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Early Japanese Election Unlikely: Prime Minister Miki returned from last weekend's economic summit conference affirming that he will not call a general election "for the time being," a move that signals a continued truce -- however shaky -- between Miki and his Conservative Party rivals. He had hoped the publicity surrounding his international role would boost his sagging domestic popularity and perhaps

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enable him to call an election this year. The critical decision on the timing of an election rests with the Conservative Party leaders, however, and they remain opposed to an early election that could extend Miki's stay in office. The prime minister needs their support in the current Diet session and may well have agreed to sidetrack his election ambitions to get it. Miki must gain passage of three crucial revenue bills before the current session closes next month. He also faces a labor-government confrontation over the contentious issue of public employees' right to strike. Neither Deputy Prime Minister Fukuda nor Finance Minister Ohira is now sure of his ability to prevail in a head-on confrontation, and both are concerned that a showdown could bring the party close to an open break. Despite the truce, a number of party leaders are exploring the possibility of selecting another interim prime minister pending party elections to choose a more permanent leader -- a move that begins in January. For his part, Miki may calculate now that the prospects for reviving his own election ambitions will be better in the spring.

UN Resolution on Belize: The UN's committee on trusteeships yesterday voted overwhelmingly in favor of the UK-Caribbean resolution on Belize. The resolution calls for independence, self-determination, and territorial integrity for Belize and calls upon Britain to resume negotiations with Guatemala to settle the territorial dispute. Guatemala, which expected this setback, is not likely for the present to resort to military action as it had earlier threatened if such a "humiliating" resolution was passed, ______ Guatemala's next move may be to try to get the OAS to consider the matter. The Guatemalans probably will strongly reaffirm their historial claim to Belize and denounce the British for their increased military presence in the colony.



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