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OVERVIEW

3. THE BIGGEST NEWS OF THE MONTH WAS THE
DISAPPEARANCE OF ALL TALK ABOUT A MILITARY COUP.
ABOUT THE ONLY REFERENCE TO SUCH A POSSIBILITY
WAS THE WASHINGTON POST STORY HYPED HERE FOR ITS
MENTION OF U.S. EFFORTS TO FORESTALL A COUP IN
JANUARY. TERRORISM CONTINUED TO MAKE HEADLINES
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THROUGHOUT THE MONTH. ALTHOUGH THE QUASI-
ACCIDENTAL CAPTURE OF ONE OF MRTA'S TOP LEADERS,
VICTOR POLAY, GOT FEBRUARY OFF TO A GOOD START,
THE KILLING OF MINERS FEDERATION SECRETARY GENERAL
CANTORAL, THREATS AGAINST THE LIFE OF THE SECGEN
OF THE TEACHER'S UNION AND THE PARTIALLY SUCCESS-
FUL STRIKE BY SENDERO LUMINOSO IN AYACUCHO REMINDED
EVERYONE THAT THE NEW MINISTER OF INTERIOR,
ARMANDO VILLANUEVA, HAS A TOUGH JOB AHEAD OF HIM.

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4. THERE WERE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO BUILD A CONSENSUS OR IMPROVE LINKS WITH FRIENDS AND FOES ALIKE. PRESIDENT GARCIA MET TWICE WITH PPC LEADER LUIS BEDOYA REYES AND ONCE WITH IU SENATOR ENRIQUE BERNALES TO DISCUSS THEMES OF MUTUAL INTEREST. GARCIA REVAMPED HIS CABINET BRINGING IN SOME FRESH APRA BLOOD FROM BUSINESS, CONGRESS AND THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE, AND SHIFTING AROUND SOME OF HIS OLD TRUSTED ALLIES. GARCIA DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN APRA'S TRADITIONAL "DAY OF FRATERNITY" NOR WAS HE PRESENT AT THE TWO MEETINGS CALLED BY HIS FINANCE MINISTER RIVAS DAVILA TO ONCE AGAIN TRY TO REACH SOME KIND OF SOCIAL PACT (CONCERTACION) AMONG GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS AND LABOR.

5. AMONG OTHER NEWS THAT CAPTURED LIMA'S INTEREST WERE THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PERUVIAN PASSPORT OFFICE THAT IT HAD RUN OUT OF PASSPORTS; THE TWICE-POSTPONED INAUGURATION OF PERU'S ANTARCTIC SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BASE AND THE RUNNING AGROUND OF THE HUMBOLDT RESEARCH SHIP; AND THE BIRTH OF PERU'S FIRST TEST-TUBE BABY (A GIRL).

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6. THE AYACUCHO STRIKE: SENDERO LUMINOSO CALLED FOR A ONE-WEEK ARMED STRIKE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AYACUCHO BEGINNING FEBRUARY 19, THREATENING ANYONE NOT COMPLYING WITH REPRISALS. THE GOP INCREASED
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MILITARY AND POLICE PRESENCE IN THE CITY, WITH PATROLS GOING DOOR TO DOOR ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 URGING MERCHANTS TO OPEN THEIR STORES. ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES REMAINED OPENED BY ORDER OF PRIME MINISTER VILLANUEVA. IN THE CITY THE STRIKE WAS LARGELY IGNORED, BUT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE IT WAS NEARLY TOTAL. THERE WERE NUMEROUS INCIDENTS, INCLUDING THE KILLING OF A MERCHANT IN AYACUCHO WHO REFUSED TO CLOSE, AND A BOMBING WHICH WOUNDED SEVERAL STREET VENDORS. ONE TV NEWS SHOW SPECULATED THAT AYACUCHO MERCHANTS DID NOT KNOW WHO TO FEAR MOST, THE SL WHO WANTED THEM TO STAY HOME, OR THE MILITARY WHO ORDERED THEM TO OPEN.

7. INTERIOR MINISTER VILLANUEVA REACTED WITH TYPICAL APLOMB TO A REPORTER'S QUESTION ABOUT SL VIOLENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE STRIKE. "I BELIEVE THAT VIOLENCE IS BEING DEFEATED BY THE STRATEGY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ARMED FORCES. THE

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ARMED FORCES AND THE MILITARY-POLITICAL COMMAND ARE IMPLEMENTING SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC ACTIONS WHICH ARE REDUCING SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. THESE GOVERNMENT ACUIONS ARE REDUCING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SUBVERSION DEVELOPS." SOME ARE WONDERING IF THIS SORT OF POLITICAL MYOPIA IS THE ATTITUDE THE NEW MINISTER WILL NEED TO IMPLEMENT PRESIDENT GARCIA'S ANNOUNCED OFFENSIVE AGAINST TERRORIST VIOLENCE.

8. THE PUCALLPA RIOT: HR RIGHTS GROUPS CONTINUE TO CLAMOR FOR AN ACCOUNTING OF THE DEAD AND DISAPPEARED IN THE WAKE OF THE FEBRUARY 9 PUCALLPA RIOT. OTHERWISE, THE JUNGLE CITY IS REPORTEDLY
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QUIET AND THE ONLY CONTINUING EXCITEMENT FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT WAS THE DETENTION OF AGING REBEL HUGO BLANCO, WHO WAS FINALLY RELEASED ON FEBRUARY 25. HE WAS ARRESTED IN PUCALLPA FEBRUARY 9, WAS TRANSFERRED TO LIMA THE 14TH, AND WAS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO PUCALLPA THE 20TH. BUT THE FIERY BLANCO CLAIMED THAT THE GOP HAD HATCHED A PLOT TO KILL HIM IN PUCALLPA AND REFUSED TO BOARD THE AIRPLANE. FOUR BEEFY POLICE OFFICESS WERE UNABLE TO WRESTLE THE PORTLY BLANCO ON BOARD. THE CRAFT WAITED FOUR HOURS, THE PRESS CAPTURED ON FILM THE UNSEEMLY SPECTACLE OF THE STRUGGLING, SUPINE BLANCO WITH A DETERMINED POLICEMAN AFFIXED TO EACH OF HIS LIMBS, AND IN THE END BLANCO WAS RETURNED TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS, WAS CONVINCED HE WOULD BE PROTECTED, AND LEFT THE NEXT DAY, FEBRUARY 21, WITHOUT PROTEST. A PUCALLPA JUDGE RULED ON FEBRUARY 25 THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO PROSECUTE, AND RELEASED HIM.

9. VICTOR POLAY: MRTA LYNCHPIN VICTOR POLAY HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH 517 COUNTS OF TERRORISM INCLUDING, APPARENTLY, VIRTUALLY EVERY TERRORIST INCIDENT ATTRIBUTED TO THE MRTA SINCE 1983. IT SEEMS THAT POLAY'S CONTINUED BOASTING BEFORE JUDGE MOLERO MIRANDA OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HIS POSITION IN THE MRTA LEADERSHIP HAS CONVINCED THE JUDICIAL

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AUTHORITIES TO "TQROW THE BOOK" AT THE ONE-TIME
APRA ACTIVIST. THE COURT WILL BEGIN HEARING
TESTIMONY FROM WITNESSES OF RECENT MRTA TERRORISM
ON MARCH 3, INCLUDING FROM KIDNAPPED INDUSTRIALIST,
GENERAL-RET. HECTOR JERI. FOR HIS PART POLAY'S
ATTORNEY HAS FILED A COMPLAINT WITH THE COURT
ALLEGING THAT HIS CLIENT IS BEING MISTREAQED.
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PRESSURES INCOMPATIBLE WITH HIS CONDITION AS A PRISONER". POLAY COMPLAINS THAT HE IS BEING GIVEN UNCLEAN WATER, IS FORCED TO PERFORM PER 9, -)

#6&83,3 8, #8 :3)), AND THEN MUST HIRE A FELLOW PRISONER TO CARRY AWAY HIS TOILET. A SOURCE IN

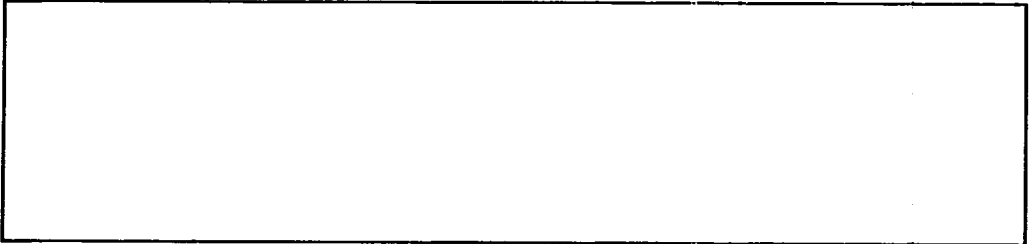
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THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE TOLD US THAT POLAY'S COMPLAINT HAS FALLEN ON DEAF EARS.

10. SAUL CANTORAL: THE FEBRUARY 13 MURDER OF MINER'S FEDERATION SECRETARY GENERAL SAUL CANTORAL REMAINS UNSOLVED. OPINIONS ARE STILL DIVIDED AS TO WHETHER HE WAS KILLED BY SENDERO OR THE RODRIGO FRANCO COMMAND. IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT CANTORAL'S NAME WILL BE ADDED TO THE GROWING LIST OF RECENT MAJOR UNSOLVED CRIMES HERE, INCLUDING THE DEATHS OF MOROTE LAWYER MANUEL FEBRES, AYACUCHO JOURNALIST HUGO BUSTIOS, THE MAYOR AND SECRETARY OF CAYARA VILLAGE, AND THE DISAPPEARANCE OF CUSTOMS UNION LEADER OSCAR DELGADO. ALL HAVE OCCURRED IN THE LAST SEVEN MONTHS. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINER'S FEDEJATION SAY THAT CANTORAL AND THE FEDERATION WERE IN THE PROCESS OF DECIDING WHETHER AND WHEN TO CALL A NEW NATIONWIDE MINER'S STRIKE WHEN CANTORAL WAS KIDNAPPED AND KILLED. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS REVELATION DOES LITTLE TO CLARIFY THE IDENTITY OF THE KILLERS, BUT DOES PORTEND ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC TROUBLES FOR PERU IF THE STRIKE OCCURS.



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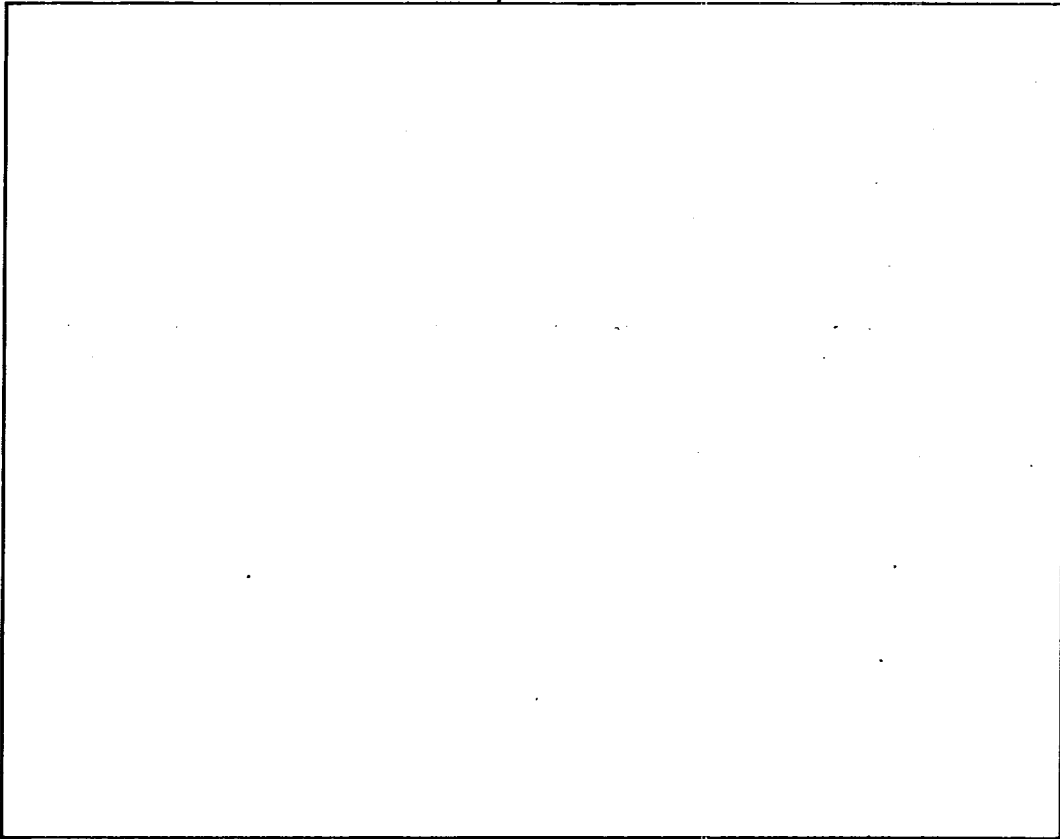
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