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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Egypt has "definitely and finally" abandoned union with Libya and probably will announce the "postponement" of full unification shortly before September 1. (Page 1)

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The Egyptian decision to renege on the merger was reportedly occasioned by Sadat's first-hand introduction to Qadhafi's cultural revolution during his mid-June visit to Tripoli. The visit is said to have confirmed his opinion that the revolution had destroyed the relevance of all merger preparations made by the joint unity committees.

Developments in the Libyan-Egyptian relationship since the Sadat visit would seem in retrospect to have been leading to this decision. Officially sanctioned Cairo press criticism of the cultural revolution and of Qadhafi himself has steadily intensified since then. The Egyptians have openly expressed their doubts about the merits of a full merger during Qadhafi's current sojourn in Cairo.

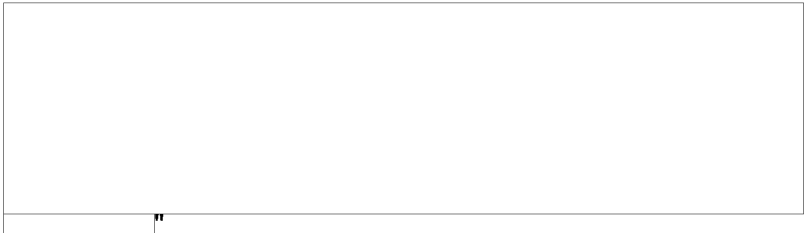
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CHILE

President Allende reportedly will name a civilian cabinet today which will try to implement an "emergency plan" to deal with the country's grave economic and political difficulties. The president was unable to meet military demands for participation in the cabinet.

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The governing Popular Unity coalition will now be free to mount demonstrations in support of the government.



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