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CHILE: Tense Weekend Expected

Democratic opposition leaders are evaluating the success of yesterday's national protest and preparing responses to the arrests of prominent spokesmen, while the Communists plan more demonstrations through the weekend. [REDACTED]



The government has maintained a firm but controlled response to the latest protests, and security police entered neighborhoods yesterday only when it appeared the situation would get out of control. [REDACTED]

Comment: Interior Minister Jarpa's call for progovernment supporters to develop their own self-defense groups could lead to more serious violence over the weekend. So far, however, the clashes probably have not been serious enough to prevent the resumption next week of the dialogue between the government and the moderate opposition. [REDACTED]

