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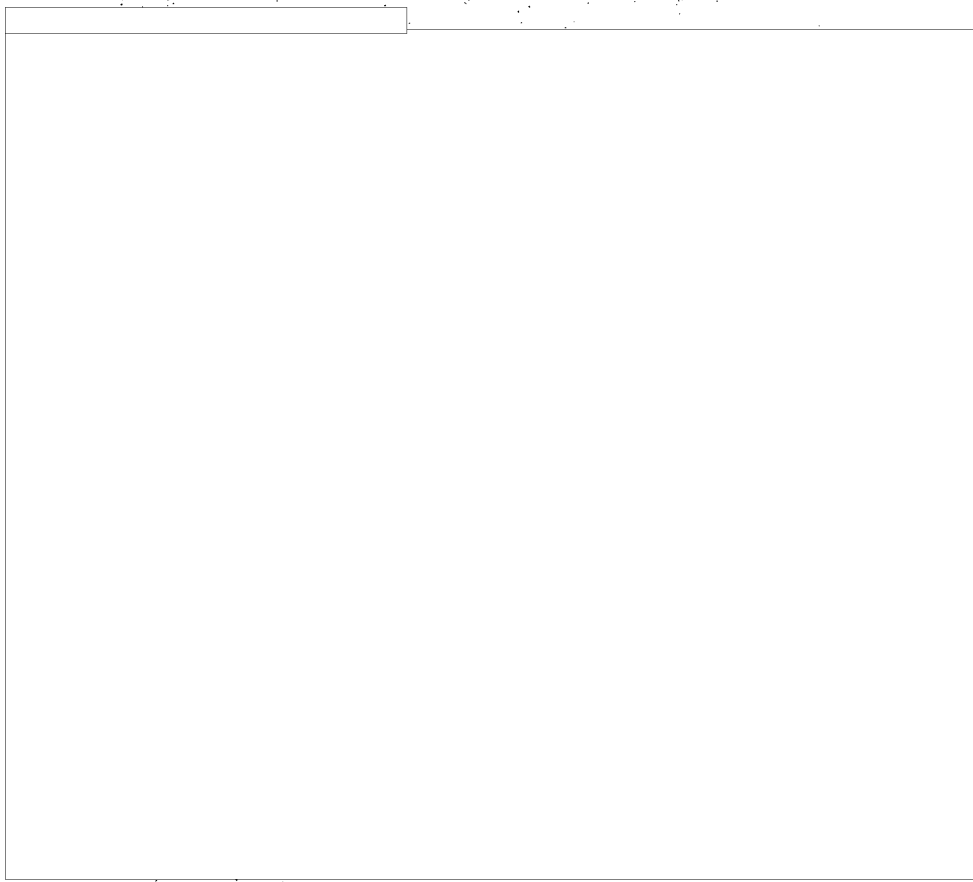
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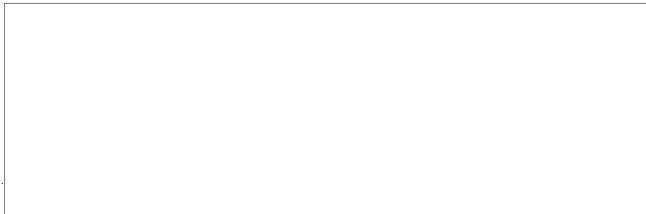
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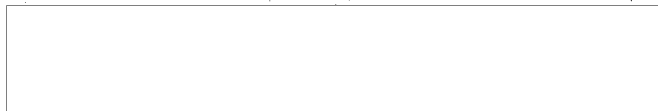
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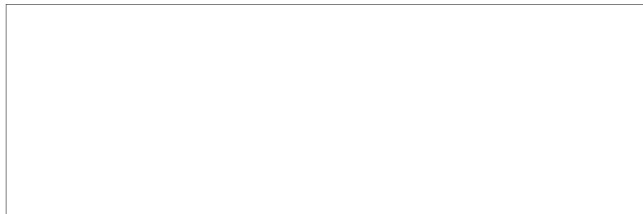
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WEST GERMANY - EAST GERMANY

The West and East German governments are scheduled to review today the general political treaty concluded yesterday.

The final version of the draft treaty is not yet available, but according to West German negotiator Bahr, Pankow was willing to include a reference that it disagrees with Bonn on the "national question"--after long rejecting any mention of the issue of common German statehood. Pankow appears willing to receive a West German "letter on national unity," but it is likely to publicize its own views on the question. The East Germans may also have agreed to include, among supporting documents to the treaty, a letter to Bonn in which they acknowledge that Allied rights and responsibilities are not affected by the inter-German treaty. In Bonn's view, such a letter would make clear that this treaty leaves open the question of a final peace treaty for all Germany.

If the two governments approve the treaty, it could be initialed soon in Bonn with formal signature sometime after the West German parliamentary elections on 19 November.

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EAST GERMANY

The British last week proposed that the US, France, and the UK begin to discuss procedures for diplomatic recognition of East Germany. A French Foreign Ministry spokesman informed Assistant Secretary Stoessel late last month that France too is interested in establishing formal ties with East Germany. France will consult, he said, but his government wants to be in the forefront of any general Western movement toward normal relations with East Germany.

The British and French--like the Scandinavian governments already on the brink--have political and commercial reasons for recognizing the East Germans. Britain and France are awaiting completion of the inter-German political negotiations and the subsequent lifting of Bonn's objections before approaching Pankow directly.

Should the process of inter-German reconciliation be held up, say by Chancellor Brandt's failure to be re-elected, serious differences could easily arise among the British, French, West Germans, and the US. Some Scandinavian governments, which are more eager to act, would proceed without further regard for Bonn's wishes.

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CHILE

Suspension yesterday of the prolonged protest shutdowns has permitted President Allende to proceed with his plans for a trip abroad. His two-week tour will include Mexico, Cuba, and United Nations headquarters. He is expected to leave on or about 17 November.

Allende's willingness to leave his new interior minister, General Prats, as acting chief executive during his absence indicates that he expects no serious problems in the near future.

The long-planned stops in Mexico and Cuba would be in return for visits to Chile during the past year by President Echeverria and Prime Minister Castro.

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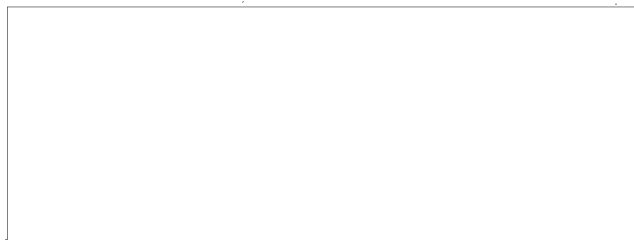
General Prats did not resign as army commander when he took the senior cabinet post. He still holds the title of army commander in chief; the army chief of staff is "interim" commander. The way is open for Prats' return to his old post, presumably after the congressional elections in March.

The US Embassy in Santiago points out that whatever commitments Prats feels he may have secured from President Allende, he has in fact assumed considerable personal responsibility for assuring that the government lives up to the promises it made in return for an end to the protest movement.

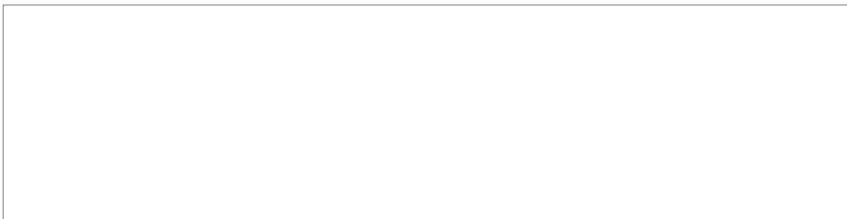
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The major speech was given by politburo member Kiril Mazurov, who emphasized Soviet accomplishments in developing better relations with the West.

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