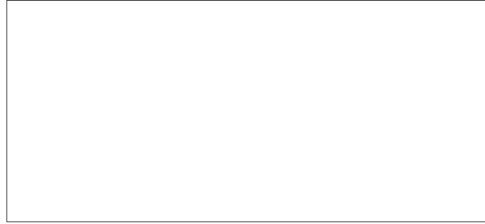


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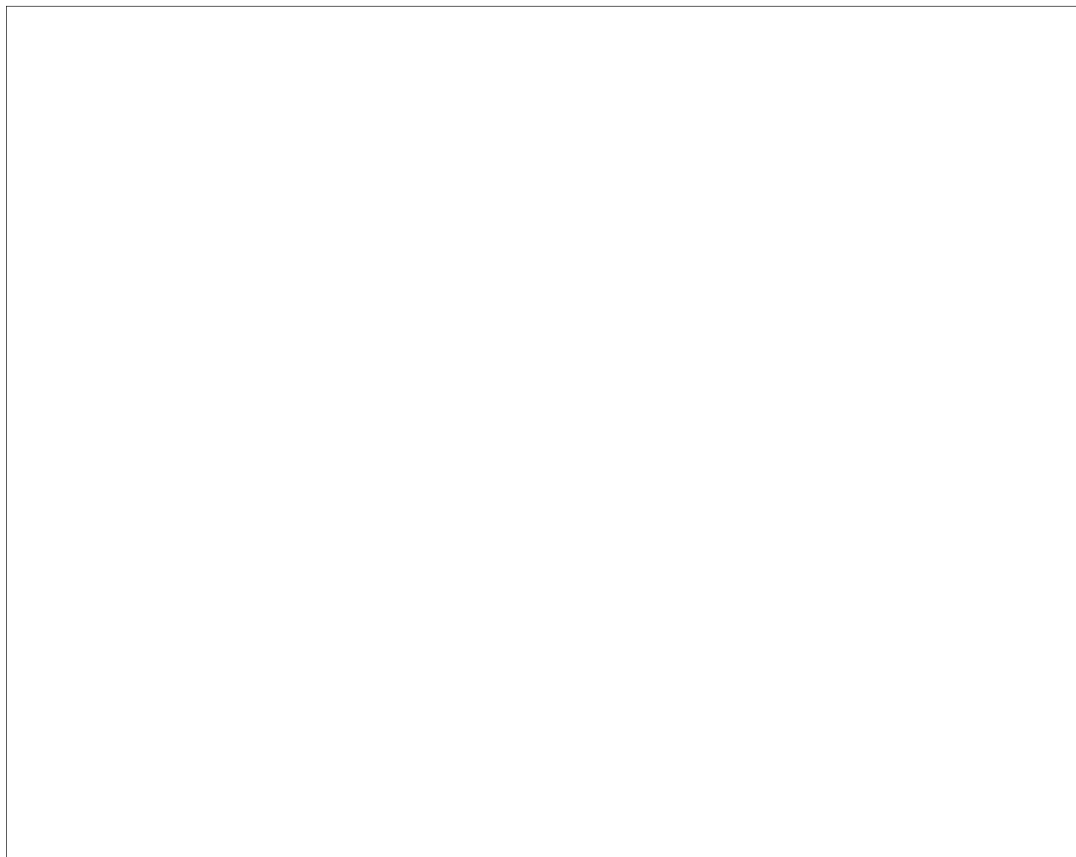
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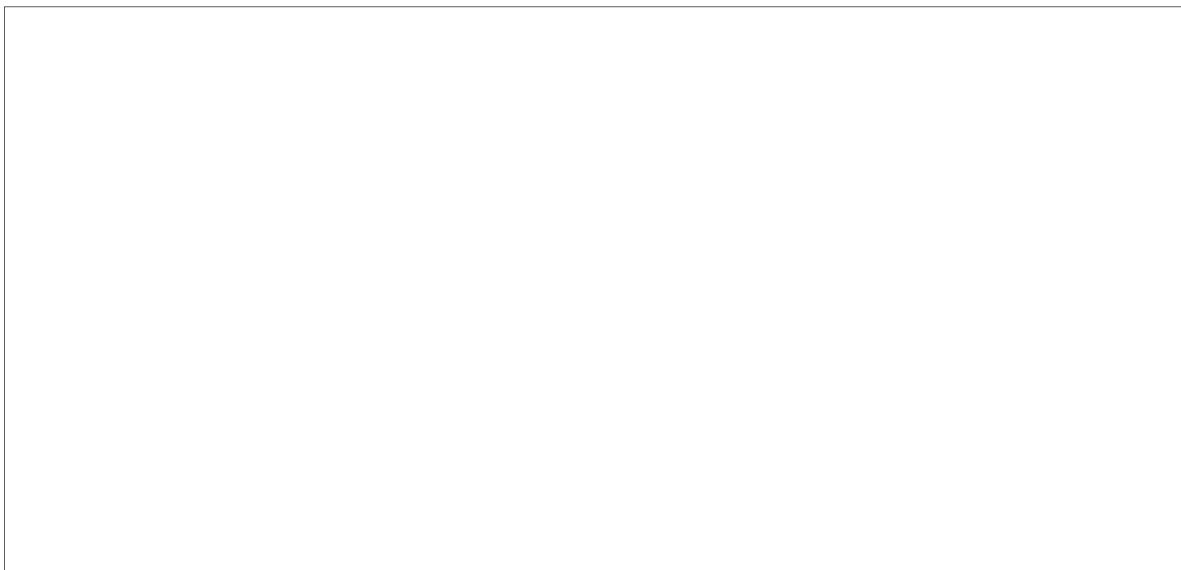
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GREECE: Prime Minister Papadopoulos, increasingly boxed in by military critics, is groping for new ideas.

For the first time in over a year, Papadopoulos recently discussed [redacted] the need to move toward establishing democratic institutions in Greece. [redacted] Papadopoulos implied that time is running short and conceded that if the regime does not move soon the people will be "right to lose faith in us." He is chary of any scheme that would jeopardize his own supremacy, however, and he knows that any move toward liberalization would meet with strenuous objections from important military officers.

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The government's interest in sharply increasing education and social welfare services next year is probably closely related to these basic political concerns.

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[redacted] Budget figures already released indicate increases of 41 percent in the outlay for education and 17 percent for welfare. Papadopoulos presumably hopes to strengthen his standing with the people and thereby gain a freer hand with his military colleagues.

The prime minister will find it difficult to go much beyond such relatively tame measures without running into trouble from the military. A number of important officers are dissatisfied with the way things are going, but divided on what to do about it.

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[redacted] Prospects for a coup from such a quarter do not seem good, but rumblings of this kind nonetheless worry Papadopoulos and make him even more cautious about relinquishing any authority.

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