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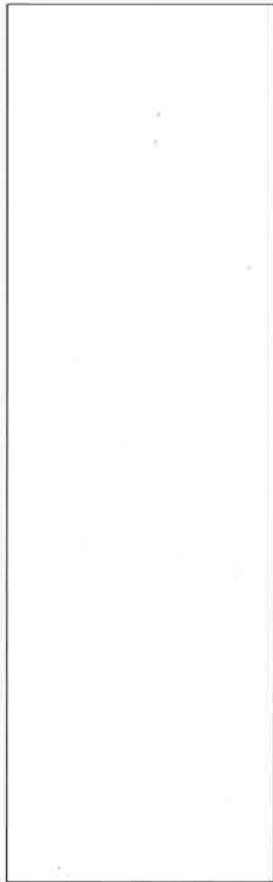
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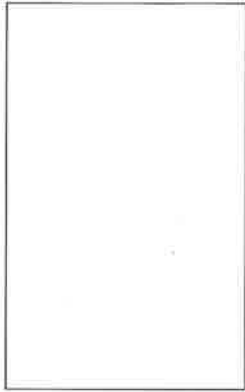


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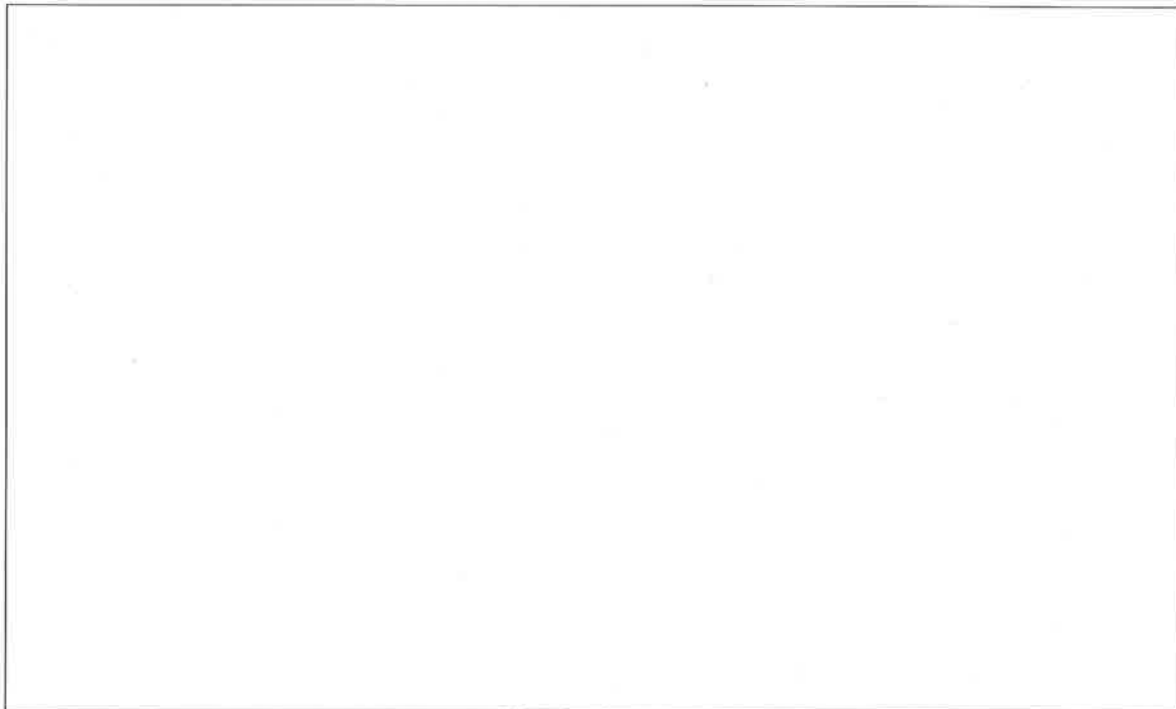
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ZAIRE: AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS

PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S DECLARATION OF A GENERAL AMNESTY FOR THE SEVERAL HUNDRED POLITICAL PRISONERS IN ZAIRE AND FOR POLITICAL EXILES IS PART OF HIS CONTINUING EFFORT TO IMPROVE HIS GOVERNMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS REPUTATION IN THE US AND ELSEWHERE. ~~(S)~~

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HAS ESTIMATED THAT OVER 200 ZAIRIANS WERE ARRESTED FOR ANTIGOVERNMENT POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN 1982 ALONE. THE MOST PROMINENT ARE 13 FORMER LEGISLATORS WHO HAD TRIED TO FORM AN OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTY. ~~(S)~~

COMMENT: THE ACTION PROBABLY IS AIMED PRIMARILY AT INFLUENCING CURRENT US CONGRESSIONAL DELIBERATIONS ON ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID TO ZAIRE. THE AMNESTY ALSO COULD BE DESIGNED TO IMPRESS THE IMF, WHOSE WESTERN MEMBERS HAVE BEEN URGING MOBUTU TO FREE THE 13 LEGISLATORS. IN OTHER RECENT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE ZAIRE'S IMAGE, MOBUTU HAS BECOME MORE COOPERATIVE TOWARD INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS AND HAS LAUNCHED A MAJOR ANTICORRUPTION CAMPAIGN. ~~(S)~~

THE TIMING OF THE AMNESTY SUGGESTS MOBUTU BELIEVES HIS GOVERNMENT IS FAIRLY SECURE, DESPITE RECENT LABOR UNREST AND THE ACTIVITIES OF DISSIDENT GROUPS BASED IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. IF THE 13 FORMER LEGISLATORS ARE RELEASED, THE GOVERNMENT ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL WATCH THEM CLOSELY AND DEAL HARSHLY WITH ANY RENEWAL OF OPPOSITION ACTIVITY. ~~(S)~~

THE EXILES ARE UNLIKELY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE AMNESTY. MANY WILL VIEW IT AS A PLOY TO LURE THEM BACK TO ZAIRE TO BE ARRESTED. ~~(S)~~

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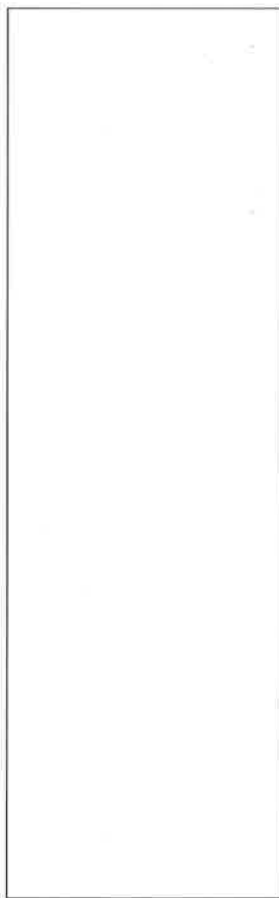
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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DAILY CABLE NR 124/83 FOR FRIDAY, 20 MAY 1983.

BUCHAREST, IN ITS LATEST EXCHANGES WITH MOSCOW, HAS REBUTTED SOVIET CHARGES THAT A NOVEL--WRITTEN TWO YEARS AGO BY A PROMINENT ROMANIAN PARTY IDEOLOGIST AND SPEECH WRITER FOR PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU--SLANDERED THE USSR, AND IT HAS ACCUSED THE SOVIET CRITIC OF INTERFERENCE IN ROMANIAN AFFAIRS. THE PUBLIC QUARREL BEGAN LAST MONTH WITH SOVIET CRITICISM OF A YEAR-OLD THEORETICAL ARTICLE AS \*\*NATIONAL DEVIATIONISM.\*\* BUCHAREST HAS SINCE PUBLISHED SEVERAL ARTICLES BY SENIOR PARTY OFFICIALS DEFENDING CEAUSESCU'S VIEWS FAVORING THE INDEPENDENCE OF ALL COMMUNIST PARTIES. (C)

COMMENT: THE DEVELOPING IDEOLOGICAL POLEMICS BETWEEN THE USSR AND ROMANIA ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE THAT DIVIDED THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE 1960S AND 1970S. ROMANIA IS AGAIN LEADING THE RESISTANCE AGAINST SOVIET EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN CONTROL OVER CEMA AND THE WARSAW PACT. GROWING IMPATIENCE WITH THE ROMANIANS MAY BE LEADING MOSCOW TO PUBLICIZE THE LONGSTANDING IDEOLOGICAL DISAGREEMENTS. CEAUSESCU MAY BE USING THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVITALIZE HIS REPUTATION AS A

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