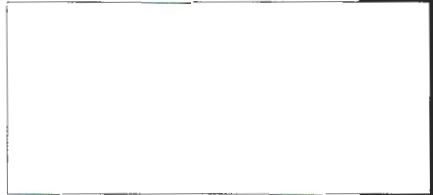




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Turnout for the funeral of Archbishop Romero was far less than predicted--estimates range from 20,000 to 50,000--but the ceremony was interrupted by gunfire and bombings that reportedly panicked the crowd and left numerous dead and injured. The government, which had ordered security forces off the streets, blamed the extreme leftist alliance for provoking the disorders. As in past incidents of this type, however, there were charges of both leftist and rightist responsibility for the killings. [Redacted]

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The left will probably continue efforts to capitalize on the assassination. After an uncertain start last week, the general strike called by radical organizations could gather momentum in the aftermath of yesterday's violence. [Redacted]

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After the cabinet resignations Thursday, which have further weakened the Christian Democrats' confidence in the junta, more violence or economic disruption will sorely test the government's ability to survive. [Redacted]

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