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## I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

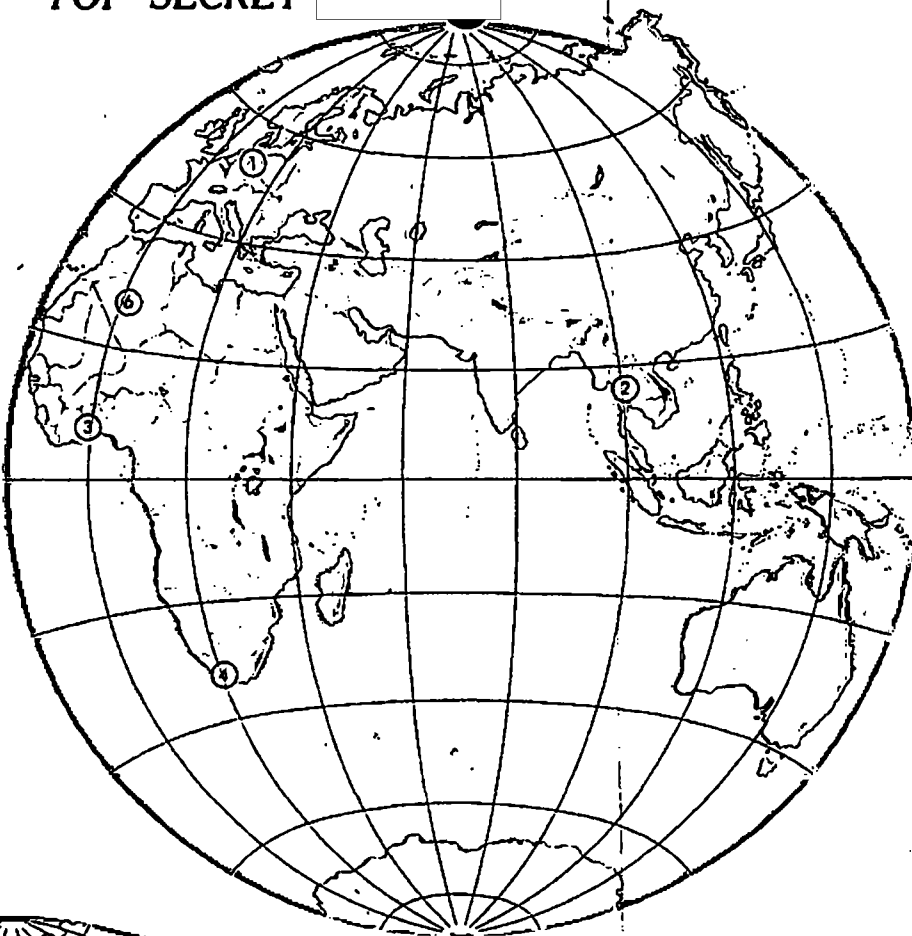
East Germany--Ulbricht evidently determined to complete agricultural collectivization this year despite some open resistance among farmers, church condemnation, and reported differences in party.

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SEATO--Thai representative, backed by Pakistani and Filipino delegates, accuses Western members of "belittling" economic aspects of treaty in favor of military aspects.

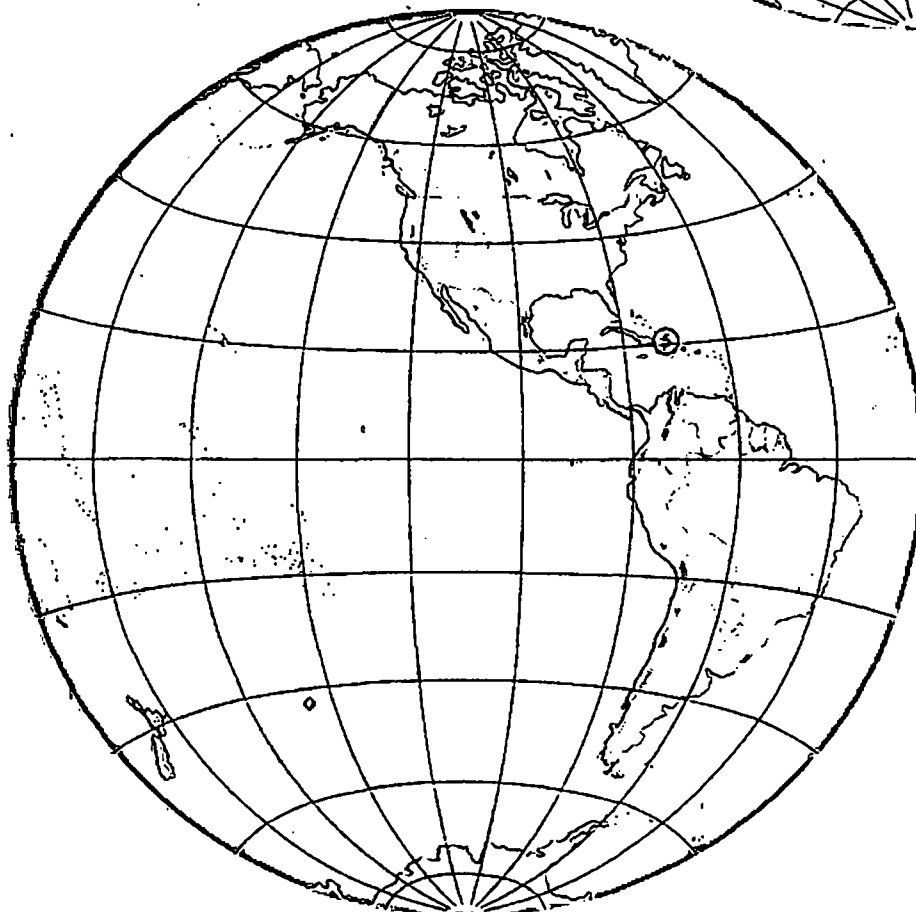
Ghana--Nkrumah may sever diplomatic relations with Paris following latest French nuclear test.

South Africa--Disorders continuing as government shows its determination to stamp out Black African unrest.



## III. THE WEST

- ⑤ Dominican Republic--US Embassy says number of sources now predicting imminent "cataclysmic change" in government; dictator's son says father unable to comprehend situation developing in country.
- ④ JAEIC comment on latest French nuclear test.

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## DAILY BRIEF

## I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

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East Germany: Party leader Ulbricht is evidently determined to complete the collectivization of agriculture in East Germany by the end of the year, even though the ruthless methods used in the accelerated drive of the past three months have led to some open resistance by farmers, drawn public condemnation by church leaders, [and reportedly caused differences between certain elements of the party.] Since 1 January, collectivization has been announced as completed in eight of the country's 14 districts. This speed probably cannot be sustained in the other districts, all in the south, where the independent small farmers do not live in easily collectivized villages. The campaign will be soft-pedaled temporarily in order not to interfere with planting and harvesting. When pressure to collectivize is resumed, further acts of resistance, such as arson and sabotage, can be expected. [redacted] (Page 1) (Map)

## II. ASIA-AFRICA

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SEATO: [At a meeting of SEATO Council representatives in Bangkok on 30 March, the Thai representative, backed by the Pakistani and Filipino delegates, strongly attacked the Western members for "belittling the economic aspects" of the treaty in favor of the military aspects. US Ambassador Johnson believes this was aimed primarily at the Commonwealth members and France, but says the subject will undoubtedly be raised at the SEATO Council meeting in Washington beginning 31 May. Over the past two years the three Asian members of SEATO have also shown increasing dissatisfaction with amounts and types of aid received from the United States.] [redacted]

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NO Ghana: Ghana, which froze local French assets following the first French nuclear test in the Sahara on 13 February, was planning "immediate action against France" in the event of a second explosion, according to an intercepted Ghanaian message of 31 March. Nkrumah's ambassador in Paris was advised by Accra that this action would "probably be the breaking of diplomatic relations." Nkrumah can be expected to press other leaders of independent African states to follow his lead.)

NO South Africa: Disorders are continuing as the Verwoerd government shows its determination to suppress the manifestations of Black African unrest. Police reinforcements have been flown into the Cape Town area, scene of the most serious of the recent incidents. Two townships near Cape Town have been sealed off in an effort to subdue the violent element among the Black African population. (Page 4)

### III. THE WEST

NO Dominican Republic: General "Ramfis" Trujillo, son of the Dominican dictator, has privately expressed the opinion to an acquaintance that his father is unable to comprehend the situation that is developing in the country and refuses to listen to those who counsel him to relax controls. There are continuing indications that the dictator's position is deteriorating, and a number of sources of the American Embassy, including one within the government, are predicting an imminent "cataclysmic change" in the government.) (Page 5)

French Nuclear Test: The US Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee issued the following statement at 1600 on 1 April:

NO "The Atomic Energy Detection System has reported evidence of an explosion which occurred at about 0515 GMT on 1 April in the vicinity of Reganne, Algeria.

The preliminary estimate of the yield is three to thirty kilotons, with a best estimate of ten kilotons. No seismic or electromagnetic signals have been reported which correlate with this event.)

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[REDACTED] "The acoustic data are consistent with the reported location of the French atomic test site. Aerial filtering operations to collect possible samples of nuclear debris are currently under way." [REDACTED]

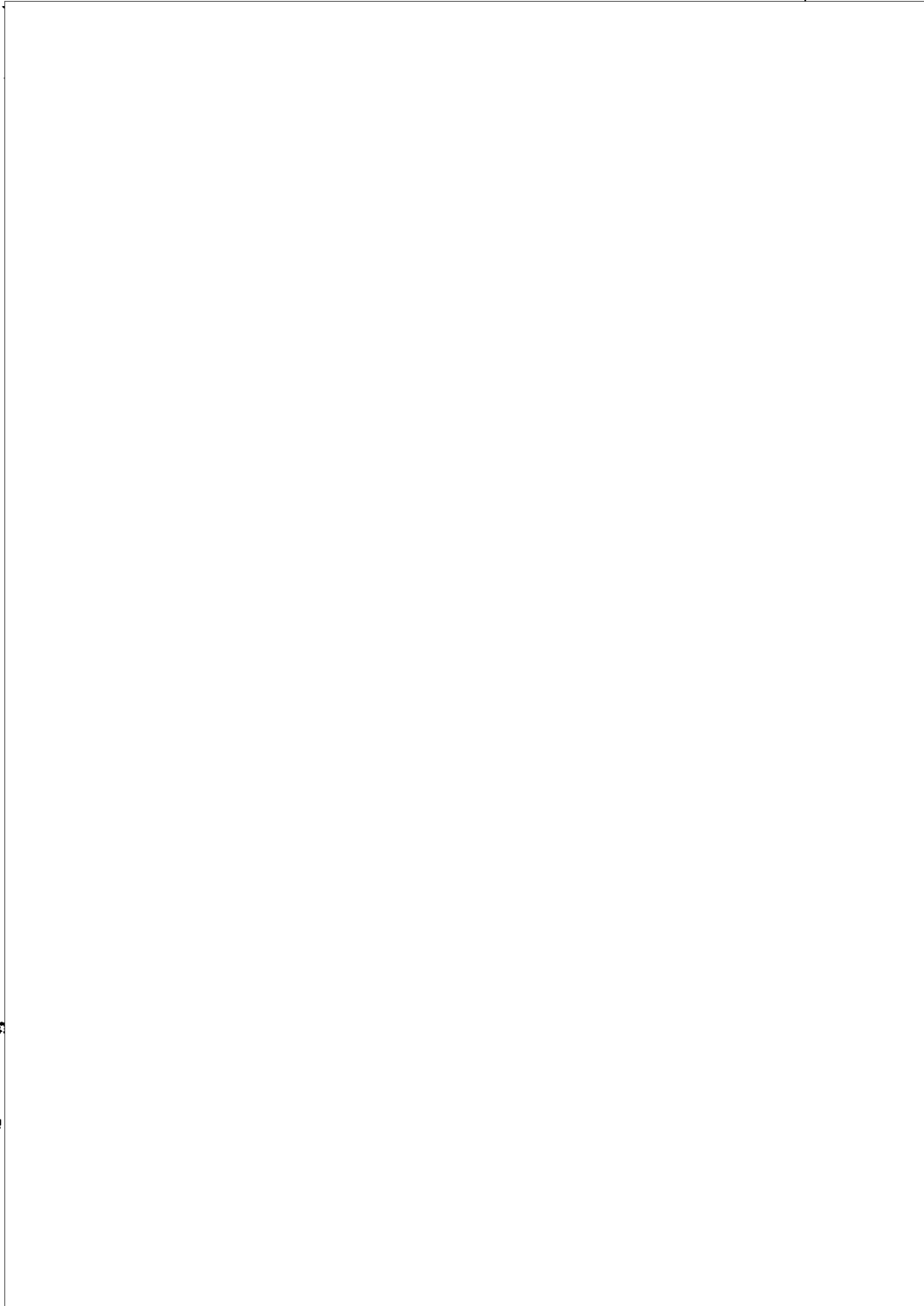
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## I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

### East German Collectivization Campaign Evokes Increasing Resistance

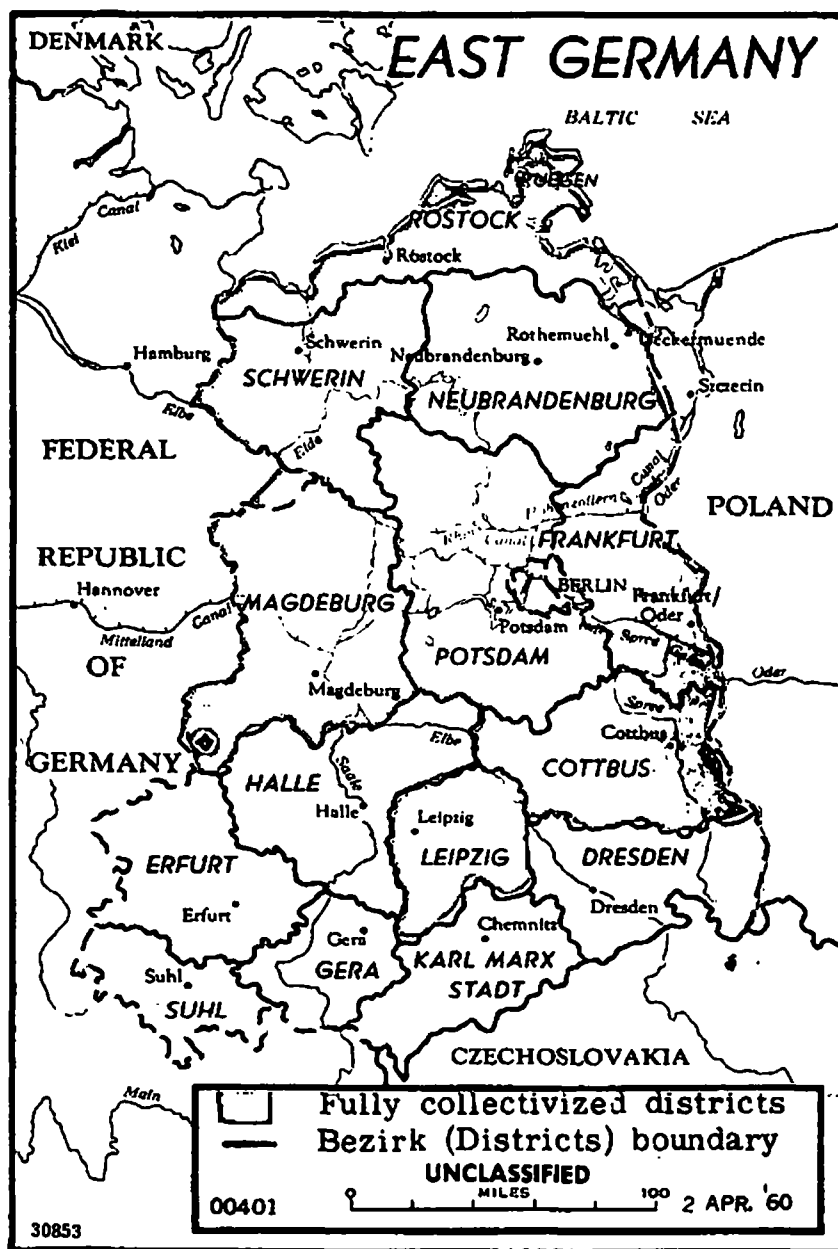
[Mounting criticism of the ruthless collectivization campaign waged by the East German regime is causing increasing concern to top officials of the Socialist Unity party (SED),  The SED central committee is receiving reports of serious disagreements among local officials over the coercive methods used to force farmers to join collective farms. The degree of compulsion to be used has even become a subject of controversy among students in party schools.]

The most serious expression of open opposition to date has come from Evangelical church bishops in East Germany, who delivered a letter of protest to Premier Otto Grotewohl on 11 March. Church officials told the US Mission in Berlin that the letter was signed by all the East German bishops, including fellow-traveling Bishop Moritz Mitzenheim of Thuringia, who had initially opposed the protest.

Since the first of the year collectivization has been declared to be completed in eight of the 14 counties in East Germany. After some resistance, farmers in the northern areas succumbed relatively quickly to the extreme pressures. Stiffer resistance can be expected from farmers in the southern part of the country. The number of farmers seeking refuge in West Berlin and West Germany has increased sharply and is likely to rise further in coming weeks. Acts of resistance, such as arson and sabotage, can be expected to continue throughout East Germany.

Apparently because of the stress arising from the collectivization campaign, SED boss Walter Ulbricht has taken over day-to-day control of it. He has sent some 400 central committee representatives to observe proceedings and report

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directly to the East Berlin headquarters. He recently issued orders to relax collectivization pressures in the interest of getting ahead with essential spring agricultural work. He might also be mindful of the fact that any serious resistance could prove embarrassing to the USSR at this time. Ulbricht has reiterated, however, in conversations with district SED leaders, that the all-out campaign will be resumed as soon as the harvest is in, apparently in order to achieve the goal of full collectivization by the end of the year.

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## II. ASIA-AFRICA

Asian Members Protest SEATO'S Military Emphasis

[The Thai delegate at a meeting of SEATO Council representatives in Bangkok on 30 March complained that the organization's Western members--the United States, Britain, France, Australia, and New Zealand--are neglecting the economic aspects of the treaty. His strongly worded statement reflects the persistent dissatisfaction of the Asian members--Thailand, Pakistan, and the Philippines--with SEATO's emphasis on military aspects. These countries can be expected to push this issue at the annual SEATO ministerial meeting, scheduled for 31 May to 3 June in Washington.]

[The situation which triggered the Thai statement appears to have been the continued refusal of the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand to approve financing of SEATO economic projects through the organization's common budget. Charging niggardly economic support, the Thai representative quoted derogatory statements on SEATO by the Indian and Malayan prime ministers.]

[The Pakistani and Filipino delegates concurred in the Thai viewpoint. Pakistan's representative noted that offers of economic aid from Communist countries were tending to strain Asian commitment to SEATO and urged that, to counter this, SEATO follow the pattern of CENTO and strengthen the Economic Services Office, through which aid would be funneled.]

[Reports over the past two years have indicated a growing dissatisfaction on the part of Thailand, the Philippines, and Pakistan with both the level and type of support they have received directly from the United States as compared with American aid to neutralist countries like India and Cambodia.]

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~The South African Situation

Further serious disorders in the Union of South Africa are probable as a result of the Verwoerd government's determination to suppress the continuing manifestations of African unrest. Police reinforcements have been flown into the Cape Town area, scene of the most serious of the recent incidents. The restive native townships of Langa and Nyanga near Cape Town have been sealed off, apparently in an effort to subdue the more violent elements of the African population. The multiracial Liberal party, whose president is already under arrest, may be subjected to further harassment as a result of its efforts to bring food into the African areas. Elsewhere in the Union, police have fired on demonstrators near Durban and Johannesburg, killing four Africans.

Tension in the Cape Town area, where many Africans remain away from their jobs, will be heightened by reports that the government has arrested Phillip Kgosane, leader of the 30 March mass demonstration in that city. Africans may regard this action as a breach of faith on the part of the government, since the mob had dispersed only after an implied police promise to discuss African grievances with its leaders. The government has apparently prevented the press from reporting Kgosane's arrest.

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## III. THE WEST

Dominican Republic

[General Rafael L. ("Ramfis") Trujillo, son of the Dominican dictator, [redacted] expressed the opinion [redacted]

[redacted] -that his father is unable to grasp the situation that is developing in the country and refuses to listen to those who advise him to relax his dictatorial controls. Ramfis and the dictator's favorite daughter have reportedly withdrawn \$46,000,000 from the state-controlled Reserve Bank, presumably in anticipation of an early exile.]

[redacted] necessity" of changing his manner of governing the Dominican Republic but that Trujillo is "mentally trapped" by his closest advisers, who want to maintain the present system for their own benefit. [redacted]

[redacted] the only way to save the country from chaos is for the United States to inform Trujillo forcefully of the "political facts" and to recommend that he cooperate with the US in salvaging whatever parts of the regime are "worthwhile and worth saving." Otherwise, [redacted] the US should withdraw all support from the Dominican Government for the sake of its standing in the rest of Latin America.]

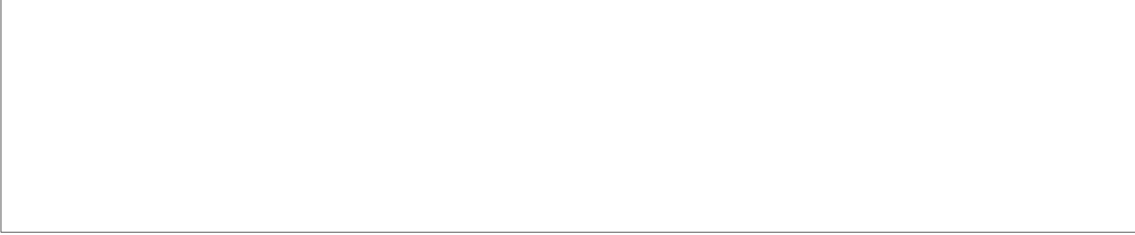
[Embassy contacts, including one within the regime, have been predicting that the fall of the dictatorship may not be far away. One predicted last week that a "cataclysmic change" in the government would occur within three weeks.]

[Generalissimo Trujillo's "resignation" on 1 April as leader and member of his Dominican party, the country's sole political organization, appears to be simply a maneuver to strengthen]

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(his position. Party leaders said they could not act on the resignation and would have to call a plebiscite of party members. If Trujillo wants his resignation to be rejected, his sycophants in the party will certainly comply. Such a maneuver would be further evidence of his unrealistic estimate of his present position.)

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