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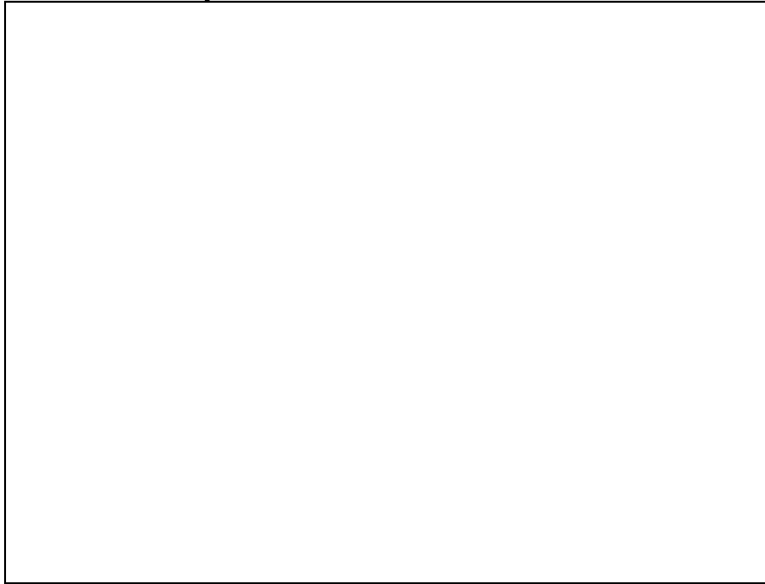
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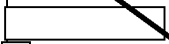
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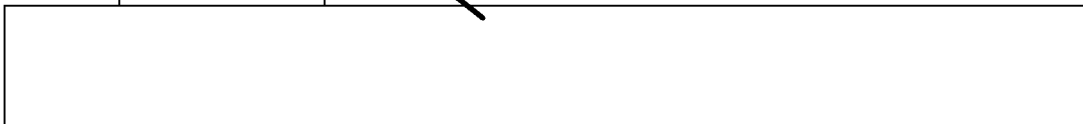
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RULING-PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE CARLOS SALINAS'S FIRST

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MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH EARLIER THIS MONTH CALLED FOR A MORE LIMITED MEXICAN ROLE IN WORLD AFFAIRS, REFLECTING AN INCLINATION TO FOCUS ON DOMESTIC ISSUES AND AN INTENT TO KEEP FRICTION WITH WASHINGTON TO A MINIMUM AFTER HE TAKES OFFICE. []

SALINAS CONTENDED MEXICO CITY SHOULD SERVE POPULAR INTERESTS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND BE NEITHER ''ACTIVIST NOR ADVENTUROUS.'' []

[] SALINAS BELIEVES MEXICO'S ROLE IN THE CONTADORA PROCESS WAS THE KIND OF ADVENTURE THAT DID NOT HELP MEXICO. []

SALINAS PLEDGED CONTINUED COOPERATION WITH THE US IN COMBATING DRUGS, HINTED AT BILATERAL TALKS ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, AND CALLED FOR GREATER ACCESS TO US MARKETS. IN AN EARLIER CAMPAIGN SPEECH, SALINAS SAID NATIONAL PRIORITIES TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER EXTERNAL DEBT PAYMENTS BUT TEMPERED THE COMMENT WITH A REMINDER THAT THE LOANS FINANCED NECESSARY PROJECTS. []

[] SALINAS WILL NOT ABANDON THE BASIC TENETS OF MEXICAN FOREIGN POLICY--SELF-DETERMINATION AND NONINTERVENTION--BUT HE

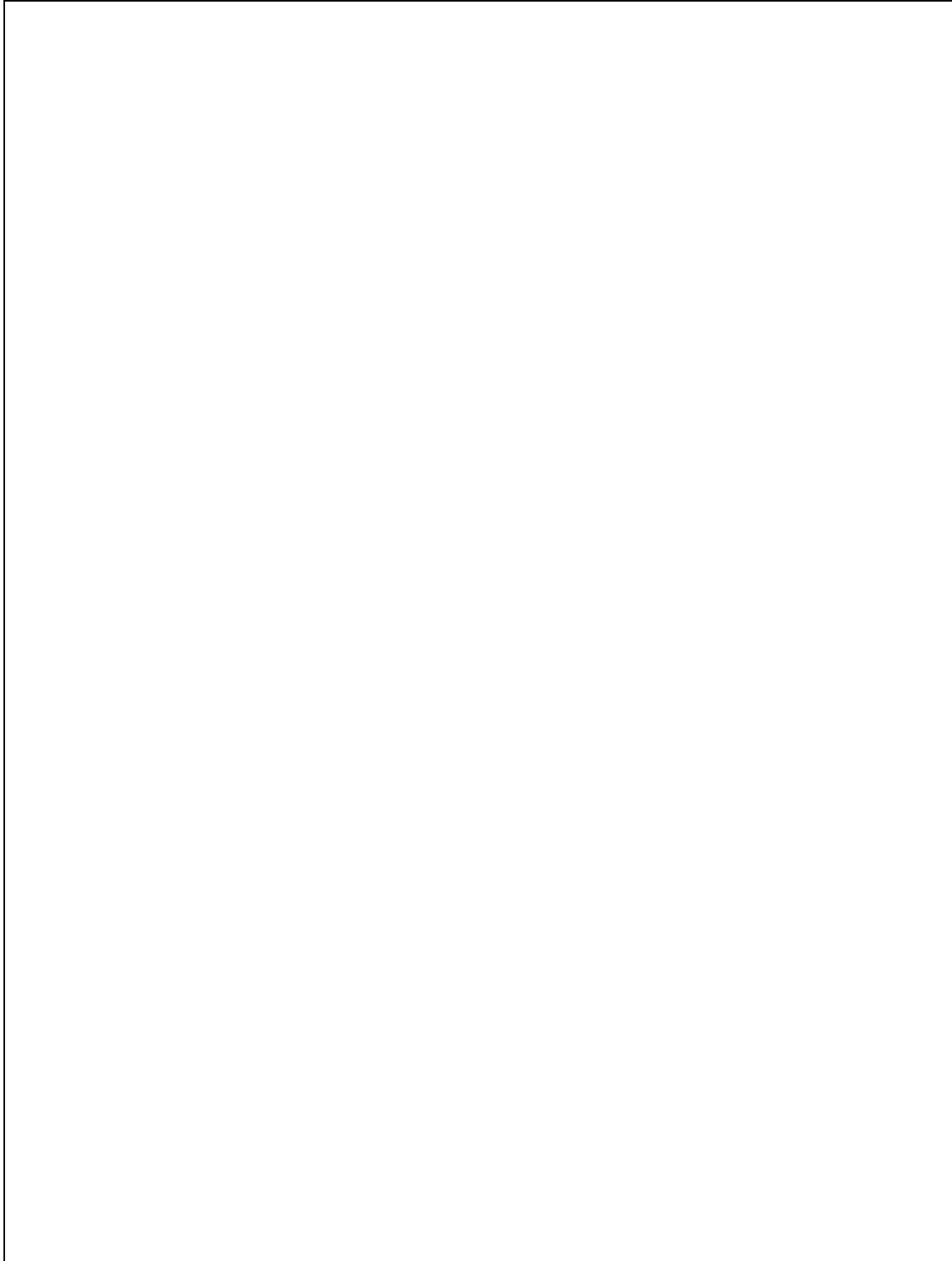
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APPEARS READY TO BACK AWAY FROM WHAT HE SEES AS UNPRODUCTIVE FORAYS INTO THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA, LIKE CONTADORA. []

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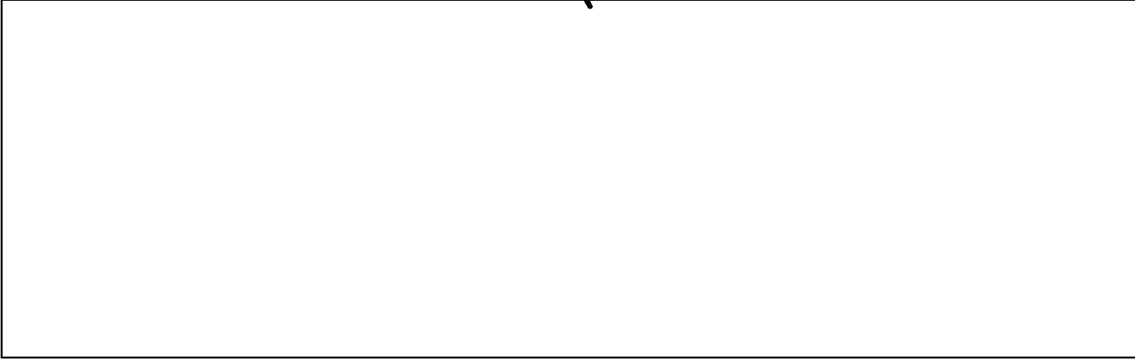
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