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- ① Limit "call ins" to only two questions preferably to
a designated panelist but NO comments from 'Kooks'.
- ② You showed useful reference to the main topic,
say NAFTA (not cartoons) like the enclosed "Current
Events" cover + back of the 2/93 ^{issue on Mexico} with 7 solid speakers
analyses of possible NAFTA outcomes after enactment
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EDITOR'S NOTE:

This is the year of NAFTA—the North American Free Trade Agreement. The already acrimonious debate in the United States about the benefits—and the costs—of the agreement promises to become even more heated as Congress begins deliberations on the treaty and NAFTA opponents, especially labor and environmentalists, begin to press home their arguments against the treaty. This issue of Current History brings together many of the topics that have been the source of disagreement. We begin with an overview of NAFTA by Peter Morici, who points up what the United States and Mexico will gain from the treaty economically, and how it will affect each country's place in the emerging global economic pecking order.

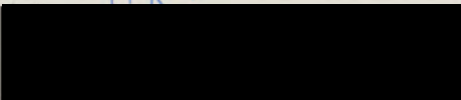
Sidney Weintraub also offers a positive assessment of NAFTA in his review of the salutary changes in Mexico's economy. Weintraub sees Mexico positioned to perhaps "take off" like one of the East Asian tigers, with NAFTA an important catalyst.

A less sanguine view of the economy—and the country's political life—is found in Jorge Castañeda's piece. Castañeda argues that the results of economic reform are fragile and that, while President Salinas may have opened up the country's economy, he has done little to liberalize the political sphere.

Three other domestic Mexican issues that will affect the NAFTA debate are examined: Steven Sanderson looks at Mexico's environment (and the deeper environmental issues that have been overlooked in the focus on border pollution), Ellen Lutz reviews the ongoing problem of human rights abuses, and Kate Doyle uncovers how the collaboration between the United States and Mexico in the fight against drugs has created an incipient Mexican national security state. We also include a discussion by Jorge Chabat of what NAFTA will mean for Mexico's relations with the rest of Latin America.

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