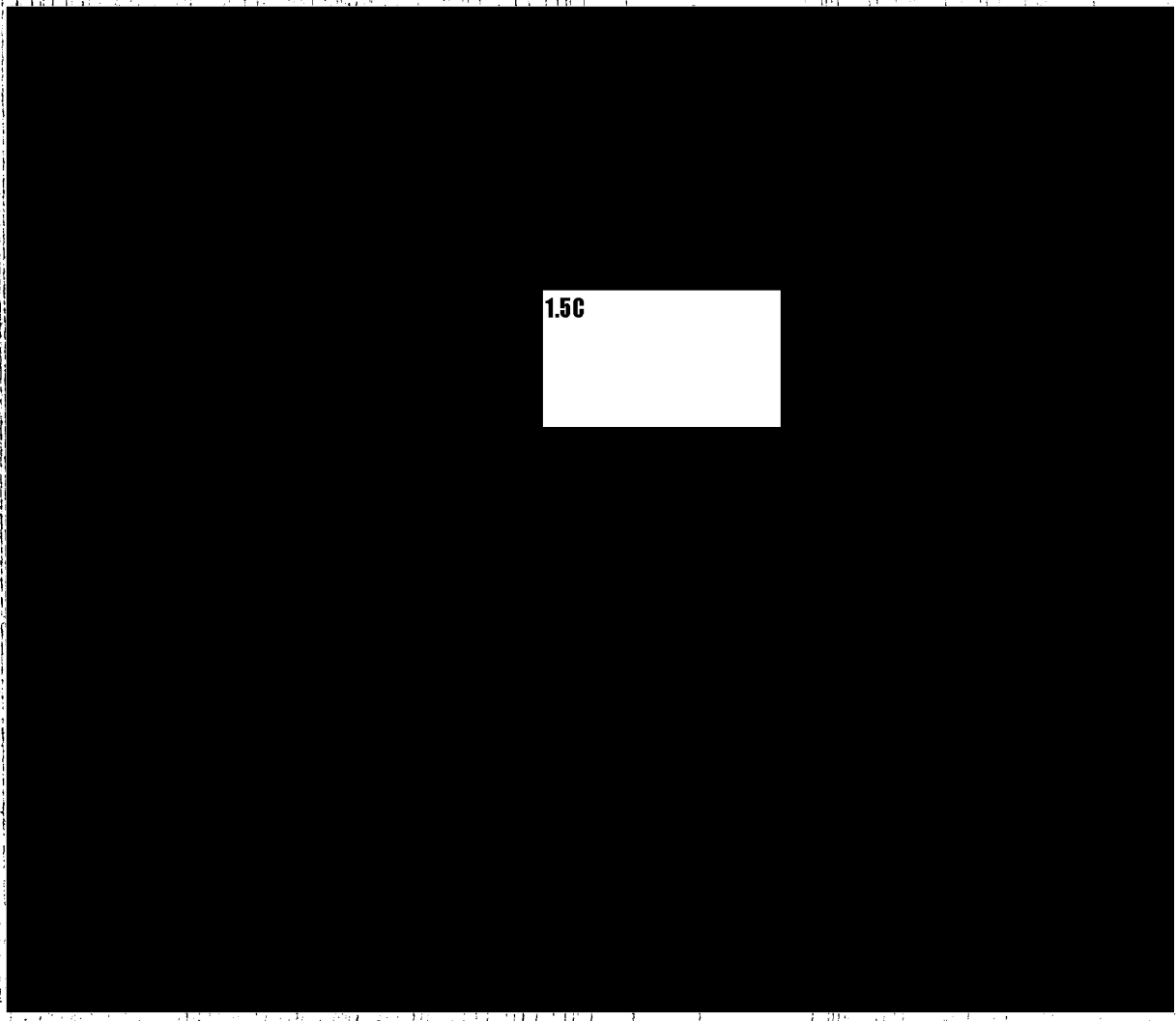
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