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AT DINNER PARTIES. BUT LIKE FRIGATES AND MILITARY
ADVISERS, LEGALIZATION IS AN INITIATIVE THAT CAN ONLY
COME FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD." THE DAILY TELEGRAPH
EDITORIALIZED ON THE U.K. ASSISTANCE: "...THE PHRASE
'MILITARY ADVISERS' ALL TOO READILY CONJURES UP A
PICTURE OF A FORCE RELUCTANTLY DRAWN INTO COMBAT ON
FOREIGN FIELDS. COMPARISONS WITH VIETNAM ARE FALSE,
BUT IT HAS TO BE RECOGNIZED THAT THE PERSONNEL TO BE
DEPLOYED IN COLOMBIA COULD WELL FIND THEMSELVES IN
ACTIONS, WHATEVER THE AUTHORITIES' INTENTIONS, AND THAT
THEIR VERY PRESENCE PUTS THEM AT CONSIDERABLE RISK.
MOREOVER, AS MR. RAJIV GANDHI HAS FOUND IN SRI LANKA,
IT IS EASIER TO DISPATCH A FORCE TO TACKLE A PARTICULAR
EVIL THAN TO WITHDRAW IT. THE BATTLE AGAINST THE DRUG
BARONS WILL BE LONG, AND AS LONG AS BRITONS ARE
INVOLVED, A DEGREE OF RISK MUST BE ACKNOWLEDGED."
THE TABLOID DAILY MIRROR CARRIED A STORY FROM BRITISH
MERCENARY PETER MCALEESE CLAIMING HE WAS HIRED BY
OFFICERS IN THE COLOMBIAN ARMY TO KILL DRUG BARON PABLO
ESCOBAR.

THE FINANCIAL TIMES EDITORIAL LOOKED AT "U.S. GOALS IN
THE URUGUAY ROUND" AND SAID: "...THE NEED TO WIN
AGREEMENT ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WITHOUT GIVING TOO
MUCH AWAY ON TEXTILES WILL POSE BOTH A RISK AND AN
OPPORTUNITY FOR THE U.S. AS THE ROUND MOVES INTO ITS
FINAL YEAR. WITHOUT A TRADE-OFF ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH
CONGRESS AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THE WHOLE
EXERCISE COULD FOUNDER. YET THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY HAS
BEEN DEFEATED TWICE IN RECENT YEARS IN EFFORTS TO PUSH
NEW PROTECTIONIST LEGISLATION THROUGH CONGRESS AND IS
NOT AS POWERFUL AS IT ONCE WAS. HANDLED CAREFULLY,
THIS IS A CHALLENGE WHICH COULD LEAD TO SIGNIFICANT
PROGRESS ON TWO IMPORTANT FRONTS AS WELL AS SECURING

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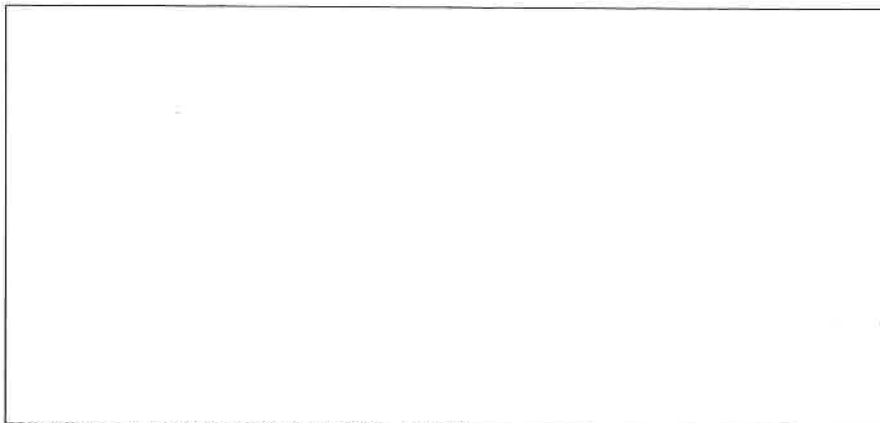
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SUCCESS FOR THE ROUND AS A WHOLE."
 THE FINANCIAL TIMES CARRIED A REPORT ON COCOM: "THE U.S
 IS COMING UNDER RENEWED PRESSURE FROM WESTERN EUROPE
 AND JAPAN TO LIBERALIZE THE 15-YEAR OLD RULES OF COCOM
 ON THE EXPORT OF MACHINE TOOLS TO THE EASTERN BLOC...AS
 IS USUAL, THE PENTAGON IS TAKING THE HARDEST LINE,
 CONTENDING THAT THE SOVIETS ARE INCAPABLE OF PRODUCING
 - AND SHOULD NOT GET - TOOLS WITH A SLIDE POSITION
 ACCURACY OF PLUS OR MINUS 10 MICRONS..."
 THE FINANCIAL TIMES' EDITORIAL LOOKED AT ECONOMIC
 ASSISTANCE FOR POLAND: "...WHILE THE WEST MUST BE
 PREPARED TO DO EVERYTHING IT CAN,THE POLISH GOVERNMENT
 SHOULD REMEMBER THAT THESE REFORMS ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN
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