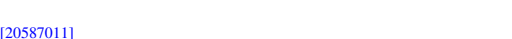


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The gatherings in East Berlin and elsewhere were viewed as part of a government effort to ship activists from staging protests to press their demands .

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Dissidents in Czechoslovakia said the nation 's pro-democracy movement was growing despite the government 's move to crush a protest Saturday in Prague 's Wenceslas Square .

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More than 10,000 demonstrators had called for free elections and the resignation of Communist Party leader Milos Jakes .

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Police detained more than 350 people .

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Federal investigators have determined a metallurgical flaw that developed during the making of an engine disk led to the July crash of a United Airlines jetliner in Sioux City , Iowa , killing 112 people .

[20587021]

Congress sent to Bush an \$ 8.5 billion military construction bill that cuts spending for new installations by 16 % .

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The measure also moves more than \$ 450 million in the Pentagon budget to home-state projects from foreign bases .

[20587023]

U.S. and Soviet officials are to open a new round of talks today aimed at reducing chemical-weapons arsenals amid superpower differences over whether to stop making the gases .

[20587024]

The talks in New York are the first since Bush and Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze unveiled proposals in September to scrap existing weapons .

[20587025]

Afghan guerrillas bombarded Kabul in a weekend assault that Western diplomats called one of the biggest offensives since the Soviet Union completed a troop withdrawal in February .

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The rebels also reportedly tightened a blockade on roads leading to the capital , and government forces shelled a guerrilla-held area in western Afghanistan .

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Lebanon 's Christian leader convened an emergency meeting of his cabinet after indications that he might dissolve Parliament in an attempt to scuttle an Arab-sponsored peace plan .

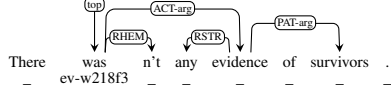
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Gen. Michel Aoun rejected the pact because it fails to provide a timetable for a Syrian troop pullout from Lebanon .

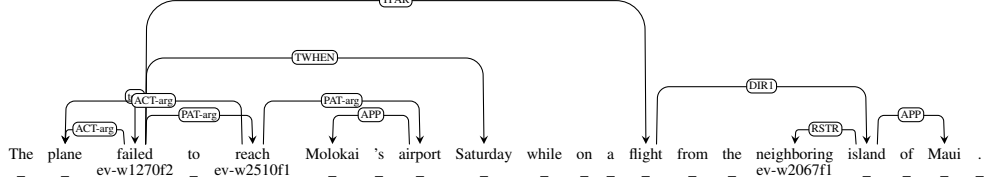
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Authorities in Hawaii said the wreckage of a missing commuter plane with 20 people aboard was spotted in a remote valley on the island of Molokai .

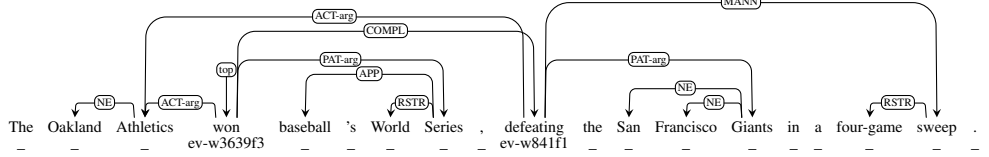
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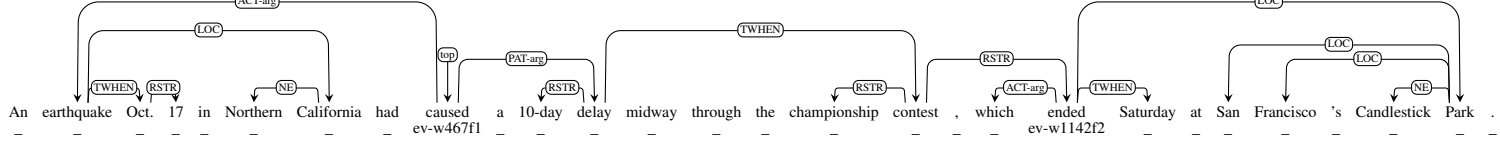
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