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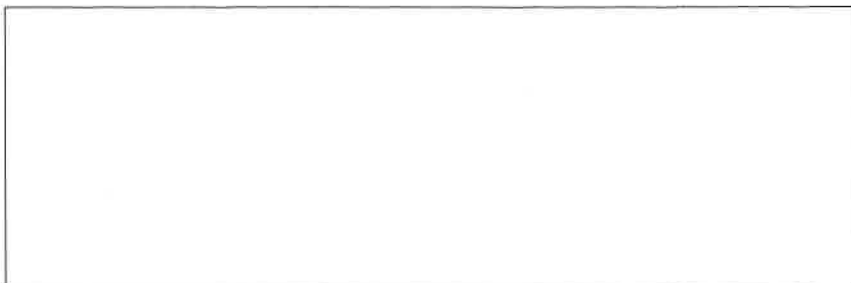
THIS "ORNING'S BROADCAST MEDIA WAS DOMINATED BY CONTINUED
COVERAGE OF THE BRENT SPAR CONTROVERSY (SEE TEXT BELOW),
AND BY NEWS OF THE HIJACKING OF A JAPANESE PLANE ON AN
INTERNAL FLIGHT, BY A MAN DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF THE
AUM SECT'S LEADER FROM PRISON. HOWEVER, LITTLE DETAIL
WAS AVAILABLE AT THIS STAGE.

B. TODAY'S MAJOR NEWS STORIES

- 1. BRENT SPAR OIL RIG / UK-EUROPEAN RELATIONS
- 2. CHECHNYA
- 3. COLOMBIA

C. SUMMARY

- 1. BRENT SPAR OIL RIG / UK-EUROPEAN RELATIONS



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2. CHECHNYA

ONE EDITORIAL. SEE TEXT BELOW.

3. COLOMBIA

THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES EDITORIALIZED:

"AMERICA HAS BEEN SEVERELY CRITICAL UNTIL NOW OF COLOMBIA'S FAILURE TO CONFRONT THE CALI CARTEL WHICH SUPPLIES THREE-QUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN MARKET. IT SHOULD HEED SENOR SAMPER'S REQUEST FOR MONEY AND HELP TO END ALL CULTIVATION OF ILLEGAL CROPS WITHIN TWO YEARS." SEE FULLER TEXT BELOW.

D. TEXT

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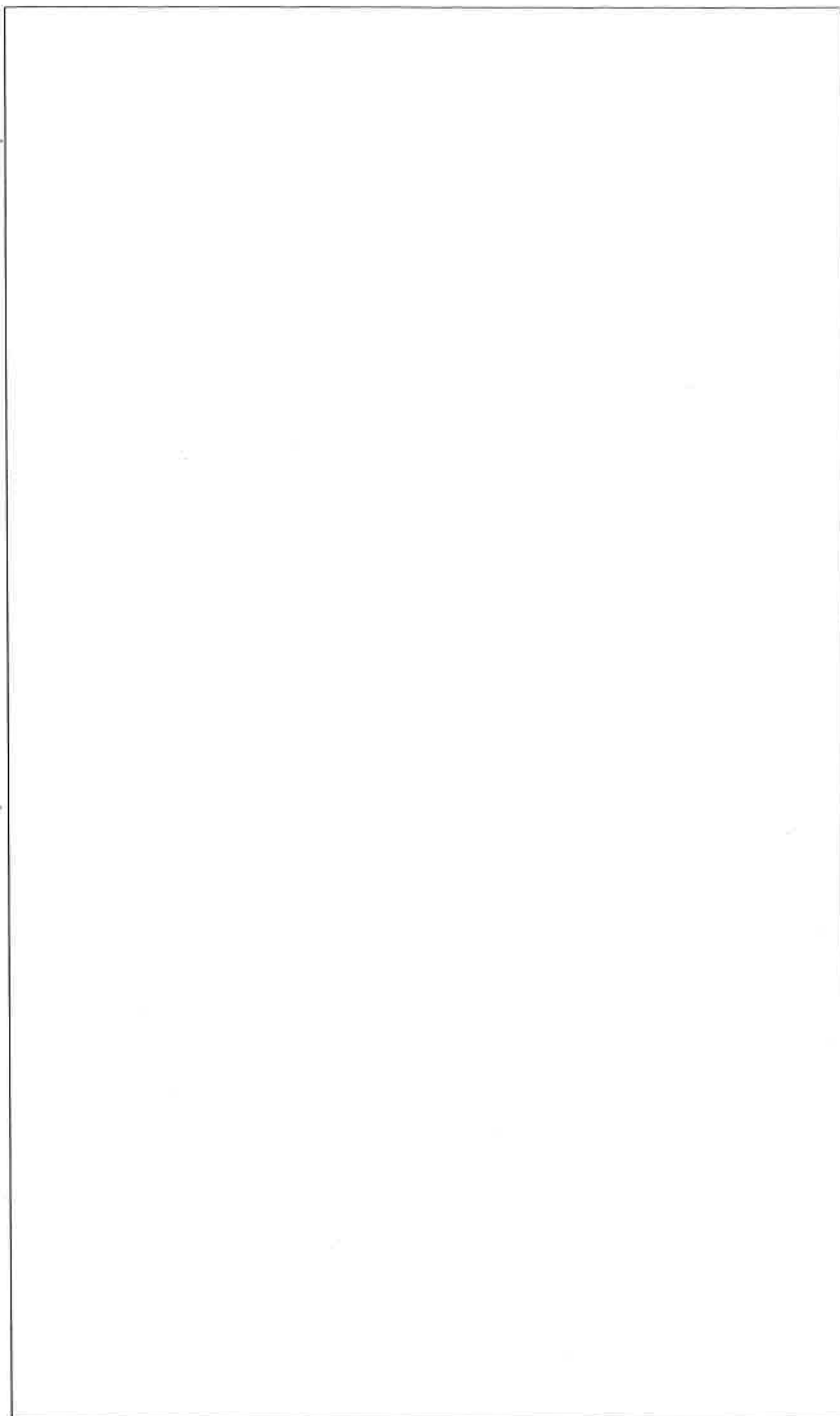


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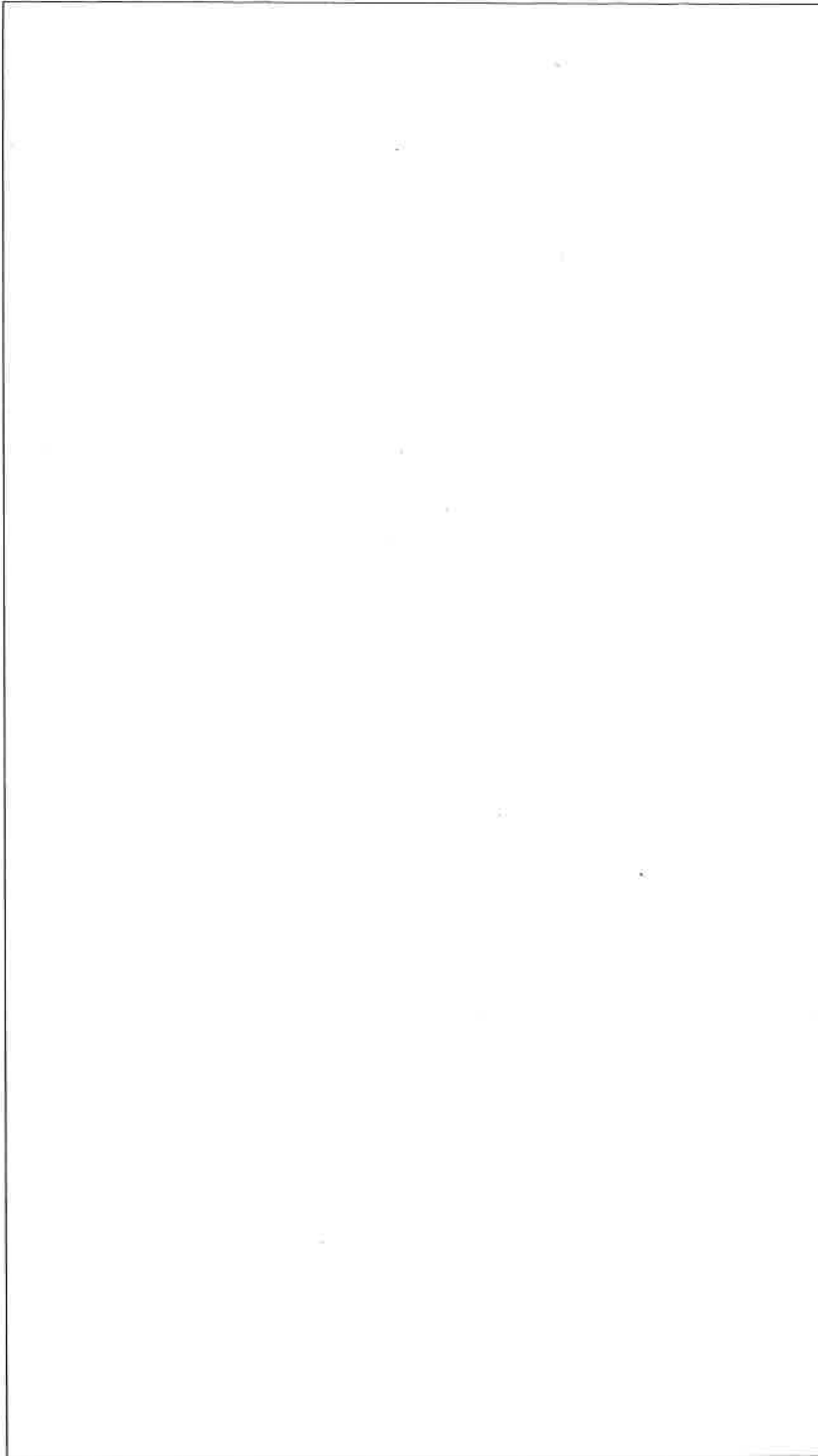
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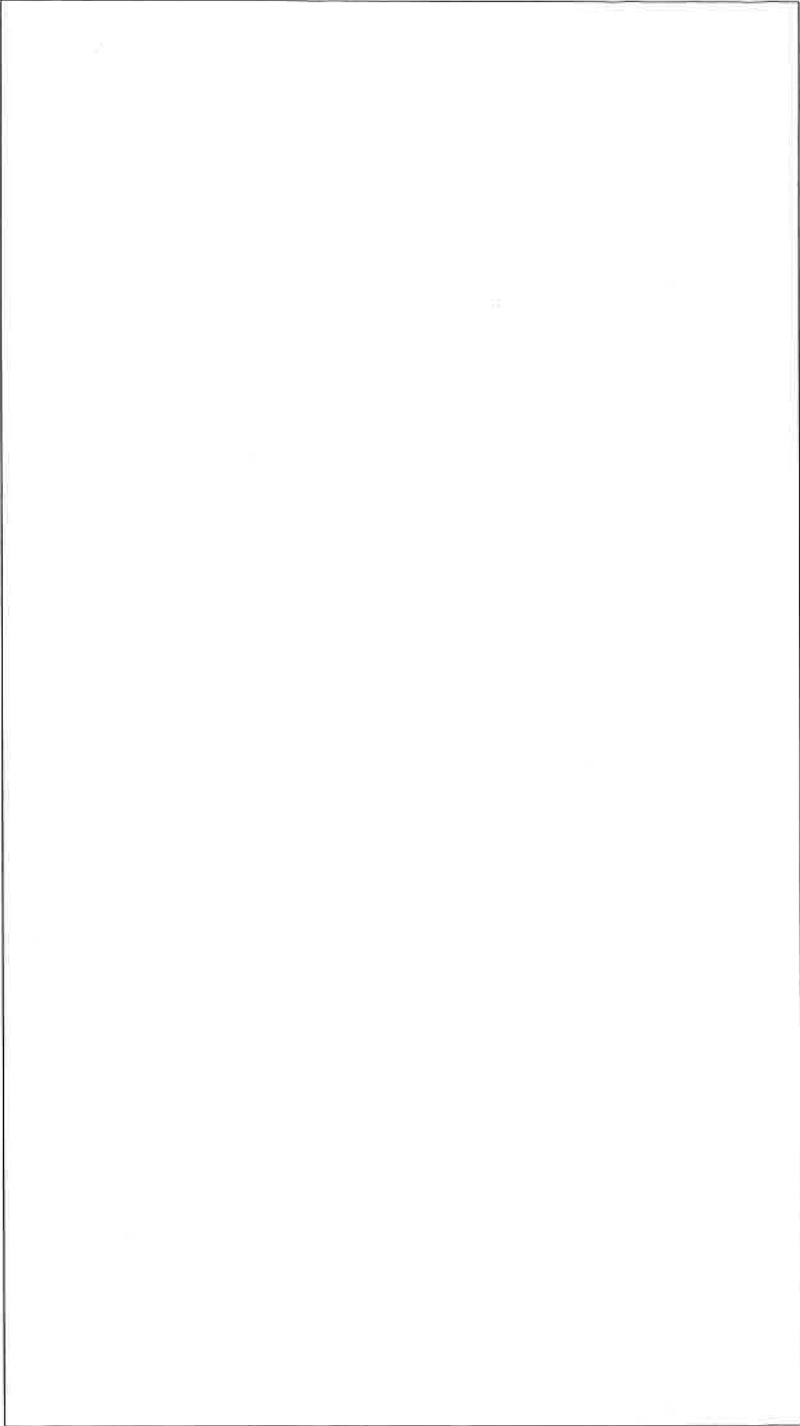
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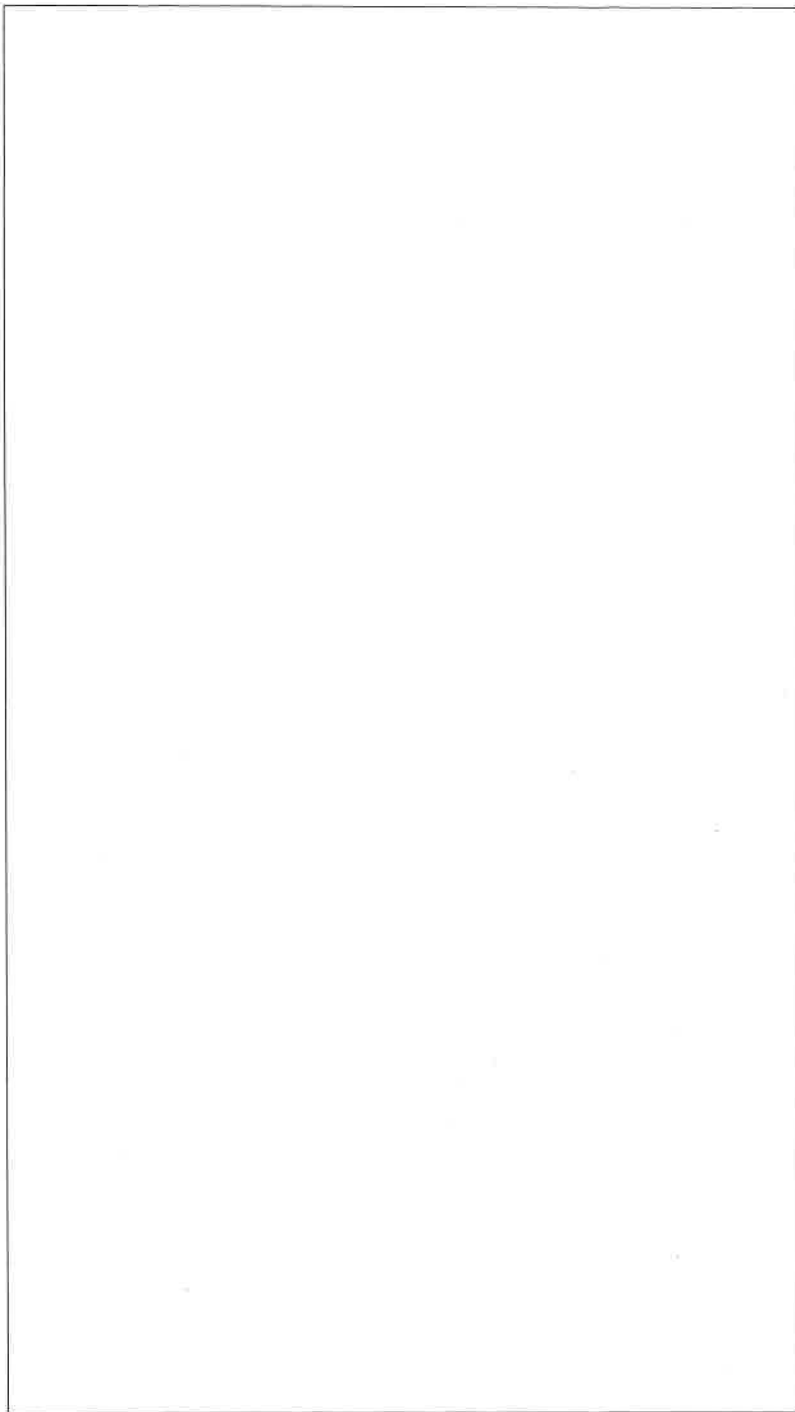
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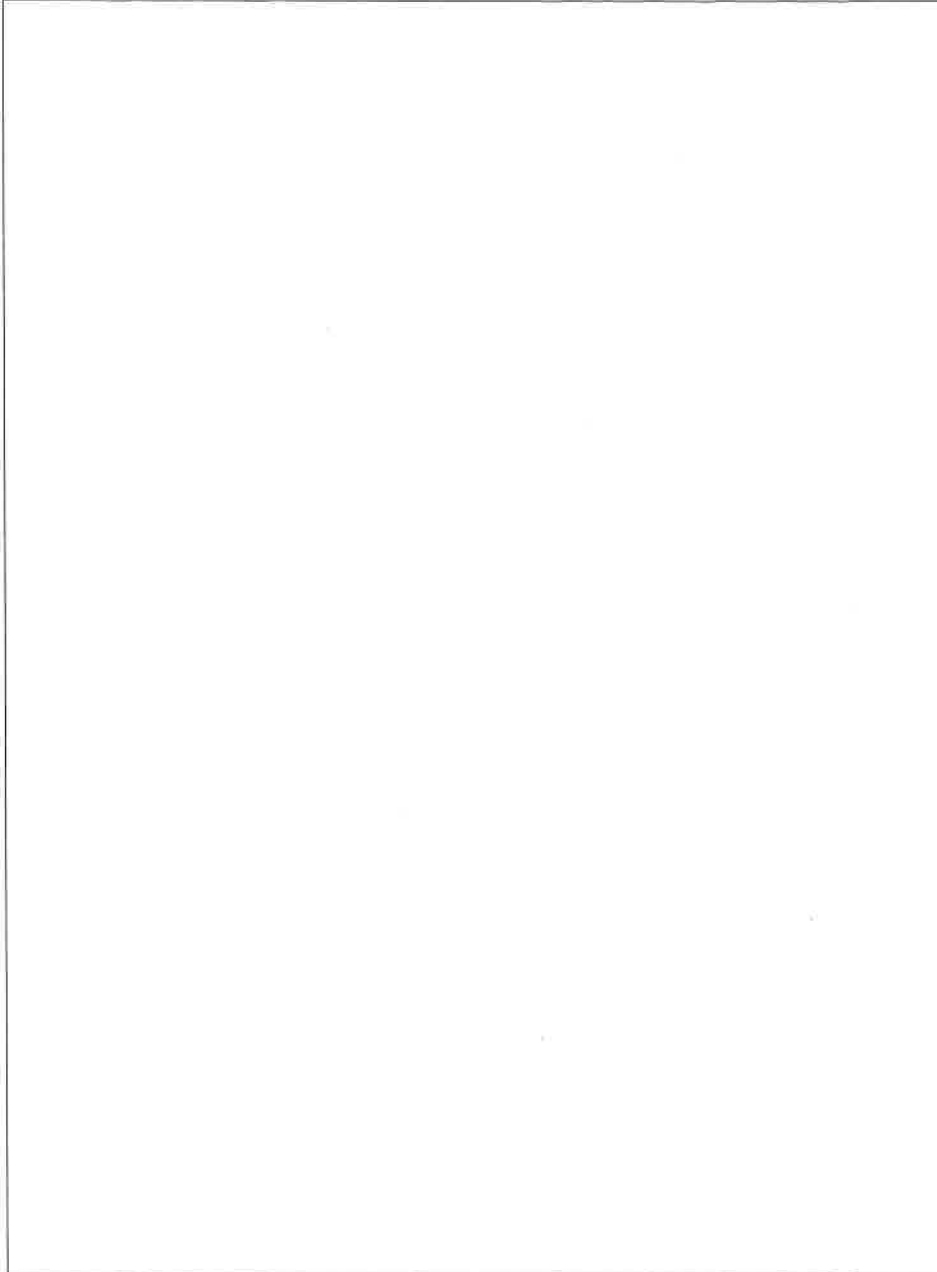
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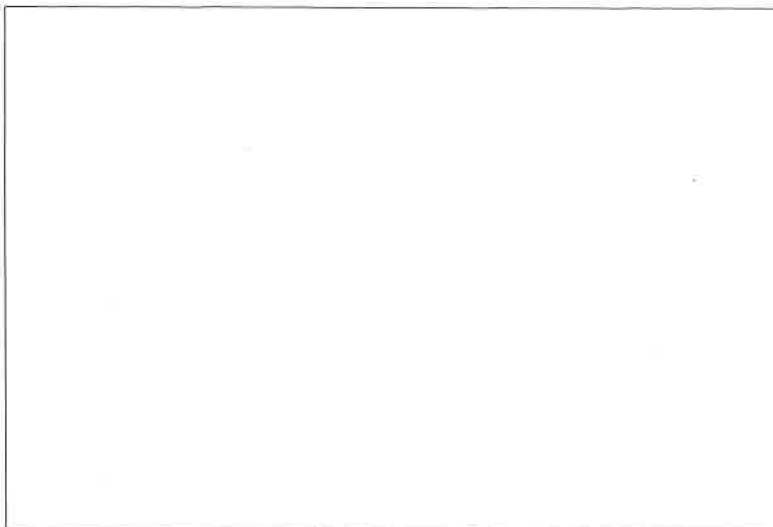
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3. COLOMBIA

"COLOMBIA'S SCORPIONS : GOOD NEWS FROM THE DRUG WARS'
FRONT LINE"

THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES EDITORIALIZED:

"FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1993, WHEN POLICE SHOT PABLO
ESCOBAR DEAD AND BROKE UP THE MEDELLIN CARTEL HE
CONTROLLED, THE DRUG BARONS OF COLOMBIA ARE ON THE
DEFENSIVE. ... THIS WEEK, HENRY LOAIZA 'THE SCORPION'

CEBALLOS, HEAD OF THE CALI CARTEL'S MILITARY WING AND ONE
OF ITS SIX MOST POWERFUL MEMBERS, SURRENDERED AS ANTI-
DRUGS FORCES CLOSED IN ON HIS HIDEOUT. FOR PRESIDENT
ERNESTO SAMPER, THIS IS DRAMATIC EVIDENCE THAT HIS PLEDGE
TO CRUSH THE CALI CARTEL, BELIEVED TO RUN 70 PER CENT OF
THE WORLD'S COCAINE TRADE, SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY.

"SENOR SAMPER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT PUTTING THE TOP
TRAFFICKERS BEHIND BARS WILL NOT END COLOMBIA'S DRUGS
PROBLE". WHILE DEMAND LASTS, NEW SYNDICATES WILL EMERGE.
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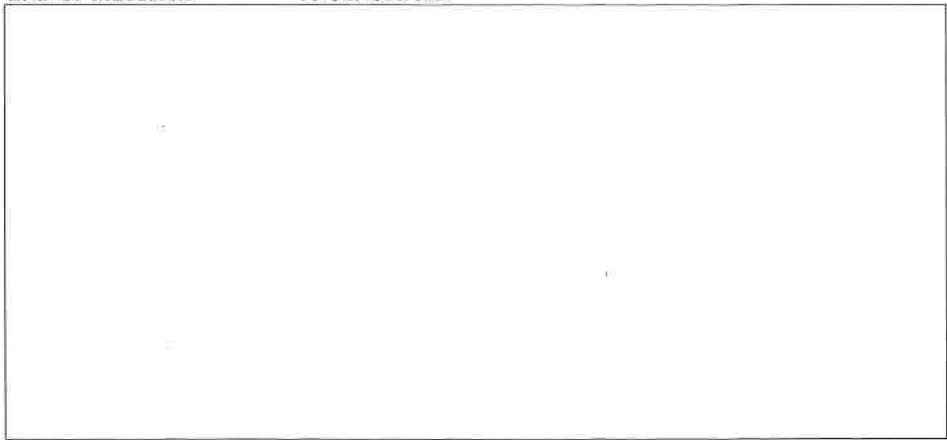
THERE ARE SIGS THAT EVEN FROM PRISON ESCOBAR'S JAILED LIEUTNANTS ARE ATTEMPTING TO RE-ESTABLISH THE MEDELLI CARTEL. THAT DOES NOT DIMINISH THE IMPORTANC FOR ANY DEMOCRACY OF DEMONSTRATING THAT NO CRIMINAL, HOWEVER RUTHLESS AND WELL-CONNECTED, IS IMMUNE FROM THE LAW.

"THESE MEN HAVE CORRODED THE ENTIRE SOCIETY. HUNDREDS OF POLITICIANS, JUDGES AND JOURNALISTS HAVE DIED IN THE ATTEMPT TO BREAK THEIR POWER. ...

"AMERICA HAS BEEN SEVERELY CRITICAL UNTIL NOW OF COLOMBIA'S FAILURE TO CONFRONT THE CALI CARTEL WHICH SUPPLIES THREE-QUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN MARKET. IT SHOULD HEED SENOR SAMPER'S REQUEST FOR MONEY AND HELP TO END ALL CULTIVATION OF ILLEGAL CROPS WITHIN TWO YEARS. THE TREND IS ALL THE OTHER WAY: COLOMBIA'S COCA ACREAGE HAS DOUBLED IN THE PAST TWO YEARS. THE POLICY IS ALSO POLITICALLY EXPLOSIVE: SPRAYING PLANTATIONS WITH HERBICIDE HAS LED TO PEASANT RIOTS. SUBSIDIES FOR LEGAL CROPS WILL NOT WORK WITHOUT BETTER ROADS, ACCESS TO MARKETS AND WIDER ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLOMBIA'S IMPOVERISHED FARMERS. THE POOR MUST HAVE A STAKE IN WINNING THE WAR AGAINST THE BARONS IF THERE IS TO BE A

HOPE OF FINAL VICTORY." BURGESS

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