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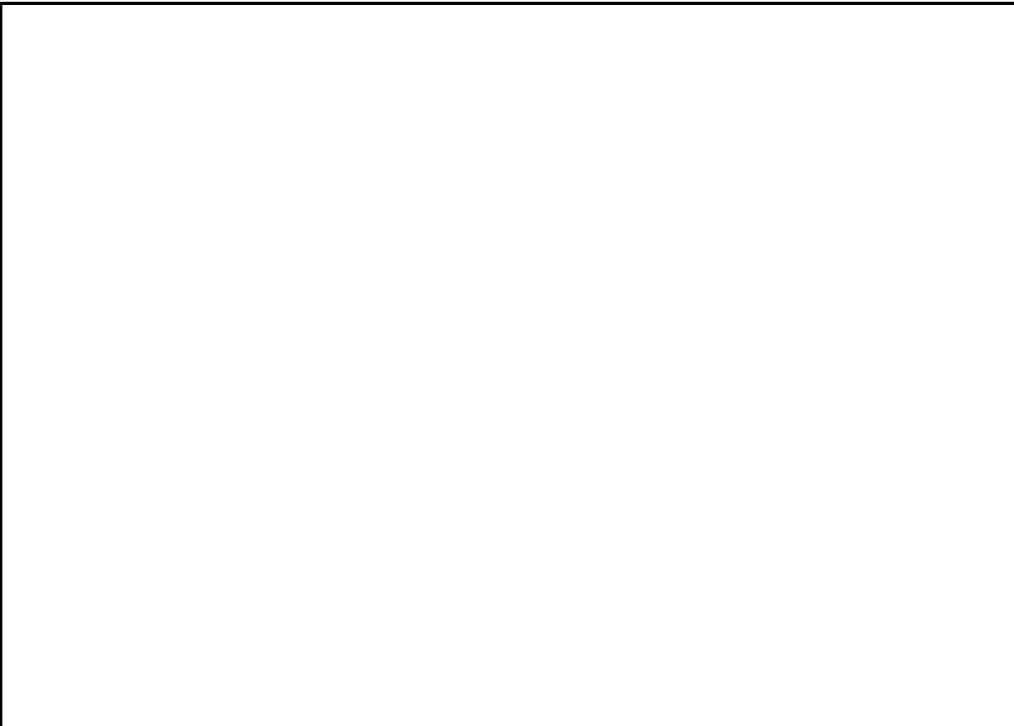
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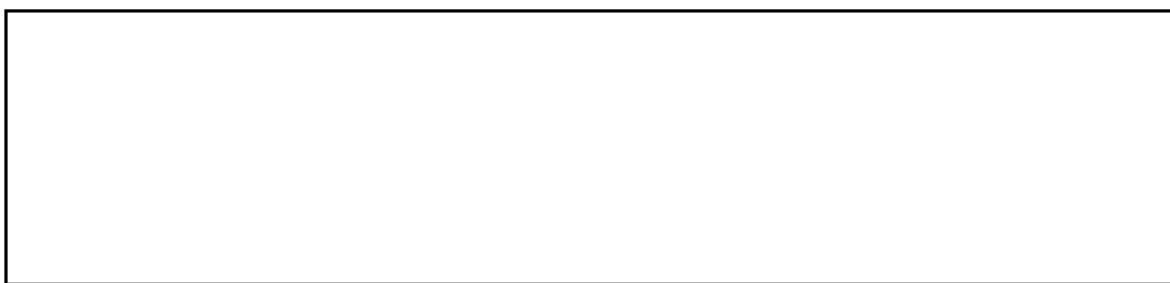
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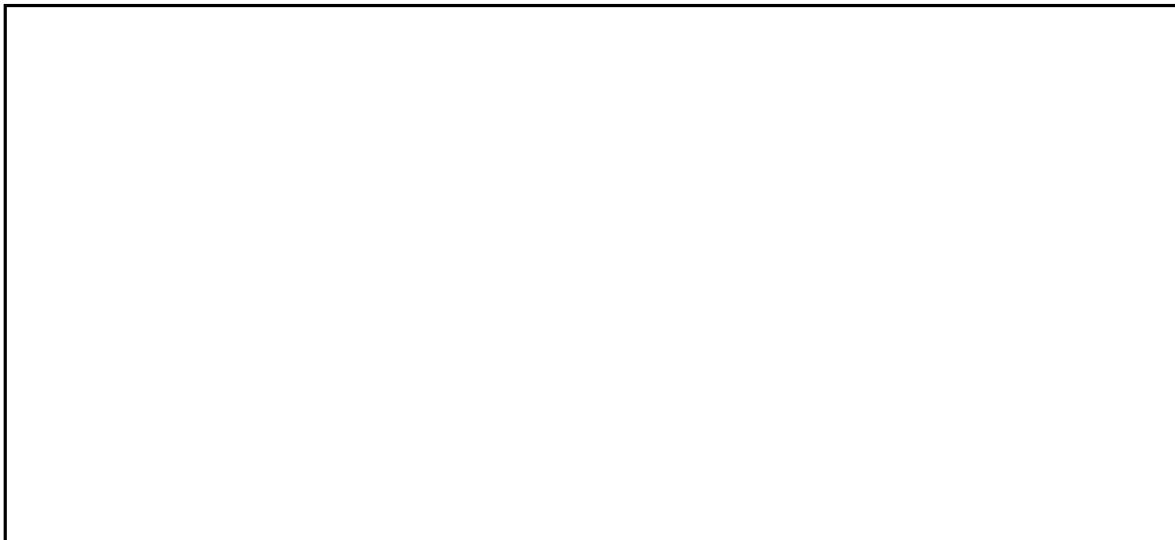
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Recent articles appearing in Satellite newspapers express contrasting official attitudes concerning relations with the Soviet Union.

Polish press coverage of the current Polish-Soviet Friendship Month is stressing "the independence of countries in the socialist camp" and playing down references to the USSR. One Communist author went so far as to write that, in his belief, Polish relations with "Socialist

multinational Russia" are not yet "fixed" and that "these relations are only being formed and will find their proper equilibrium."

An almost opposite point of view is reflected by recent statements appearing in Albanian and Czech party newspapers. Albanian officials, also celebrating Soviet Friendship Month, came close to an open attack on the doctrine of "many roads to socialism." Similar treatment was accorded the question by an article in the Czech party daily, Rude Pravo, on 7 September, which claimed that since the present Czech regime is based on its alliance with the USSR, attitudes toward the Soviet Union are not a fit subject for discussion. Every slander of friendly Czech-Soviet relations, the paper said, is aimed against the existence of Czechoslovakia.

These articles have all appeared since the reported 3 September warning of the Soviet Union to the Satellites which stressed that the USSR and not Yugoslavia was the correct socialist model and which attacked the Yugoslav concept of the "independent roads" doctrine. The Polish

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regime apparently has not deemed it necessary to revise its nationalist line. [redacted] many Polish Communist officials, who are willing to discuss frankly with Westerners relations with the USSR, believe that there is a need for a modification of Soviet-Polish relations, within the framework of an alliance with the USSR.

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The most significant feature of the Chinese Communist eighth party congress, currently meeting in Peiping, is its atmosphere of satisfaction with past achievements and confidence

in future progress, according to Consul General Drumright in Hong Kong. Complete endorsement of the present party leadership as well as of domestic and foreign policies has been qualified only by the admission of minor errors which have been or are now being corrected.

The American official observes that Mao Tse-tung and Liu Shao-chi have provided no evidence of significant change in China's international policy. The United States is portrayed as almost the sole obstacle to lasting world peace.

The subject of Taiwan's "liberation" has been played down. Mao has not mentioned it, and Liu only briefly reiterated Peiping's conventional formula of using peaceful means if possible and resorting to force only if these means fail.

In view of the consul general, the speeches have shown that the Sino-Soviet alliance remains firm, on the basis of ideology and a mutually beneficial partnership. The Chinese affirmed that this alliance was the "pillar of peace in the Far East and the world." On behalf of the USSR, First Deputy Premier Mikoyan paid effusive tribute to the Chinese for their "contribution to the theory of Marxism-Leninism."

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