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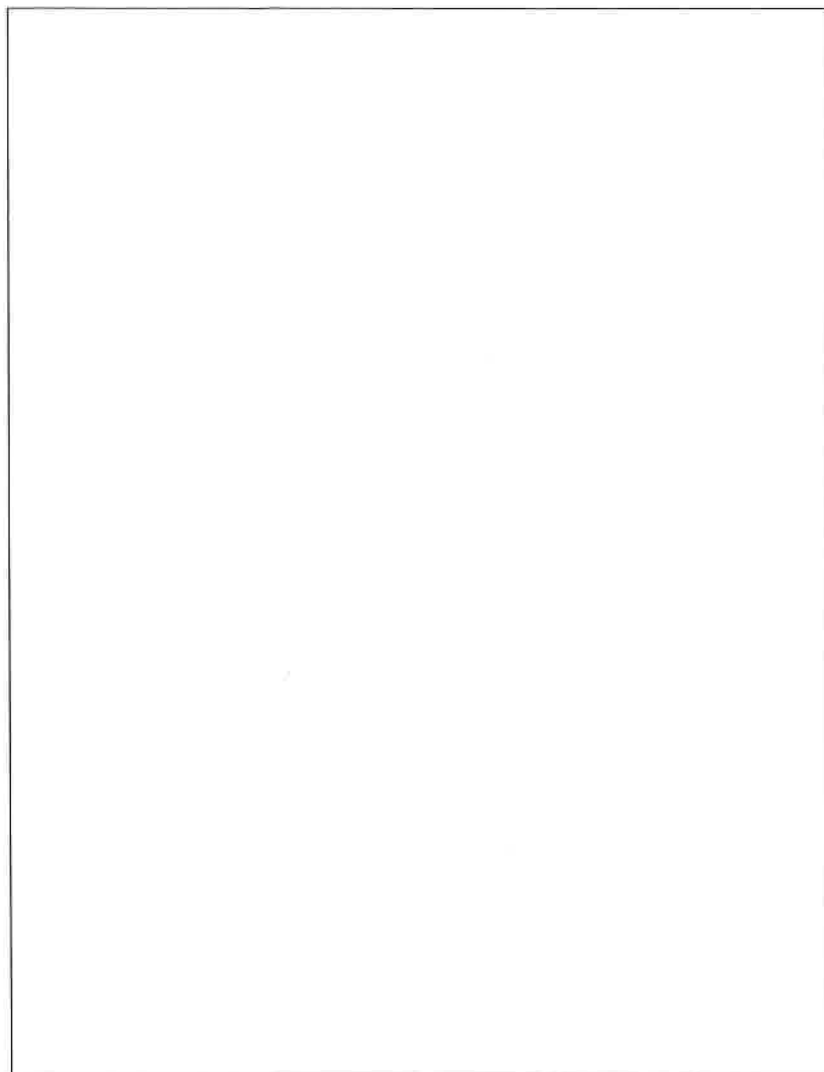
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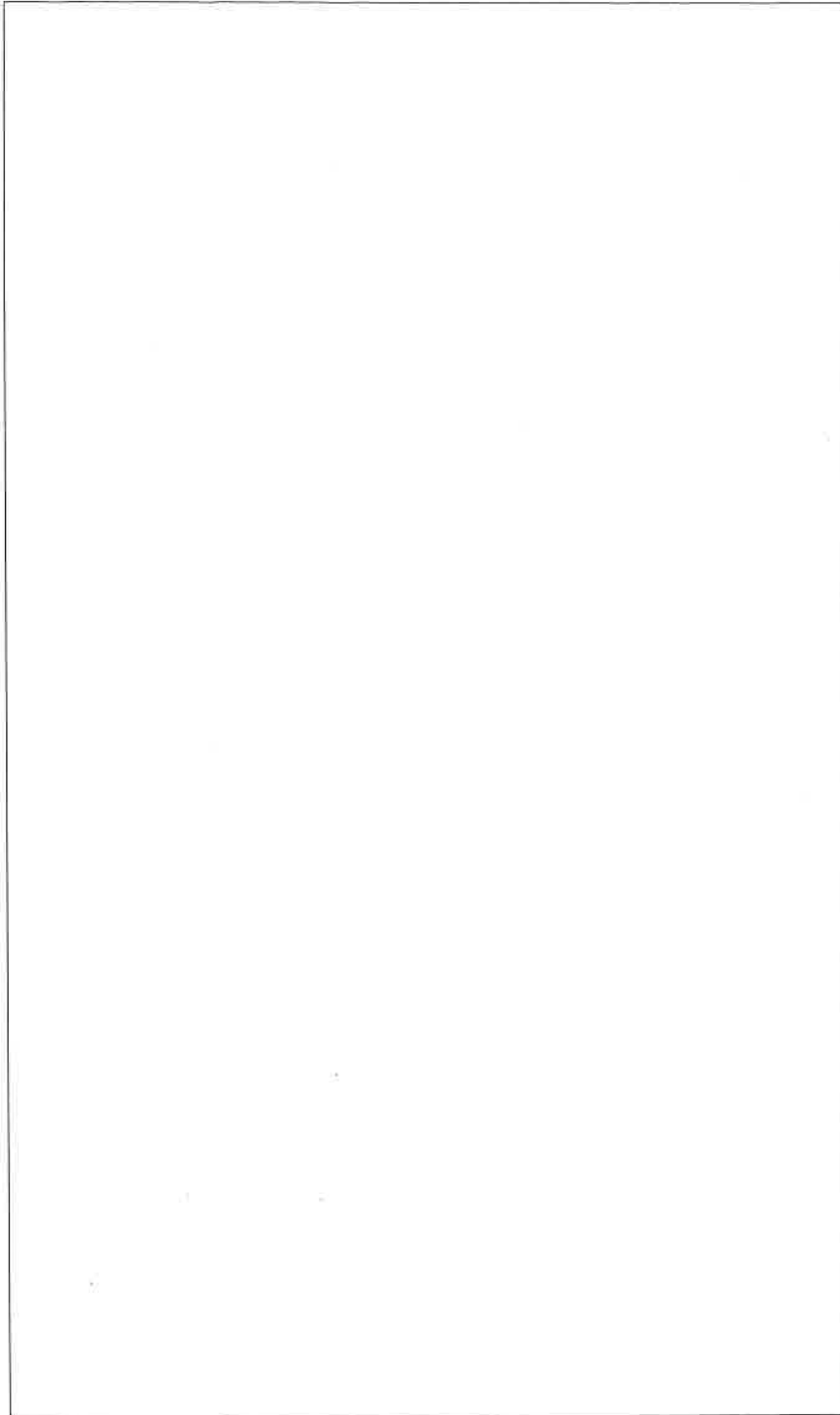
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B. ARTICLE:

SUBHEADLINE -- "GUTIERREZ MORAD SAYS";

HEADLINE -- "THE DRUG CONSUMERS ABANDONED COLOMBIA."

SUBHEADLINE -- "THE UNITED STATES, WHEN IT STARTED TO HAVE ITS OWN SUPPLY OF MARIJUANA, DE-SATANIZED PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION. THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR A NATIONAL DEBATE ON THE WAR AND DRUGS."

QUOTES -- "GUTIERREZ LEADS A GROUP OF LEGISLATORS FROM ALL POLITICAL TENDENCIES WHO HAVE WRITTEN A MEMORANDUM TO CALL NATIONAL ATTENTION TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE DIFFICULTIES GENERATED 'FOR MAKING A LONELY COMMITMENT TO A HYPOCRITICAL WAR THAT IS ABSURD, IF NOT USELESS."

"IT IS NOT A MATTER OF SURRENDERING TO THE CRIMINALS. IT IS RATHER FOR ALL COLOMBIANS, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, TO LOOK AT THE DIRECTION WE HAVE TO TAKE. WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER PABLO ESCOBAR? WILL CONSUMPTION IN THE U.S. AND EUROPE BE AT AN END? WILL THE DRUG ADDICTS FROM THOSE COUNTRIES TAKE UP OTHER BAD HABITS?"

"THE ACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE TO CONTROL THE ENORMOUS MOVEMENT OF CURRENCY BY THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF NARCOTICS HAVE BEEN MORE RHETORIC THAN REALITY. THE CONSUMER COUNTRIES HAVE HAD A RUDE AND INDIFFERENT ATTITUDE, AND THEY HAVE ABANDONED COLOMBIA, WHILE WE PAY FOR THE BROKEN DISHES OF THEIR VICES."

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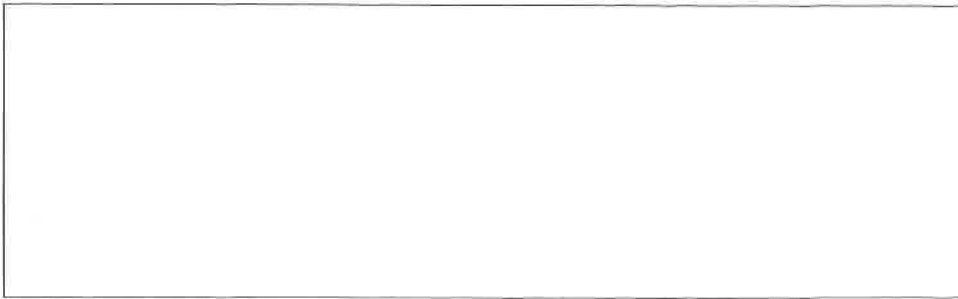


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