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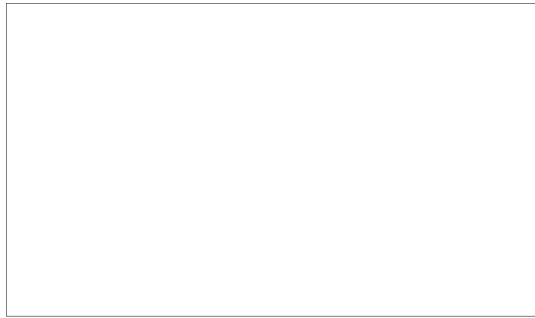
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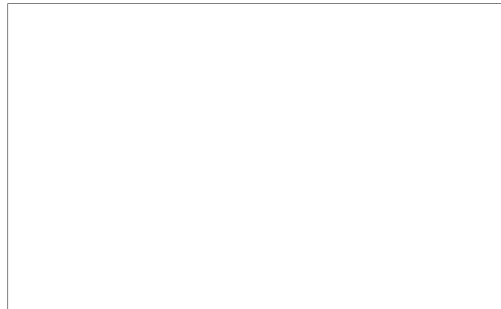
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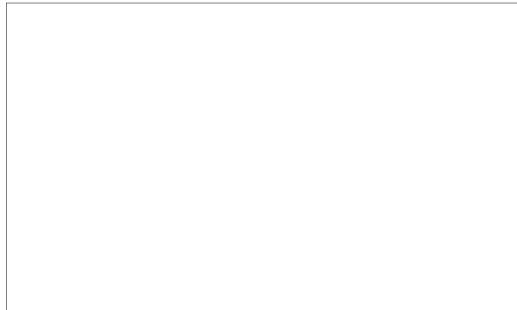
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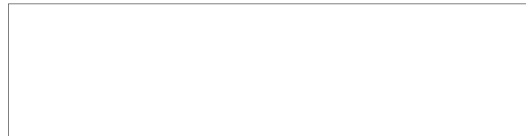
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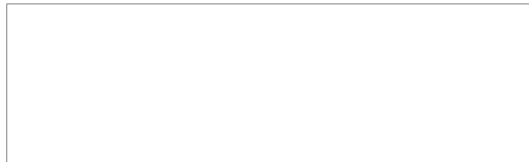
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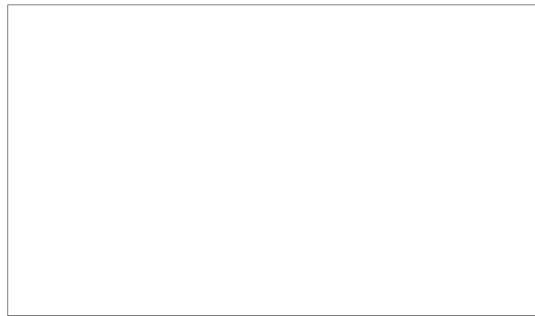
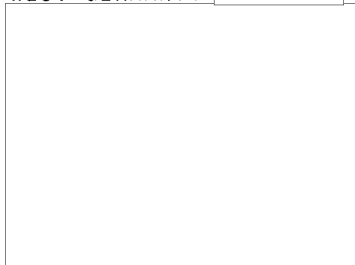
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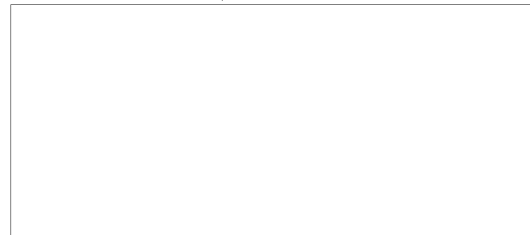


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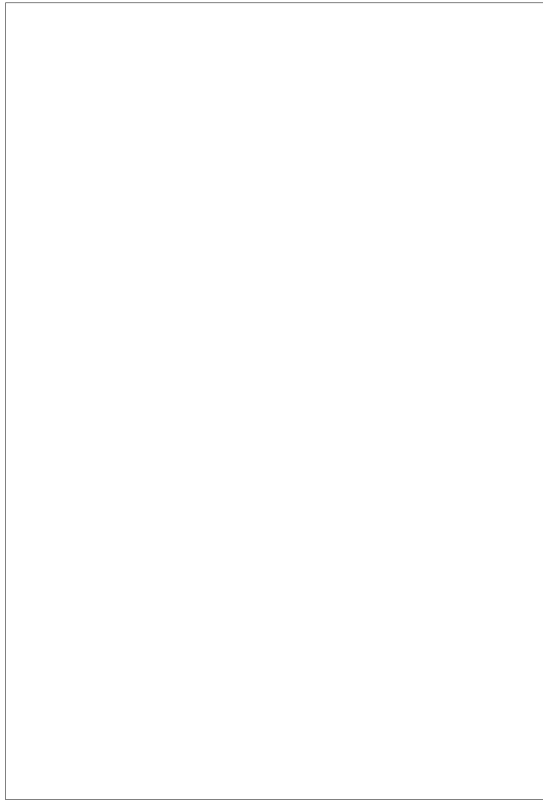
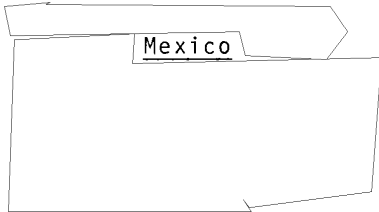
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Philippine President
Marcos has begun a
crackdown on his critics
in the Catholic
Church.

On November 15 Marcos ordered the
arrest of religious and lay persons
suspected of subversive activity
in collaboration with the
Communist Party or former politicians
of the right. One US priest
has already been arrested and is
awaiting deportation.

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The current arrests are part of a comprehensive plan to counter church criticism by deporting foreign priests who have been involved in political agitation, placing activist leaders in preventive detention, and scaring off their financial patrons. Marcos apparently believes that the church hierarchy will accept the government crackdown.

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Initial efforts by the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to secure trade preferences and financial aid from the European Community have met with only limited success.

The Community is presently unable to offer major financial support for Vietnam's new five-year plan, but is willing to provide food assistance and to facilitate Vietnamese exports to the EC. An EC spokesman has suggested that the Vietnamese approach the individual EC members directly to discuss financial aid.

The EC foreign ministers this week agreed to extend to Vietnam the duty-free treatment it had previously granted South Vietnam. This will allow almost all of Vietnam's exports to the EC--amounting to some \$3 to \$4 million annually--to enter duty free.

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