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1. JUNE 22 "BARRICADA" (SANDINISTA DAILY) CARRIED A NEWS ANALYSIS/OP PIECE BY ERNESTO ABURTO ENTITLED "ESCOBAR: A PRODUCT OF 'DEMOCRACY.'" EXCERPT FOLLOWS:

2. "...THE CASE OF ESCOBAR IN COLOMBIA...SUPPORTS SUFFICIENT PREMISES TO CONCLUDE, WITHOUT MUCH DIFFICULTY, THAT THE SCOURGE OF DRUGS IS AN EVIL INHERENT IN THE SO-CALLED CAPITALIST DEMOCRACIES, AND APPARENTLY, WILL ONLY DISAPPEAR WHEN THESE DEMOCRACIES ARE REPLACED IN THE HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF HUMANITY...ESCOBAR HAS BECOME POWERFUL BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE PHILOSOPHY, LAWS AND ECONOMY OF THE COLOMBIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM...

"...THE UNITED STATES CLAIMS TO BE A LEADER IN THE WORLDWIDE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS. BUT THE TRAFFICKING NETWORKS AND CONSUMPTION GROW IN THE GREAT MARKET THAT EXIST UNDER THE UNITED STATES' VERY NOSE. AND IN ITS BOSOM, FLOURISHING UNDISTURBED, ARE THE BUSINESSES THAT INJECT INTO THEIR VEINS CAPITAL 'RECENTLY LAUNDERED,' WITH DOLLARS THAT 'SMELL' OF THE ODOR OF THE (COCA) LEAF AND ARE STAINED WITH THE WHITE DUST.

"WHILE A POLITICAL SYSTEM NEEDS THE TRAFFIC IN DRUGS TO ALLEVIATE ITS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND SATISFY THE VORACITY OF ITS CORRUPT OFFICIALS, AND WHILE THE TRAFFICKERS NEED THIS SYSTEM TO OPERATE AND GROW, THIS SCOURGE OF HUMANITY WILL ONLY FIND ITS END WHEN IT HAS IMPROVED AND DEBASED ALL THE CONSUMERS."  
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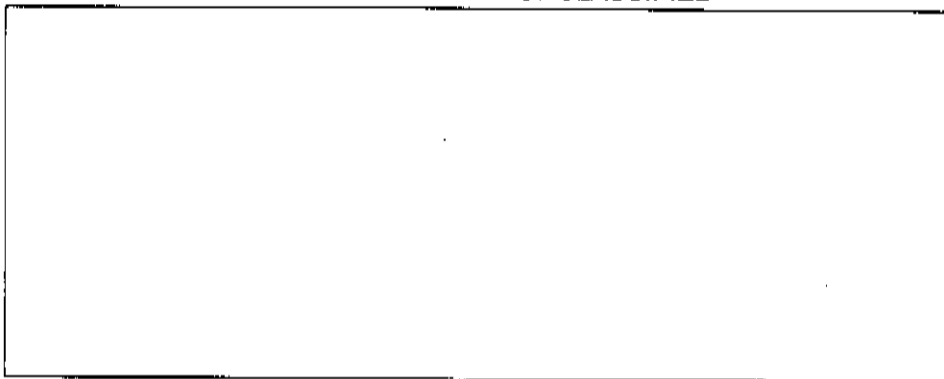
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