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Panamanian Foreign Ministry officials are pleased with the outcome of last month's UN Security Council meeting, but President Torrijos seems concerned that Panama's tactics may have weakened its bargaining position on the canal issue. *(Page 3)*

Yemen (Sana) has passed a report of an imminent Adeni attack and has appealed to the US for military aid. *(Page 4)*

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SOUTH VIETNAM

A second operational SA-2 missile site has been identified in the Khe Sanh area of Quang Tri Province.

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The new SA-2 sites are part of the continuing Communist air defense buildup around the military complex at Khe Sanh.

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USSR

Premier Kosygin's visit to Sweden, which begins today, is the first in a series of trips to the West by Soviet leaders this spring. President Podgorny is due in Finland tomorrow, and Brezhnev will journey to West Germany, probably in May.

Kosygin's five-day stay in Sweden will crown increased Soviet-Swedish exchanges over the past two years, but it is likely to be long on atmospherics and short on substance.

Podgorny's will be a state visit marking the 25th anniversary of the Soviet-Finnish Treaty. Finland's draft agreement with CEMA, initialed in Moscow last month, may be formally signed.

Brezhnev's visit to Bonn--the first by a top Soviet leader--will be much more significant. It will put the finishing touches on Moscow's reconciliation with West Germany, and give a major boost to Soviet detente tactics toward Western Europe. Brezhnev may sign an accord on long-term economic cooperation, as well as lesser agreements on cultural and scientific exchange.

This flurry of activity adds momentum to Moscow's effort to improve its position in the West at a time when Soviet policies in Asia and elsewhere remain complicated by China's hostility.

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PANAMA

Foreign Minister Tack and UN Ambassador Boyd evidently are pleased with the support they received at last month's UN Security Council meeting. They are said to believe that the US veto helped Panama's cause.

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General Torrijos, however, seems less certain how well Panama fared in the Security Council. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] Torrijos believes that by forcing a US veto Panama weakened its bargaining position. 25X1

Until he completes his current consultations with local leaders and gets a fresh reading on Washington's attitude, Torrijos is unlikely to take any action that might further strain relations with the US. In the meantime he has ordered student leaders to cancel plans to picket the US Embassy.

Tack plans to attend the OAS General Assembly session that begins in Washington on Wednesday, when he might again raise the canal issue. He has expressed approval of Peru's wishes for a complete restructuring of the OAS system.

Tack apparently hopes to continue the cooperation with Peru that began for the Security Council meeting.

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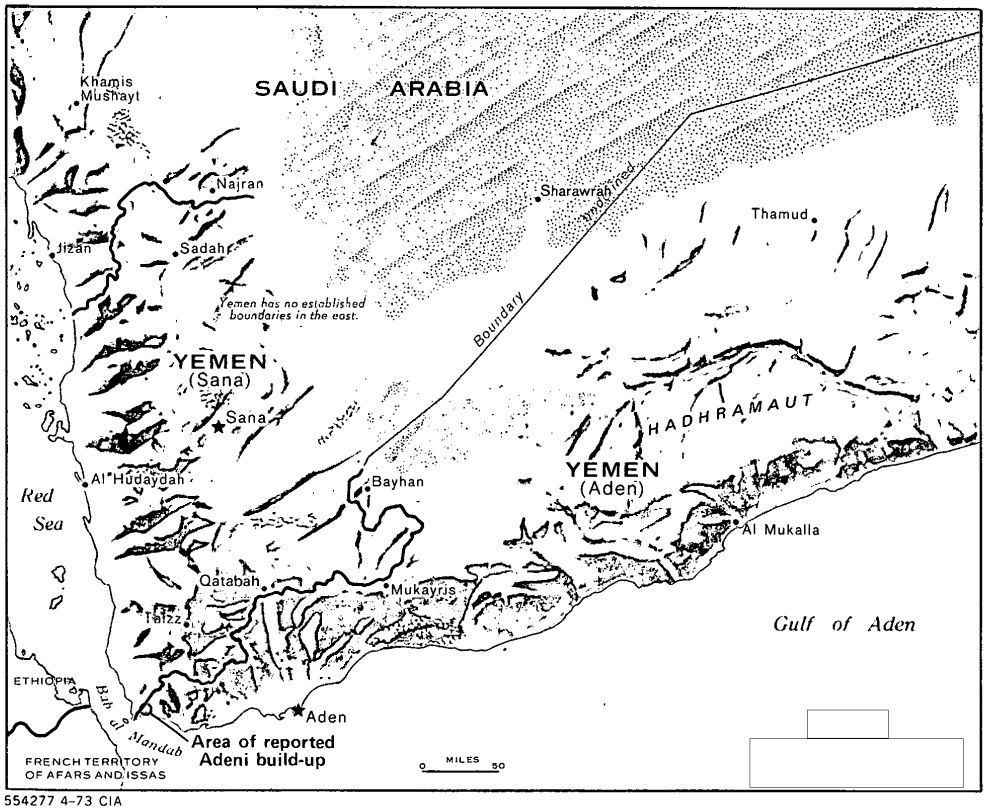

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THE YEMENS

Yemen (Sana) says it expects Aden to attack next week. Sana has given the US Embassy a detailed briefing on Adeni plans, which were allegedly provided by an agent in Aden. The attack reportedly will begin on April 10 in the area of the Bab al Mandab straits and, if successful, will be followed by an assault on a provincial capital, Taizz. Sana also says it fears Aden will attack islands in the Red Sea and has appealed for urgent deliveries of US military equipment.

We have nothing to confirm these allegations, [redacted] 25X1 25X1 25X1 *We suspect that Sana has overstated its fears in order to make the US receptive to its request for aid. In fact, such a broad offensive would probably be beyond Aden's present capability.*

Aden could mount smaller attacks, however, and some of its recent propaganda suggests it may have this in mind.

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Phnom Penh's reserves of gas and diesel fuel are almost exhausted. *(Page 2)*

The latest Pathet Lao proposals have lessened Vientiane's hopes for the early formation of a new government. *(Page 3)*

Chinese road construction crews in northwestern Laos evidently have reached the Burmese border. *(Page 4)*

Venezuela and Chile reportedly intend to propose softening the policy of sanctions against Cuba in the course of the OAS General Assembly that starts tomorrow. *(Page 5)*

Juan Peron intends to concentrate on strengthening Argentina's ties with Western Europe. *(Page 6)*

Malaysia

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President Lon Nol's controversial brother, Brigadier General Lon Non, has told [redacted] associates that he has resigned from the government and that the resignation was accepted [redacted] The general claimed that he had acted as a public gesture of reconciliation to help unify the country.

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The resignation, if confirmed, would help reduce the government's inefficiency by lessening Lon Non's ability to interfere with day-to-day operations from his post in the Interior Ministry. He will remain a major source of contention, however, by virtue of his continuing high influence with his brother.

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CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh's reserves of some petroleum products are almost exhausted, according to the US Embassy. Unless stringent rationing measures are enforced and the Mekong River corridor is reopened to supply convoys, the city could be out of gas and diesel fuel by the week's end.

The most recent regular supply convoy reached Phnom Penh from South Vietnam on March 20.

The Khmer insurgents now control about 20 miles of the river north of the government base at Neak Luong. Major elements of three--and possibly four--insurgent regiments, or up to 4,000 men, are known to be in the area. During the past ten days the government has assigned two infantry brigades and several battalions of paratroops from Phnom Penh's general reserves--some 5,000 men in all--to clear the area.

The government troops have shown little taste for combat, however, and have made no progress so far. Army Chief of Staff Fernandez is reluctant to reinforce them from his dwindling reserve because this might lead to territorial losses elsewhere.

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LAOS

After studying the proposals submitted by the Pathet Lao last week, Vientiane is now less optimistic about prospects for the early formation of a new government. Government negotiator Pheng Phongsavan claims that differences on the composition of a coalition cabinet could be easily resolved. The Communists insist, however, that new political arrangements must await agreement on military matters.

The two sides remain far apart on three important military issues:

--The Pathet Lao reportedly refuse to grant supervisory power to the Lao Joint Commission and the International Control Commission.

--They are pressing for a formal demarcation of zones of control, which Lao Prime Minister Souvanna has said would lead to de facto partition.

--The Pathet Lao want to demilitarize Vientiane and Luang Prabang, a move unacceptable to the Lao Army and civilian rightists.

This is the first time the Communists have specifically addressed themselves to these issues, which were left vague in the peace agreement. Their initial tough stance suggests that negotiations will be protracted.

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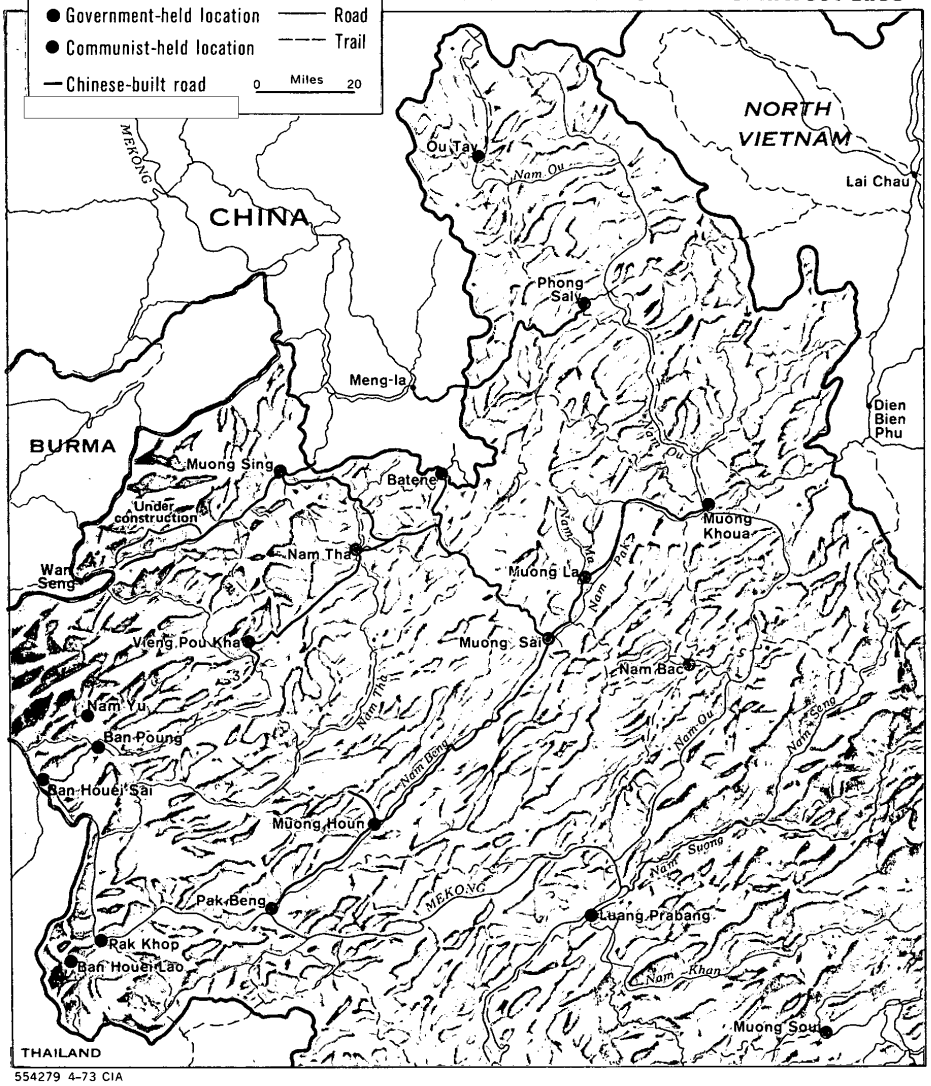
Chinese Road Network in Northwest Laos



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CHINA-LAOS

[redacted] Chinese road construction crews in extreme northwestern Laos have reached the Mekong River, which forms the Lao-Burmese border. An old logging road has been cleared and repaired and is motorable to within eight miles of the river. 25X1

The Chinese are also working on Route 3, which goes southwest from the Pathet Lao administrative center at Nam Tha toward Ban Houei Sai, a government-held Mekong town on the Thai border. Construction on Route 3 has not advanced since mid-March and terminates 23 miles from a serviceable spur that would link it to Ban Houei Sai.

Still another road leading toward the Thai border ends at Pak Beng.

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LATIN AMERICA

During the OAS General Assembly that begins in Washington tomorrow, Venezuela and Chile reportedly intend to propose changes in the policy of sanctions against Cuba. 25X1

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Any such Venezuelan move will carry considerable impact. For in 1964 and 1967 Caracas took the lead in developing the sanctions, charging that Cuba was sponsoring subversion in its territory. Since the two-thirds majority needed to rescind the sanctions probably is unattainable now, the revisionists are counting on using a broadly worded resolution to gain a simple majority that might carry moral impact.

In addition, both Panama and Peru are expected to propose reorganization schemes that will reduce US influence in the OAS. They will probably urge that separate economic and political bodies be created, and that OAS headquarters be moved to a Latin American city. They also want to reduce the predominant power of the US in the Inter-American Development Bank.

None of these specific organizational proposals can get majority support at this time. The Assembly will provide a forum, however, for articulating grievances against the US.

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ARGENTINA

Juan Peron, who apparently will guide the foreign policy of the newly elected government, is already concentrating on establishing closer relations with Western Europe.

Both Peron and President-elect Campora received red carpet treatment in Italy, where they met last week to discuss strategy for the Peronist government that is to be inaugurated on May 25. The two men met separately with President Leone and Prime Minister Andreotti, and Campora later met with Spanish leaders in Madrid, where Peron has lived in exile.

On returning to Argentina, Campora told the press that Peron had decided not to attend the inauguration but instead would serve as Argentina's "super-ambassador to Europe." According to Campora, the 77-year-old former dictator will contact European commercial and financial leaders and arrange for Campora to meet with Pompidou and Brandt.

If Peron restricts himself to foreign affairs and works primarily from his base in Spain, the chance of open opposition by the military will be reduced.

Meanwhile, the armed forces are trying to steal a march on the Peronists by establishing diplomatic relations with Cuba before Campora's inauguration, but Castro probably prefers to wait and deal with Campora.

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Malaysia-Philippines-Indonesia: [redacted] 25X1

USSR-US: Premier Kosygin [redacted] 25X1 discussed several aspects of Soviet economic relations with the US. Kosygin said that inflation, the instability of the dollar, and the one-sided nature of current US-Soviet trade are vexing the Soviets. It was clear that the Soviets would like massive long-term credits on easy payment terms; Kosygin suggested, for example, the USSR might borrow from the large dollar pool in Western Europe to buy more US equipment. He said this equipment could then be used to produce Soviet goods for sale both in Europe and the US. Kosygin also appeared to be calling for longer payment terms for grain purchases.

Peru: President Velasco has officially resumed his responsibilities and will preside over a cabinet session today at Lima's central military hospital. 25X1 The regime has invited the press to attend [redacted] 25X1

Ethiopia: [redacted] 25X1

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Pakistan-Bangladesh: The division of debt responsibility between Pakistan and Bangladesh remains unresolved following the aid consortium's separate meetings with the two parties during the past ten days. Bangladesh still refuses to accept any portion of Pakistan's external debt, while Islamabad continues to insist that after June 30 Dacca should assume the debts of former East Pakistan. The consortium has informed both sides that it will make no new pledges of aid, except for humanitarian assistance, until the dispute is resolved.

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The Vietnamese Communists are streamlining their rear services logistic system in south Laos and adjacent areas. *(Page 3)*

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A ranking official in the Soviet Foreign Ministry says that recently there has been neither an improvement in Sino-Soviet relations nor any serious border incident. *(Page 5)*

The dollar yesterday reached its highest level since the joint float was introduced in Europe. *(Page 6)*

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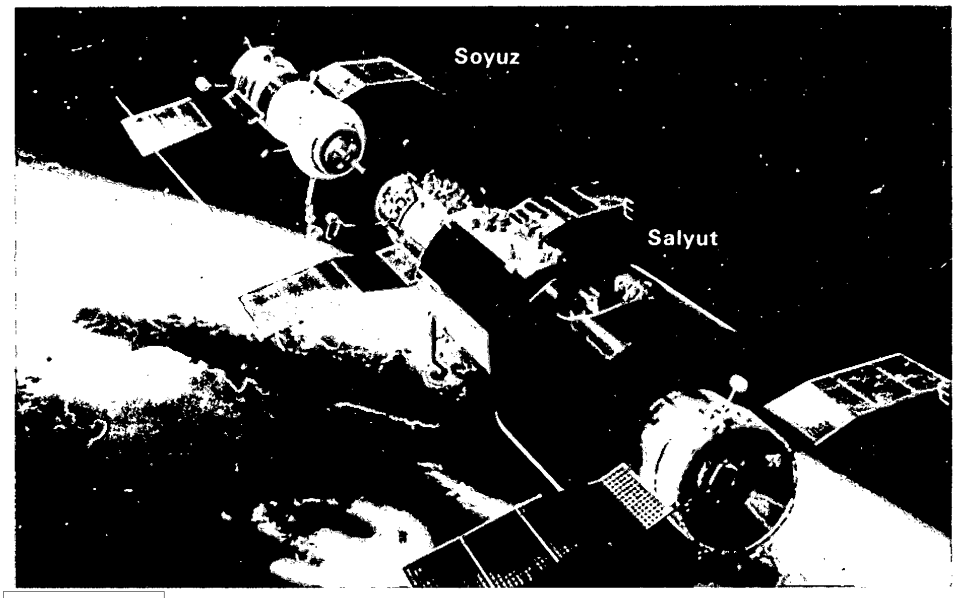
Soviets Launch Another Space Station

Soviet Sketch of Soyuz Spacecraft Preparing to Dock With First Salyut Space Station



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USSR

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[redacted] *Salyut-1, orbited in April 1971, weighed approximately 46,000 pounds and was about 43 feet long--substantially smaller than the US Skylab scheduled to be launched next month.* 25X1

A team of cosmonauts most likely will be launched to the space station for an extended mission of two to four weeks. If their mission is successful, a second team probably will be sent for a longer flight aboard the Salyut-2. The ill-fated crew of Soyuz-11 spent 23 days aboard the first Salyut in June 1971 before perishing during the deorbit of the spacecraft.

The timing of the launch of the cosmonauts is uncertain [redacted] 25X1 25X1

[redacted] *About two weeks of such preparatory activity would be expected prior to launch. A number of the Soviet support ships are still a week away from their monitoring positions in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and they normally would arrive at these positions a few days before launch.* 25X1

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EC-MBFR

The EC political committee, in discussing MBFR for the first time, underscored Western European reservations about force reduction. The committee seems to have concluded that it should continue to talk about those aspects of MBFR that bear on future West European integration while NATO should deal with MBFR military matters.

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VIETNAM

The Communists are streamlining their rear services logistic system in south Laos and adjacent areas. The regiment-level units (called Binh Trams) that have been the key elements in the network appear to be the focus of the reorganization. Until recently each Binh Tram was responsible for all aspects of the logistic and infiltration effort in one relatively small territorial part of the system. They are now being converted into units with narrower functions and broader geographic areas of responsibility. For example, one Binh Tram has become an antiaircraft regiment, and another is now an engineer regiment.

Hanoi apparently believes it is no longer necessary to maintain the tight-knit control structure that developed during the years of bombing. Such a structure made easier the constant adjustments that were necessary to keep up the flow of men and materiel, but it was also expensive and inefficient because innumerable transshipments were required as goods moved south. The Communists probably believe that without the hazards of air raids, they can cut down on the number of men in the system.

The reorganization gives no hint of the level of resupply that Hanoi is aiming at, but it does indicate that the Communists intend to maintain a substantial logistic capability.

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USSR-CHINA

Michail Kapitsa, one of the leading Sinologists in the USSR and a ranking official of the Foreign Ministry, says that recently there has been neither an improvement in Sino-Soviet relations nor any serious border incident. Kapitsa acknowledged to a US Embassy official that the border talks in Peking are still stalemated by the same issues that have hampered progress since discussions began in 1969. He claimed Moscow had tried to allay Chinese concerns about negotiating under duress. The Soviet Union had not only proposed agreements on non-aggression and non-use of nuclear force, but had also suggested that the 1950 mutual defense treaty be "reconfirmed." According to Kapitsa, the Chinese rejected or turned aside all these proposals.

This is no surprise. The Soviet offers were almost certainly phrased to make them unacceptable to the Chinese.

Kapitsa predicted that trade negotiations now under way in Moscow would lead to an agreement of at least the same magnitude as last year's--some $250 million.

Kapitsa's remarks, which generally jibe with other information on the current state of Sino-Soviet relations, are chiefly intended to dissuade the US from trying to capitalize on Sino-Soviet differences.

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USSR-China-UN: Soviet UN delegates have begun circulating their draft proposal on non-use of force to non-aligned members of the Security Council. The USSR plans to seek inscription of the item on this month's agenda. The Chinese will fight inscription and will vigorously oppose the resolution if it reaches the Security Council. On the basis of past voting records, chances are good that the proposal will be inscribed. The Soviets apparently hope the Chinese will eventually be forced to veto the proposal.

International Monetary Developments: The dollar yesterday reached its highest level since the joint float was introduced in Europe. Some of the dollar's strength came from the demands of speculators divesting hard currencies acquired during the crisis, but there was also evidence of a growing commercial demand. The mark is still the weakest currency in the joint float. The Bundesbank yesterday sold as much as $20 million worth of French, Norwegian, and Danish currencies, to support the mark. Italy's lira, which has been floating independently, is showing increasing weakness, and is now pegged slightly below its Smithsonian level.

Libya-Egypt: [redacted] 25X1 25X1

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UN: Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has assured US officials that he will refuse the request of the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) of South Vietnam for observer status at the UN in New York. Waldheim has not acknowledged the PRG's recently appointed UN representative. Waldheim apparently still hopes to establish some contact which might give the UN a role in Vietnam reconstruction, and he may be considering granting the Viet Cong a liaison office in Geneva. The PRG has notified Waldheim it will soon appoint a Geneva representative.

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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Khmer insurgents may now be ready to apply direct military pressure against Phnom Penh. *(Page 1)*

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The Egyptian Government is contriving tensions with civil defense exercises and blood donor drives. *(Page 4)*

Terrorists are trying to prevent an orderly transfer of power in Argentina. *(Page 5)*

Ethiopian and Somali troops are squared off at each other, and there could be accidental clashes along the border. *(Page 6)*

Soviet tankers are now carrying Venezuelan oil to Europe. *(Page 7)*

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CAMBODIA

The Khmer insurgents have closed sections of the Mekong River and all main roads leading into Phnom Penh. A number of recently intercepted messages indicate the insurgents are planning to attack near the capital within the next week. Other messages suggest they are planning for hit-and-run attacks within the city itself.

With air support the numerically superior government forces in Phnom Penh should be able to withstand sizable attacks close to the capital. Sapper raids within the city would be more difficult to defend against and would have a more serious impact on the shaky political and military situation.

The situation is compounded by the army's decreasing effectiveness, due in part to the failure to resolve long-standing problems of poor leadership and organization. Other factors include a general war-weariness that has been heightened by dashed hopes that the Vietnam cease-fire would be extended to Cambodia, and the army's loss of respect for the increasingly ineffective Lon Nol.

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EGYPT

The government is making new gestures to lend credence to Sadat's recent warlike statements. Civil defense exercises and a blood donation drive have been widely publicized and accompanied by more tough language in the local media. Sadat has also increased punishments for civil disobedience to help tighten up on the home front.

Sadat's credibility remains low and most Egyptians apparently are skeptical that the government is engaged in anything beyond creating the usual contrived tensions. Despite this general skepticism, there has been some speculation in Cairo that the regime is planning a military move against Israel soon.

Sadat certainly is aware of the dangers involved in a move against the Israelis, a realization that is probably shared by most Egyptian military leaders. There are still no signs of military movements that would have to precede a resumption of hostilities on a large scale. We would not necessarily have any early warning of more limited military operations, however.

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ARGENTINA

The assassination yesterday of a ranking army intelligence officer is a major escalation in the wave of terrorist actions that have developed since the election last month. Military leaders are seriously disturbed about these incidents, which have included a series of bombings and the kidnaping of a retired admiral and a US businessman. Nevertheless, the high command has announced that it will not be deterred from transferring power to the Peronists.

The terrorism appears to be the work of a Trotskyist-oriented group calling itself the People's Revolutionary Army. The group seeks revolution, rather than an orderly transfer of power from one "bourgeois" institution to another.

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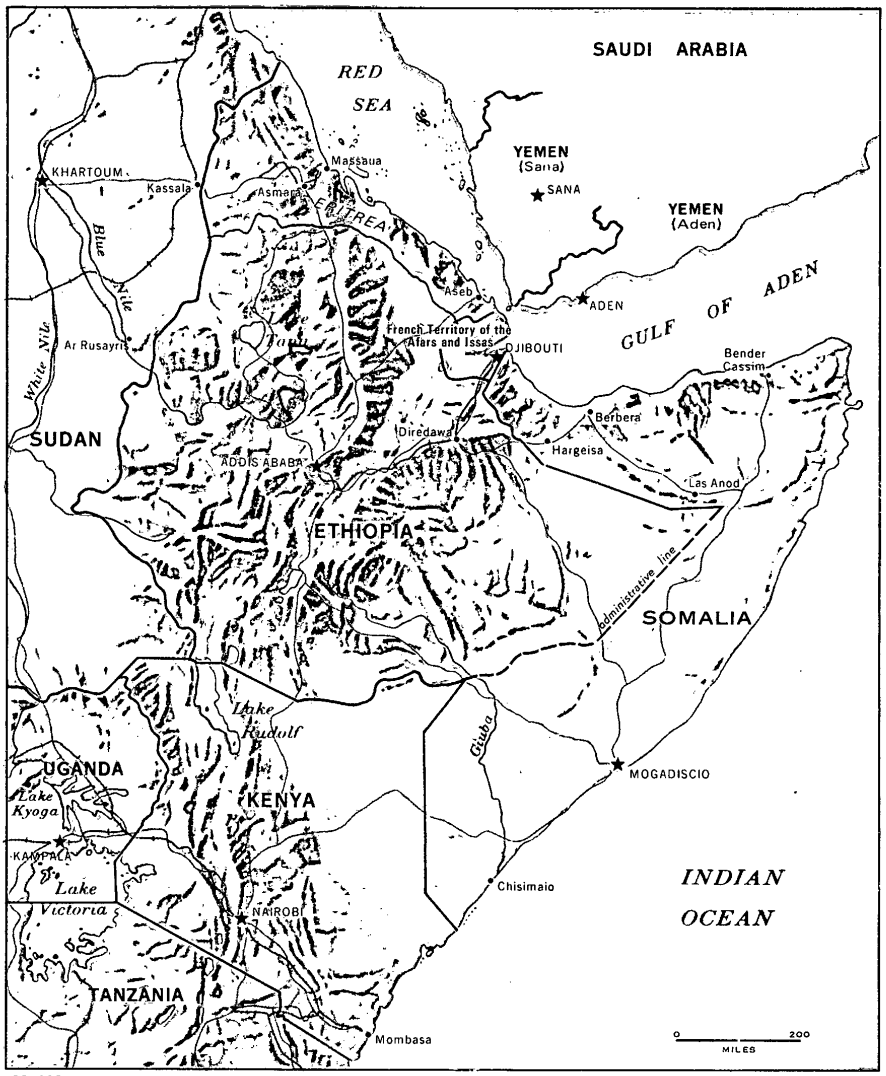

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ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA

Reinforced Ethiopian and Somali troops are squared off against each other across the frontier. Both sides claim that their military moves are defensive and neither appears anxious for a fight, but accidental clashes could occur at any time.

Ethiopia is militarily superior, but it fears the Somalis because they have Soviet support and have been receiving sizable quantities of Soviet weapons. The Ethiopians also are worried that a border war might complicate the process of succession to their aged emperor. 25X1

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Moreover, prolonged clashes along the border might lead dissidents in Somali-inhabited parts of Ethiopia or in Eritrea to increase their guerrilla wars against the government.

The Somalis claim large parts of Ethiopia, and presumably their military moves have been in support of their demands. Ethiopia has refused to negotiate such claims and has been coldly turned down by the Somalis when it offered to improve relations in other fields. The Ethiopians are likely to use the current tension to press the US for additional military aid.

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Venezuela: The state petroleum company is leasing Soviet tankers supplying oil to Cuba to carry petroleum from Venezuela to Western Europe, an arrangement Moscow has been trying unsuccessfully to make since 1968. This will allow Soviet tankers, which up to now returned empty from Cuba, to earn foreign exchange by hauling Western petroleum.

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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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The North Vietnamese are continuing their construction on the Khe Sanh airfield in northern South Vietnam and may be ready to fly transports into the field. *(Page 2)*

India apparently is attempting to persuade Bangladesh that the two countries must move to break the stalemate that is blocking a normalization of relations on the subcontinent. *(Page 3)*

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Many West Germans are increasingly skeptical that Brandt's Ostpolitik has done much to bridge the gap with East Germany. *(Page 5)*

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VIETNAM

The North Vietnamese are continuing their construction on the Khe Sanh airfield in northern South Vietnam. [redacted] 25X1
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In addition, the North Vietnamese are reconstructing an abandoned parallel runway, and approximately 4,200 feet of this runway is ready for use.

The North Vietnamese apparently intend to use the airstrips for transports. The limited length of the runways and the rugged terrain make the fields unsuitable for jet fighters. [redacted] 25X1

No North Vietnamese aircraft have been detected flying into Khe Sanh, but a recent intercept discloses plans to fly aircraft there on April 6 and 7 to pick up personnel and transport them to Hanoi.

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INDIA

P. N. Haksar, a special envoy from Prime Minister Gandhi, visited Dacca this week. His mission was to try to persuade the Bengalis to drop their insistence that Pakistan recognize Bangladesh prior to any prisoner exchanges or discussion of war crimes trials.

India apparently is attempting to persuade Bangladesh that the two countries must take the initiative to break the deadlock that is preventing a normalization of relations on the subcontinent. New Delhi believes such a normalization would remove a major obstacle to the improvement of its relations with Peking and Washington.

The Indians believe that unless Dacca adopts a more flexible position on the return of the 90,000 Pakistani POWs held in India, President Bhutto will find it extremely difficult to make any moves toward the release of most of several hundred thousand Pakistani-held Bengalis or formal recognition of Bangladesh.

The Indians are also concerned over charges that they are holding the Pakistani POWs illegally, and they are anxious to demonstrate that they are not responsible for the diplomatic stalemate. But they are still reluctant to jeopardize their good relations with Dacca by pushing the Bengalis too hard.

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FRANCE

The new cabinet announced last evening reflects Pompidou's increased personal strength after last month's parliamentary election. Over half of the 22 cabinet positions went to Gaullists; major posts are held by men close to the President. The Independent Republicans, the Gaullists' major partner, gained only one cabinet post--hardly commensurate with the strength they showed at the polls.

Giscard d'Estaing, the Independent Republicans' leader, retained the Ministry of Economics and Finance. Pompidou reportedly made the post conditional on his resignation as president of his party. Loss of this post may damage Giscard's chances in the presidential race in 1976.

The major new faces are Michel Jobert as Foreign Minister and Robert Galley as Defense Minister. As former head of the presidential staff, Jobert is one of Pompidou's closest working associates. He is a foreign affairs specialist but is untested in the political arena. Galley is also primarily a technician who has been close to the President.

Conspicuous by his absence is Jean Lecanuet, head of the centrist faction that cooperated with the government in the second round of the elections. Lecanuet declined a cabinet post, possibly waiting to see if Pompidou acts on the promised reforms, or to see if Premier Messmer is replaced soon.

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NOTES

West Germany: The West German press is widely critical of a government report on the state of relations with East Germany, charging that it glosses over the lack of progress in many fields. The press treatment reflects the growing skepticism of many West Germans that Brandt's Ostpolitik has done much to bridge the gap with East Germany. Although ratification of the inter-German treaty next month remains assured, public disenchantment with Ostpolitik could pose a problem for Brandt with party conservatives as well as his Free Democratic coalition partners. The failure of the opposition Christian Democrats to pull themselves together since their decisive defeat last November, however, diminishes the immediate threat to Brandt.

International Wheat: The International Wheat Council, an association of major wheat producing and importing countries, has estimated that world wheat production in 1972/73 will be five percent below the previous year's record of 319 million tons. The Council predicts that stocks of wheat held by the major exporters as of August 1 this year will be the smallest in 20 years. Major exporters have indicated that they will not permit stocks to fall any lower. Thus, import demand in the year ending June 30, 1974 will have to be met from 1973/74 production.

China-US: Continental Oil Company has been asked to participate in the Canton Trade Fair that starts on April 15. This is the first known invitation to a US oil firm to take part in the fair. The Chinese have also contacted other US firms in an apparent desire to acquire US technology.

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France has provided Libya with air-to-air missiles. *(Page 1)*

Cambodian forces have made limited progress in clearing Route 1 above Neak Luong, and additional troops have been sent to help clear the Mekong supply route. *(Page 2)*

The Laotian Government has provided the detailed Communist proposals on the military aspects of the Lao peace agreement. *(Page 3)*

South Vietnam's regional military commander is still pressing for approval of an operation to break the siege of Tonle Cham. *(Page 4)*

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In Australia, the election of a leftist senator as chairman of a key parliamentary committee will complicate Canberra's relations with the US. *(Page 5)*

The Turkish parliament finally succeeded in electing a new president, retired admiral Fahri Koruturk. *(Page 6)*

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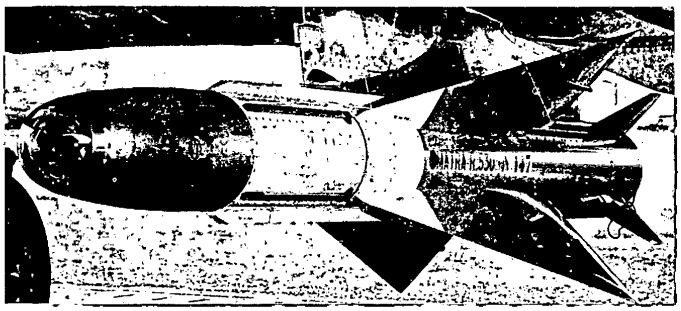
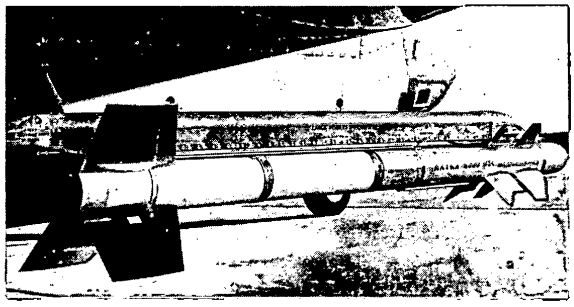
Matra Air-to-Air Missiles



Matra R530

Length	10.8 ft	about 8 ft
Weight	430 lbs	175 lbs
Maximum speed	Mach 3.0	unknown
Range	about 10 nm	6.5 nm
Guidance	infrared and semiactive radar homing	infrared

Matra R550



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LIBYA

According to the French military counselor in Tripoli, France has provided Libya with Matra R530 air-to-air missiles. The counselor added that Libya probably would receive the more advanced Matra R550 missile soon.

On April 3, a trained aviation official observed that two Mirages on alert at Uqba bin Nafi Airbase near Tripoli were armed with Matra R530s. According to the source, Libyan ground crews are being trained to handle the Matra R530.

Until now, Libyan Mirages were believed to have been armed only with 30-mm. cannons. The Mach-3 Matra R530, which has a range of about 10 nm, will significantly improve the capabilities of the Libyan Air Force and acquisition of the Matra R550, France's newest air-to-air missile, will improve them more. The R550 is scheduled to replace the US-built Sidewinder on French interceptors during 1973.

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CAMBODIA

Government forces have made limited progress in clearing Route 1 between Phnom Penh and Neak Luong, regaining control over a three-mile section of the highway just west of that town. Three more government battalions have been added to the effort to regain control of the east bank of the Mekong River above Neak Luong.

An 18-vessel convoy is scheduled to move up the river from South Vietnam today. If it does not meet heavy resistance, it should arrive in Phnom Penh Sunday. Eight of the vessels are carrying petroleum supplies.

There are now indications that the Communists may be preparing for some dramatic actions in or near Phnom Penh. Intercepts show that reconnaissance elements of the North Vietnamese 367th Sapper Group are now located about ten miles east of the capital.

The 367th has been involved in major sapper attacks in the Phnom Penh area in the past, most recently on October 7, 1972.

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LAOS

The Laotian Government has given the US Embassy the detailed Communist proposals on the military aspects of the Lao peace agreement. The Communists demand that formation of a new government be held in abeyance until agreement is reached on the military questions. The proposals call for:

--a formal demarcation line that would give the Communists control of some areas presently occupied by the government.

--a prohibition on the integration of irregular forces into the Lao Army and the dismantling of all irregular bases, including enclaves such as Bouam Long.

--the closure of refugee settlements and the return of the refugees within 30 days to their places of origin.

--the establishment of only six permanent locations for teams of the Joint Military Commission, none of which is near either the infiltration corridor to South Vietnam or the North Vietnamese border.

--no expanded role for the International Control Commission.

--the withdrawal of all "foreign" troops in three phases to be completed within 60 days of the formation of a new government.

These are clearly maximum positions. Despite the many details covered, the proposals fail to address several contentious points. They contain no procedures, for example, for the accounting of US personnel missing in Laos or for the replacement of war materiel.

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SOUTH VIETNAM

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South Vietnam's commander for the region around Saigon, General Minh, is still pressing for approval of an extensive military operation to break the Communist siege of Tonle Cham. This calls for extensive air strikes and an assault by an artillery-supported infantry division.

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AUSTRALIA

The election of a leftist Labor senator, John Wheeldon, as chairman of the parliamentary committee on foreign affairs and defense will complicate US-Australian relations. Wheeldon is a sharp critic of US Indochina policy and US installations in Australia. His committee can be expected to become a focus of opposition to the construction of a US-sponsored OMEGA navigational aid station in Australia. Prime Minister Whitlam and Defense Minister Barnard both favor the project, but they may now have trouble getting it past Wheeldon's committee and other left-wing roadblocks in parliament.

Although the Prime Minister can still count on the support of a majority of Labor parliamentarians on most important questions, Wheeldon's victory points up the difficulties Whitlam has in enforcing discipline on the party's left wing.

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Turkey: Fahri Koruturk was elected president yesterday, ending a 25-day deadlock. The 70-year-old senator and retired admiral was elected as a compromise candidate on the 15th ballot. Koruturk was commander of the navy when the military took power in May 1960, although he was not a member of the coup group. Koruturk retired from the navy shortly after the coup, served for four years as Turkey's ambassador in Moscow, and was appointed to the Senate by former president Sunay in 1968.

India-Bangladesh-Pakistan: P. N. Haksar, Prime Minister Gandhi's special envoy to Bangladesh, apparently failed to persuade Dacca to drop its demand that Pakistan recognize Bangladesh before the release of any of the 90,000 Pakistani POWs held in India. Following talks with Haksar, Bangladesh Foreign Minister Hossain said yesterday that Dacca still plans to bring some of the prisoners to trial for war crimes.

Terrorism: The North Atlantic Council meeting this week confirmed that while member states think measures should be taken against terrorism, they are unwilling to do anything collectively. The foreign ministers of the European Community, who talked about terrorism last month, were similarly leery of taking meaningful collective action lest they anger the Arab states and draw the fire of the fedayeen.

EC-USSR: The EC Commission has approved the sale to the Soviet Union of 200,000 metric tons of butter from community stockpiles. The community paid $2,244 per ton for the butter and the sale price of $400 per ton represents a loss of nearly $370 million. The EC's growing butter stocks, now over 400,000 tons, seemed likely to exceed storage capacity by the end of the year, and the Commission argued that it was cheaper to sell butter at give-away prices than to stockpile it. This will further arouse the critics of the common agricultural policy but may help the Commission reduce the butter-support level in the coming year.

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Phnom Penh remains isolated, with roads to it cut and river traffic under fire. *(Page 1)*

The Chinese ICBM, the SCT-1, failed its third flight test. *(Page 2)*

Another ICCS helicopter has been downed. *(Page 3)*

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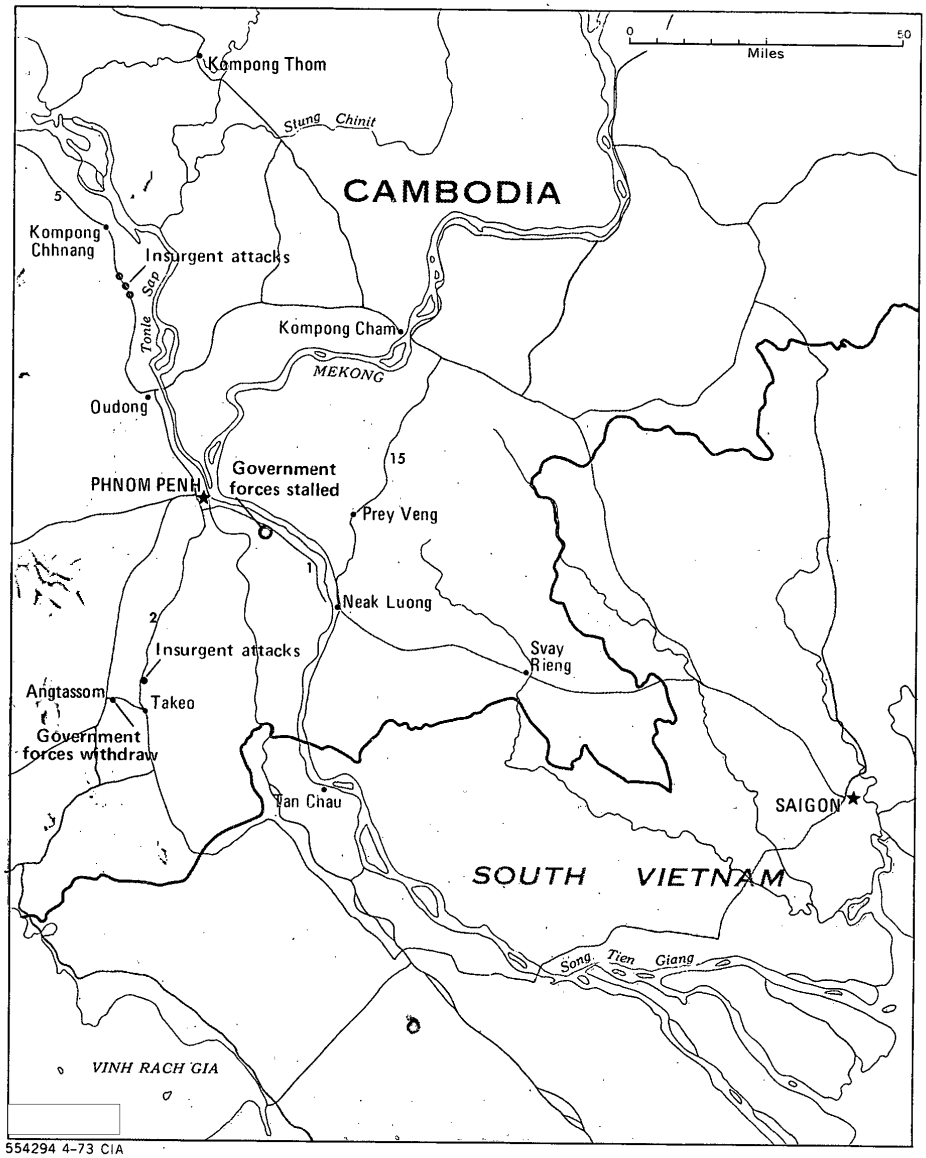

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CAMBODIA

The Khmer insurgents are continuing their harassment of government positions along major highways and near the Mekong River. In the most significant ground action over the weekend, insurgent attacks forced government troops to abandon their positions at Angtassom, about 40 miles south of Phnom Penh, and pull back toward Takeo. Other insurgent attacks were reported against government units along Route 2 north of Takeo, along Route 15 north of Neak Luong, and along Route 5 south of Kompong Chhnang. In addition, the insurgents have stalled the government clearing operation on Route 1, southeast of Phnom Penh.

Yesterday, the insurgents shelled five ships of a Mekong resupply convoy, inflicting minor damage on three of them. All five vessels made it to Phnom Penh; two were carrying badly needed petroleum products. The rest of the convoy stayed in South Vietnamese waters. Some of the remaining vessels attempted the run again this morning. According to unconfirmed press reports, one, a tanker, was hit and burned, causing the crew to abandon ship.

If these vessels do not reach Phnom Penh today, the capital's stocks of some essential POL products will be exhausted.

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CHINA

The third flight test on April 7 of the SCT-1, China's large two-stage ICBM, apparently failed less than a minute after lift-off.

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NOTE

Vietnam: A Joint Military Commission helicopter was shot down by small arms fire over the Mekong Delta today while escorting another helicopter carrying ICCS observers. Both craft were clearly painted with identification markings. None of the South Vietnamese passengers or crew of the crashed helicopter were hurt. No Viet Cong were aboard. Meanwhile, survivors of Saturday's downing of two ICCS helicopters in the north have been recovered, along with the bodies of their colleagues, who were killed in the fall from 3,000 feet after their craft was hit by a missile. The dead include a US crew, a Canadian, an Indonesian, two Hungarians, and two Viet Cong.

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There are indications that the long deadlock in Czechoslovak - West German negotiations on establishing diplomatic relations may soon be broken. *(Page 6)*

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CAMBODIA

The Communists are using Sihanouk's alleged trip to the "liberated zone" in Cambodia to reinforce his claim to be Cambodia's "legitimate" chief of state. There is also evidence that Hanoi is seeking to convince anti-Sihanouk elements among the Khmer Communists to take a more tolerant attitude toward their "commander in chief." The North Vietnamese-controlled radio of the "National United Front of Cambodia," for example, reported that the three ostensible leaders of the insurgency all paid their respects to Sihanouk on his arrival and escorted him on his travels.

This is the clearest indication thus far that the North Vietnamese are willing to support Sihanouk's restoration to a position of power in Cambodia.

Sihanouk, talking with a French journalist in Hanoi, quoted Chinese Premier Chou En-lai as having said no new military equipment would be turned over to the Khmer Communists because the Paris Agreement bans such deliveries. According to Sihanouk, Chou said that it would be up to the insurgents to "multiply" the military "capital" already received from China.

The Communists can sustain the fighting without additional aid from Peking--provided Hanoi continues its logistical support.

The ebullient prince repeated his opposition to negotiations or compromise with the Lon Nol government, but played down the possibility of a direct Communist assault on Phnom Penh. Sihanouk claimed flamboyantly that, in view of US air support, it would be better to wait and let the "gangrene" within the capital run its course.

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According to the US Defense Attaché, the Mekong is now sufficiently under control between Phnom Penh and the South Vietnamese border to enable the safe passage of the remainder of the river convoy. The remaining eight vessels, still in South Vietnam, will depart for Phnom Penh later today.

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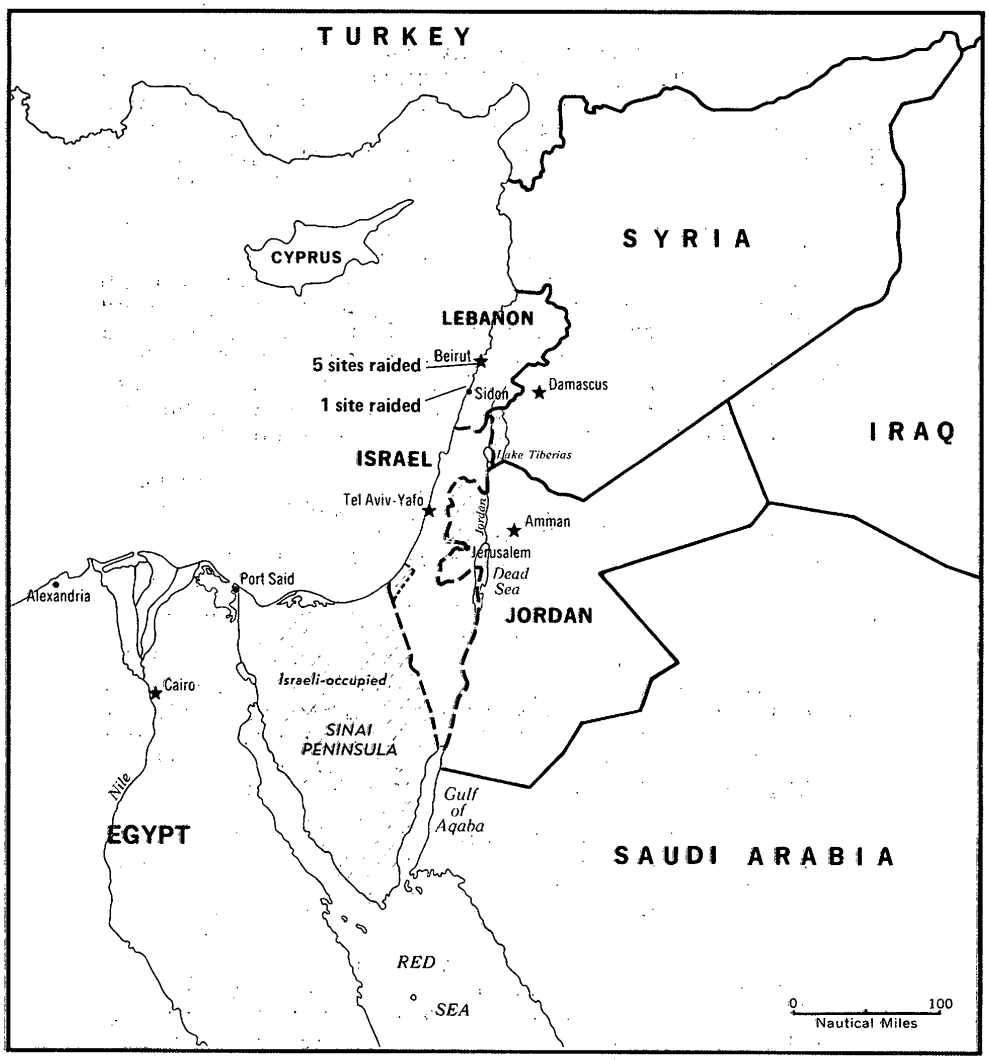
Israelis Raid Guerrilla Sites in Lebanon



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ISRAEL-FEDAYEEN

Israeli forces attacked six guerrilla sites in Lebanon last night, apparently killing three fedayeen leaders. The raids followed swiftly Arab terrorist actions in Nicosia earlier yesterday.

An Israeli military intelligence spokesman said that about a company of paratroops were transported by sea to five locations near Beirut and one near Sidon in southern Lebanon. The Beirut targets included the residences of leading Fatah figures; press sources [redacted] 25X1 indicate that Black September Organization leader Muhammad Yusuf Najjar, Fatah General Command member Kamal Adwan, and Palestine Liberation Organization spokesman Kamal Nasir were killed. Other Beirut sites attacked included two Fatah weapons manufacturing facilities, Fatah's headquarters for its Gaza Strip operations, and the headquarters of Nayif Hawatmah's Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The target near Sidon was a vacant Fatah vehicle repair facility.

The Israeli spokesman claimed that some resistance was encountered, despite the surprise. Four Israelis were wounded, but all forces were returned by sea to Israel. The spokesman emphasized the attacks were part of Israel's policy of hitting those responsible for international terrorism.

The Arab terrorist actions in Nicosia apparently were the work of the Black September Organization. Fedayeen terrorists had generally refrained 25X1 from direct action in Cyprus to avoid the risk of having the island denied to them as a transit stop and contact point for operations elsewhere. [redacted] 25X1

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA - WEST GERMANY

Talks on establishing diplomatic relations between Czechoslovakia and West Germany resume in Bonn on Thursday. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] Prague is willing to drop its demand that West Germany recognize the invalidity of the 1938 Munich Agreement ab initio--the issue that has deadlocked the negotiations for almost a year. 25X1

Prague's intransigence was out of step with the USSR's pursuit of detente, and the Czechs apparently are responding to Soviet pressure to work out a compromise. Since late last year, support for ab initio has been largely missing from Soviet and East European statements. Success in the talks would also open the way for Bulgaria and Hungary to establish relations with West Germany.

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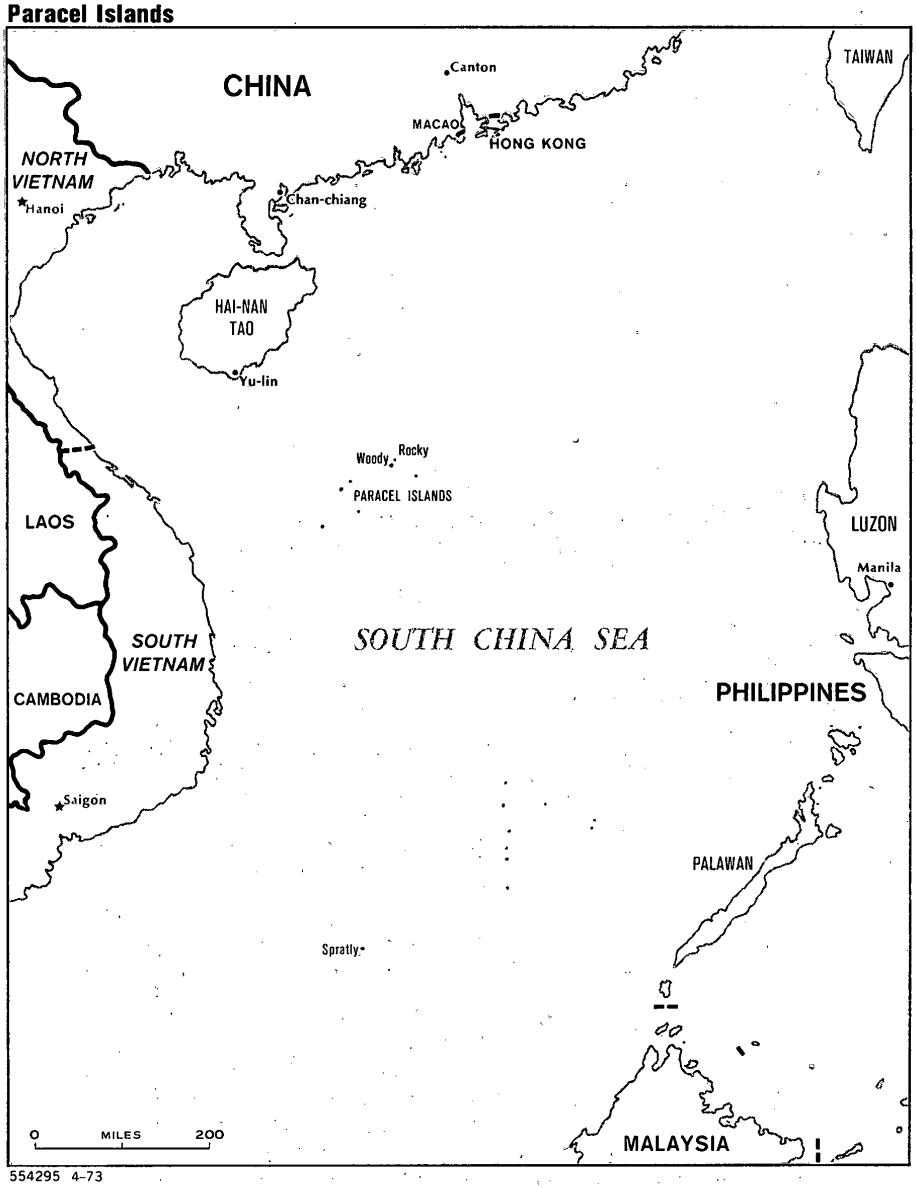

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CHINA

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The Chinese have been expanding their facilities on Woody and nearby Rocky Islands during the past two years. a long quay at Woody and storage facilities on both islands apparently large enough to hold some three million gallons of petroleum. Military forces and AAA have also been identified.

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The Chinese Communists have occupied the islands since the mid-1950s, but South Vietnam, as well as Taiwan, also claims them.

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ARGENTINA

The Peronists are still trying to halt the terrorism that is threatening to obstruct the peaceful transfer of power. President-elect Campora has called on terrorists to observe a truce that will give him a chance to prove he is "on the right path." He also speaks of amnesty for political prisoners, apparently in hope of attracting the support of radical leftist youth.

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While Campora was asking for support over nationwide radio, another foreign businessman was kidnaped. There is still no ransom demand for the retired Argentine admiral who was kidnaped last week.

Having argued that terrorism would subside if they won the election, the Peronists now find themselves in a difficult position. Although military leaders still pledge to turn over power to Campora on May 25, they are likely to seize on the new violence to press for a continued major role in maintaining domestic order.

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NOTES

Laos: North Vietnamese troops have driven government defenders from three positions near Tha Viang southeast of the Plaine des Jarres. Three other positions nearby held despite receiving heavy fire. The North Vietnamese have elements of two infantry regiments in the area and, according to intercepts, are preparing to use artillery in additional attacks.

Portuguese Guinea: Evidence is mounting that the insurgents are now using surface-to-air missiles. Since March 28, the Portuguese have announced that at least two of their military aircraft have been downed by rocket fire. If true, the most likely weapon is the Soviet SA-7, a hand-carried missile that is effective against the type of aircraft the Portuguese use against the rebels. The inability of the rebels to counter Portuguese airpower has been an important factor in the stagnation of the insurgency since late 1968.

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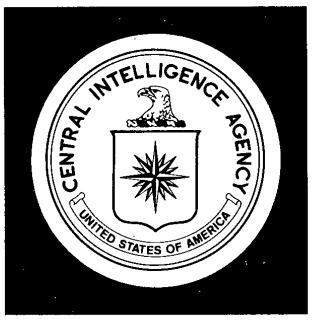

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nese Prime Minister Salam submitted his resignation, possibly hoping to win a vote of confidence. *(Page 3)*

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For the past three weeks the USSR has not been collecting the education tax from emigrants bound for Israel. *(Page 6)*

Laotian negotiators apparently have agreed on the makeup of a coalition cabinet. *(Page 7)*

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FEDAYEEN-LEBANON

Senior Fatah officials reacted to yesterday morning's Israeli strike at the guerrillas' Beirut sanctuary with a blend of confusion, anger, and efforts to root out local Arab accomplices of the Israelis. 25X1

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As part of an immediate effort to enlist the support of Lebanese Communists and other leftists, the fedayeen command charged that the US collaborated with the Israelis in staging the strike and that the US Embassy is harboring members of the assault team. Lebanese authorities turned back a large group of demonstrators who attempted to reach the embassy yesterday.

Prime Minister Salam submitted his cabinet's resignation, but President Franjiyah deferred his response at least until today.

> *Salam may seek a parliamentary vote of confidence to strengthen his hand against charges of ineffectuality. Since last September three major Israeli assaults against fedayeen bases have encountered little resistance from the Lebanese Army.*

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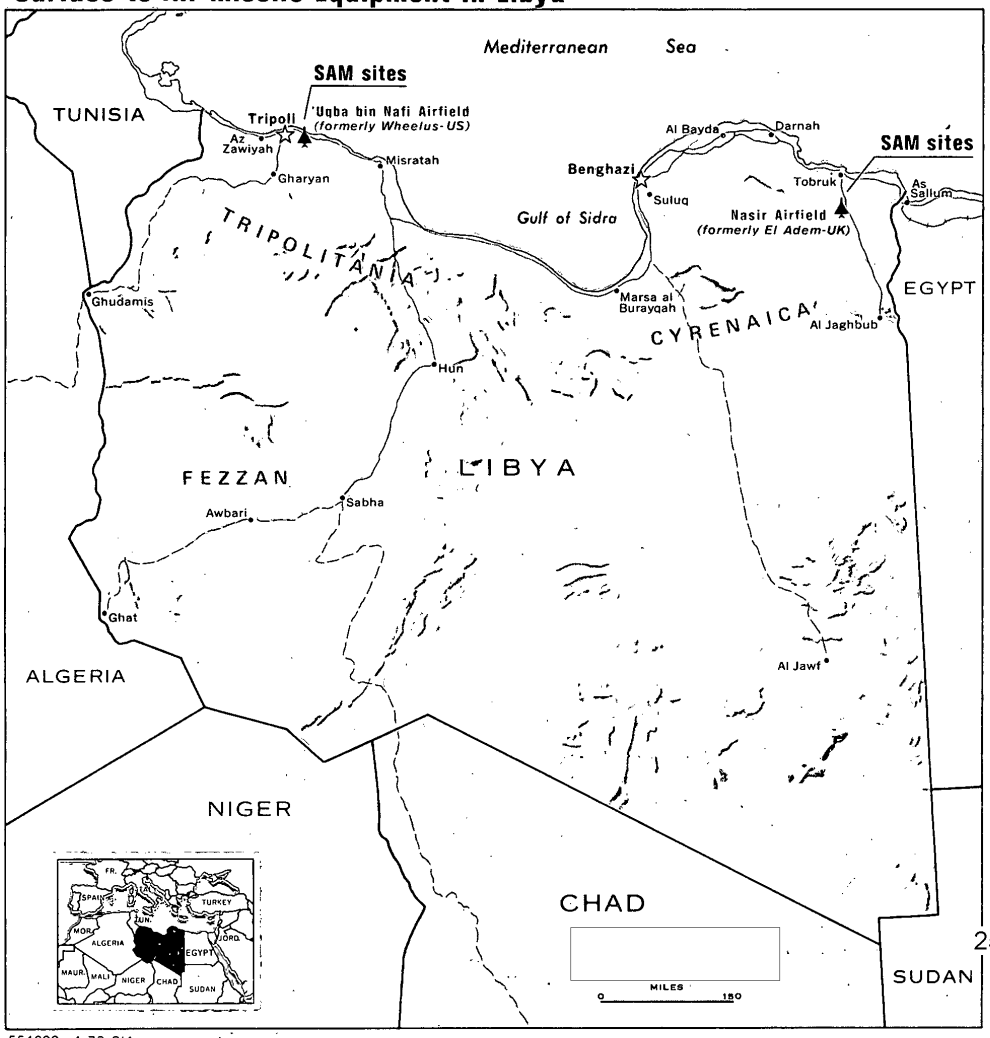
Surface-to-Air Missile Equipment in Libya



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USSR

Jewish activists in the USSR report that during the past three weeks, the education tax has not been collected from emigrants bound for Israel. During this same period, the tax has also been waived for several persons going to the US, suggesting an across-the-board suspension of the levy.

The Soviets remain highly selective in granting exit permission, however, and the over-all rate of emigration is nearly the same as last year. Most of those who recently received permission to leave had already been cleared to go to Israel, but were unable to pay the education levy.

Despite Soviet sensitivity to US pressures on the emigration issue, Moscow is still a long way from opening its doors to all who wish to leave.

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NOTE

Laos: Communist and government negotiators appear to have reached agreement this week on the makeup of a new coalition cabinet. Vientiane apparently will retain the ministries of interior, defense, and finance, with the portfolios for public works, foreign affairs, and information going to the Communists. Posts of lesser importance will be divided evenly between the two sides. The Communists are maintaining a hard line on military matters, however, and this could block the actual formation of a new government for some time.

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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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The EC Commission's recommendations on the Community's position toward the coming multilateral trade negotiations stress reciprocity among developed countries and expansion of world agricultural trade. *(Page 2)* 25X1

Libyan President Qadhafi's fears [redacted] an Israeli attack [redacted] *(Page 3)* 25X1 25X1 25X1

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North Vietnamese units yesterday launched a heavy attack against government positions near Tha Viang southeast of the Plaine des Jarres. *(Page 5)*

Intercepted North Vietnamese communications since the shootdown of the ICCS aircraft on April 7 show that the Communists are trying to prevent another incident. *(Page 6)*

Palestinian guerrilla organizations are trying to develop a major anti-American campaign in Beirut. *(Page 6)*

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WORLD RICE SITUATION

The outlook for rice-importing countries is bleak, at least until after the fall harvest. There is very little rice available for purchase anywhere and prices for the small amounts available have more than doubled in the past nine months.

The US harvest, for example, would normally be in August, but because of bad weather it will be delayed and may not meet goals for a ten-percent increase in production. The major Asian crops will not be planted until the monsoon begins, probably in June, and will not be harvested until November.

World rice exports this year almost certainly will total less than 7 million tons, compared with the record 8 million tons exported last year. US exports will probably be comparable to last year's 2 million tons, but exports from Thailand, Japan, and Burma probably will be lower, accounting for most of the expected difference between 1972 and this year.

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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

The EC Commission's recommendations on the Community's position toward the coming multilateral trade negotiations stress reciprocity among developed countries and expansion of world agricultural trade.

The Commission considers a total elimination of tariffs unrealistic and suggests instead a leveling of tariffs and reciprocity of tariff reduction within individual categories of industrial goods. The Commission holds that non-tariff barriers to trade--such as quotas, licensing systems, and technical standards--are so diverse that they should be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Although agricultural price policies will not be addressed directly in the talks, the Commission recognizes that they will be affected by negotiations on structural reform and export subsidies. It recommends international agreements on certain products, some of which would give preference to developing countries.

In further recognition of the demands of developing countries, the Commission advocates improving the EC's scheme of generalized preferences and excepting a small number of products from tariff reductions. It notes, however, that concessions in the EC's scheme will depend on the adoption of a similar program by the US.

The Commission seems deliberately ambiguous on safeguards against imports. While calling for nondiscrimination on the one hand, it seems to recognize on the other the selective application of safeguard measures. Should such measures be employed, the Commission advocates international supervision.

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Qadhafi's fears of an Israeli attack probably have been heightened by the Israeli raid into Lebanon earlier this week and by Tel Aviv's subsequent warning that it will strike at the terrorists anywhere.

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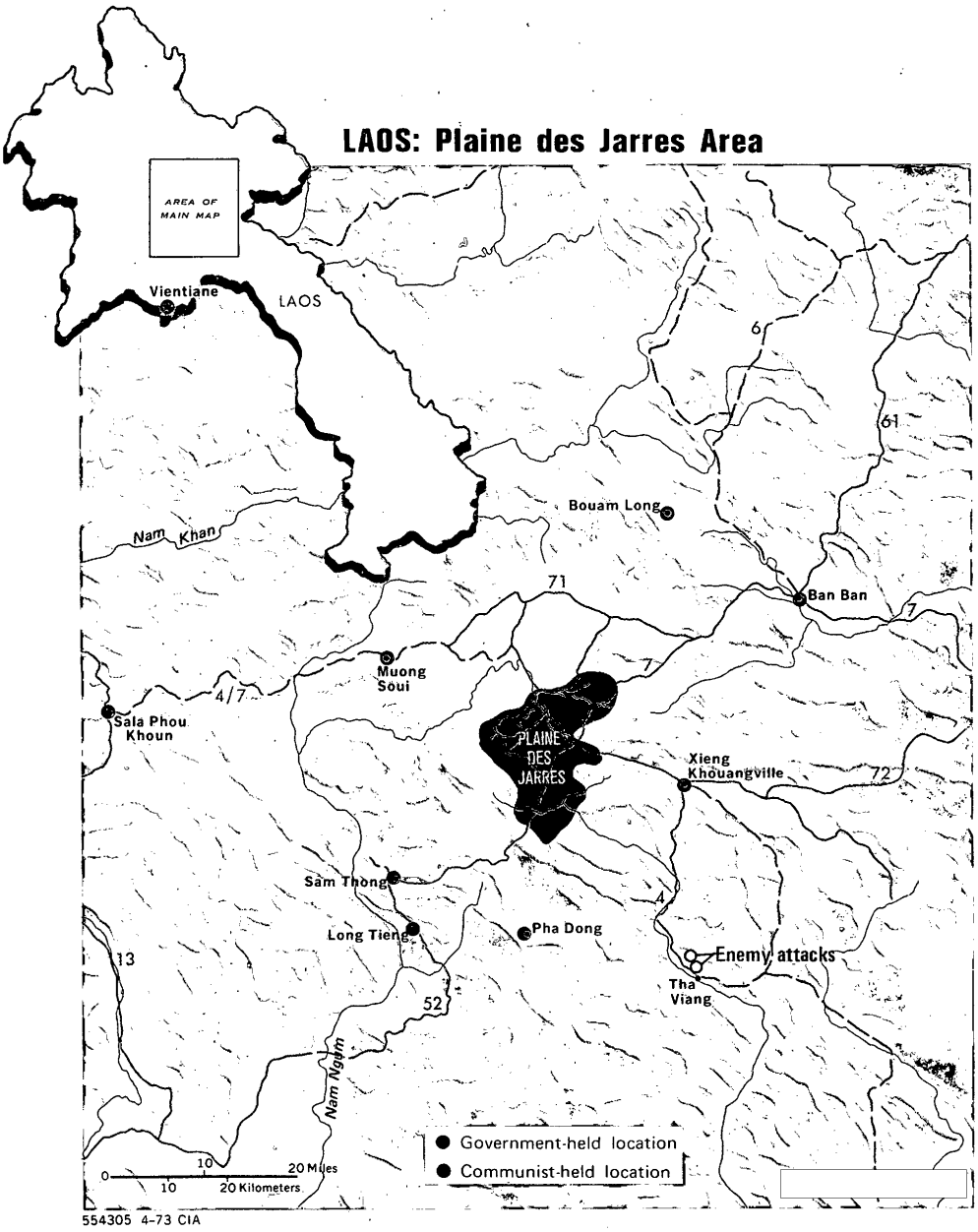

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LAOS

North Vietnamese units yesterday launched a heavy attack against government positions near Tha Viang, a village on Route 4 southeast of the Plaine des Jarres. Government troops, supported by Lao T-28s, so far have held most positions and have suffered few casualties.

At least five North Vietnamese infantry battalions along with artillery and sapper units are now near Tha Viang. Intercepted enemy radio messages indicate that these units will attempt to drive the government from the area.

The Communists have pointed to the government presence at Tha Viang as an encroachment on their territory. Several government battalions moved into this area late last month after Communist attacks forced them from positions farther north. These units have since been reinforced and some 2,000 government troops are now in the vicinity of Tha Viang.

Vientiane has not commented on this outbreak of fighting.

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Vietnam: Intercepted North Vietnamese communications since the shootdown of the ICCS aircraft on April 7 show that the Communists are trying to prevent another incident. Messages from various Communist authorities have ordered air defense units to withhold fire against helicopters when identification is not possible, to fire only if fired on, and to distinguish carefully between ICCS and other aircraft.

Fedayeen-Lebanon: Palestinian guerrilla organizations are trying to develop a major anti-American campaign in Beirut. For the second day police dispersed demonstrators yesterday that were attempting to reach the US Embassy. In their effort to provoke incidents, guerrilla agitators will try to exploit the funeral for the three slain fedayeen leaders today.

Peru: The reported arrest on Tuesday of General Rafael Hoyos Rubio and his replacement as commander of the armored division is a forceful show of strength by moderate elements who are maneuvering to ensure that Prime Minister Mercado will succeed the ailing President Velasco. Loss of effective control over this key Lima-based division seriously erodes Velasco's ability to hang on to the presidency indefinitely and limits his influence on the choice of his successor.

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North Vietnam *(Page 1)*

A high-ranking victim of the Cultural Revolution has been partially reinstated in China. *(Page 2)*

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Beirut is tense but quiet after yesterday's funerals of fedayeen leaders killed in the Israeli raids. *(Page 8)*

President Nixon's trade bill has received favorable comment abroad. *(Page 9)*

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INDOCHINA

Hanoi apparently is bringing home two more infantry divisions from South Vietnam. The 304th Division has not been in radio contact with the Communists' major military authority in northern South Vietnam since early April, suggesting that a move is under way. Similarly, the 312th Division has been out of contact since late March, when its headquarters was located in southern North Vietnam.

The 308th Division left Quang Tri Province earlier this year. All three divisions saw heavy combat and may be undergoing rest and refitting. There are still three North Vietnamese divisions in Quang Tri.

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CHINA

Teng Hsiao-ping, the second highest ranking party official purged during the Cultural Revolution, reappeared at a banquet given by Premier Chou En-lai on April 12. The official Chinese news agency listed him with two vice-premiers in the government and according to the Japanese news agency he was introduced at the banquet as a deputy premier.

Teng had been a vice-premier and has probably been reinstated in his government post. Peking appears to be skirting the more controversial issue of whether to return Teng to an important party position. Teng formerly was secretary-general of the party and sixth among the party's top leaders until his fall in December 1966. Another former vice-premier who reappeared last December with his government title has not been seen since.

Teng's status has apparently been under discussion for several years

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With the leadership unable to agree on a number of major appointments, the return of former high-ranking officials may be an attempt by moderates such as Chou En-lai to push them as candidates. Although Chou has differed with some of these veteran officials in the past, they are clearly more acceptable to him than the more radical newcomers who came to prominence during the Cultural Revolution.

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USSR-CHINA

Official speakers at public lectures on foreign affairs in Leningrad have been unusually specific during recent months with respect to China's growing nuclear arsenal. In January, one such lecturer said that China had acquired a second strike capability by building missile silos into rock far from the border. He implied that the possibility of removing the Chinese missile threat by a "surgical strike" no longer exists. Early last month another speaker announced that the Chinese can deliver up to 100 nuclear warheads deep in the Soviet Union. Last week, another predicted that by 1975 China will have 40 to 50 missiles and implied that at least some would have a range of 3,100 to 3,700 miles, covering nearly all the USSR.

The tone of these lectures is matter-of-fact and leaves no impression that hostilities are imminent, or even likely. The audience, nevertheless, will get the message that caution is now necessary in the USSR's relations with China.

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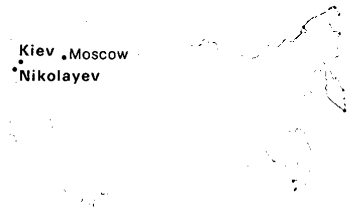
Soviet Over-the-Horizon Detection Radars



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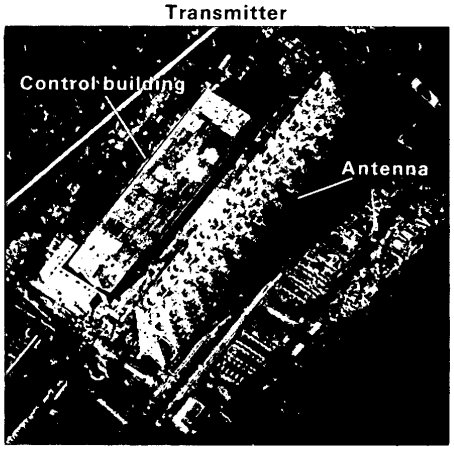

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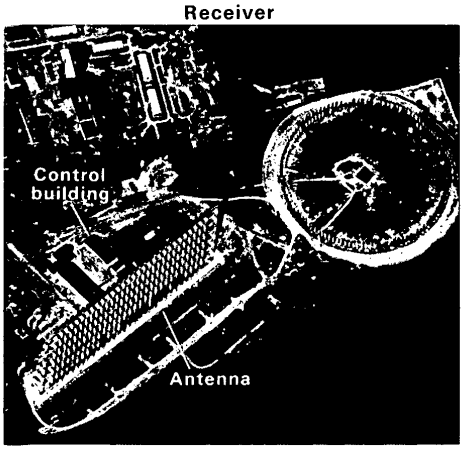

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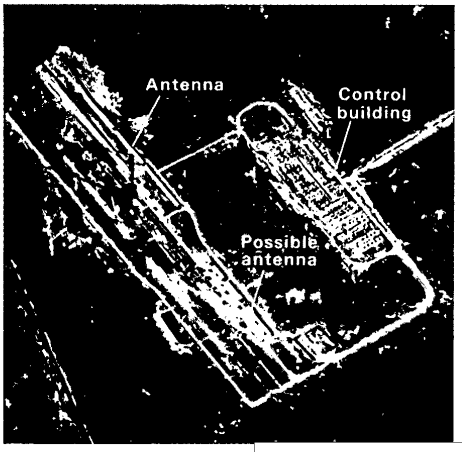

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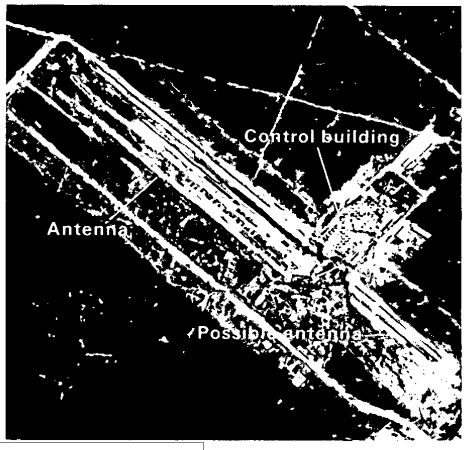

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that it can be tentatively identified as an over-the-horizon radar.

This is the USSR's second such radar, and should take three more years to complete. It covers the Norwegian Sea and the central US. It probably is intended to track aircraft and provide early warning of US SLBM or ICBM launches. Early warning of US ICBM launches would be difficult, however, because of signal interference prevalent in the northern regions.

Over-the-horizon systems, while not as reliable as conventional line-of-sight radars, can transmit signals over far greater distances along the curvature of the earth by using the ionosphere as a reflective surface. Although the capabilities of the Soviet system are not yet known, US radars of this type can detect ballistic missile firings at ranges in excess of 2,000 miles and can track aircraft at lesser distances.

The Soviets have been experimenting with such radars for several years and are in the last stages of construction of their first one near Nikolayev. The Nikolayev system is aimed toward China and probably will be used to detect Chinese missile launches. The West has been using over-the-horizon systems for intelligence and early warning purposes for more than a decade.

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LIBYA-ITALY

Rome has requested Washington's permission to export 150 M-113 armored personnel carriers to Libya.

This is the second Libyan order of 150 APCs, which are manufactured in Italy under US license. Permission to export the first group was granted last year, and most of them have already been delivered. That agreement also included self-propelled artillery, a large number of trucks, and other equipment.

The USSR and Czechoslovakia, Libya's primary sources of ground force equipment up to now, have supplied Libya with almost 300 medium tanks, 300 APCs, and about 200 artillery pieces since 1970. President Qadhafi's anti-Communist bent, however, has led him to seek other sources. No negotiations with either Moscow or Prague for additional equipment have been noted and deliveries under previous agreements are almost complete.

Tripoli's relations with Rome, on the other hand, appear to be warming. Rome recently received US approval to begin deliveries to Libya of 27 Boeing and Augusta Bell helicopters. An Italian firm has contracted to enlarge and improve an airfield in Libya.

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LEBANON

Tumultuous crowds in Beirut yesterday accompanied the funeral corteges of fedayeen leaders slain by Israeli raiders. Ugly mobs roamed the city, chanting slogans against the US, Israel, and their own government. Security forces, however, kept demonstrators away from the US Embassy. By nightfall, Beirut was quiet but tense.

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President Franjiyah has not yet accepted the resignation proferred by Prime Minister Salam. He is still consulting with political leaders about the formation of a new government.

Under pressure from the populace and other Arab states, Lebanon reversed itself and lodged a complaint with the UN Security Council late yesterday afternoon. The discussion in the council continues today. The Lebanese claim they seek a resolution condemning "all parties to terrorism," but such wording might not have much support from other Arabs. The US Mission at the UN suspects that the Egyptians and the Soviets want to maneuver the US into vetoing whatever resolution is finally adopted.

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World Trade: President Nixon's trade bill has received generally favorable comment abroad. Although some parts of the legislation were criticized because of a "strong protectionist coloring," the provisions for liberalizing trade were welcomed. Europeans are generally pleased that a start has been made toward a US negotiating mandate for multilateral bargaining scheduled to begin in September. Considerable uncertainty persists, however, about how the proposals may be changed by the Congress as well as how the administration may ultimately use its broad powers.

EC: The Council of Agricultural Ministers was unable to reach a decision on the EC Commission's farm price recommendations for the 1973/74 marketing year at a meeting early this week. The Commission has proposed that prices be raised by modest amounts that would vary from country to country. The proposal for a small price increase was made with a view toward moving away from high support prices to which the US has long objected. The proposal would also re-establish common prices and eliminate the compensatory taxes and subsidies prompted by currency shifts among EC countries during the past two years.

Laos: North Vietnamese units supported by at least two tanks continued heavy artillery attacks on government units near Tha Viang southeast of the Plaine des Jarres yesterday. Some government units have begun to pull back from forward positions. Heavy ground fire is hampering efforts to evacuate government casualties. Morale is poor among government troops and a general withdrawal from the Tha Viang area could come soon. Most government leaders are in the royal capital of Luang Prabang for the celebration of the Lao new year, and there has been no official comment on the situation at Tha Viang.

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USSR-US: Occidental Petroleum yesterday signed an $8-billion fertilizer exchange contract with the USSR--the largest Soviet-American trade deal to date. Under the terms of the 20-year contract, Occidental will provide superphosphate fertilizer to the USSR in return for Soviet urea and potash. Occidental will also build four ammonia-urea plants in the USSR taking products of the plants in payment. The larger supply of phosphate fertilizer will help increase crop yields in the USSR, improve grain quality, and accelerate the ripening of grain.

Italy: After repeated defeats of government-sponsored legislation, Prime Minister Andreotti has called for and won three votes of confidence. His margin was slim, but the government parties held together, apparently with Andreotti's visit to Washington next week in the back of their minds. Moreover, Italian political leaders would like to postpone any changes until June, so that they can better assess the political climate and the chances of forming a new government.

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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Rumblings within the Libyan Revolutionary Command Council and the military may be causing President Qadhafi serious difficulties. *(Page 1)*

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Arab states are continuing to press for Security Council condemnation of Israel's attack on the fedayeen in Lebanon and may seek Israel's expulsion from the UN. *(Page 3)*

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In Chile, leftist militants continue to create disturbances in Santiago and outlying areas, but President Allende's efforts to discredit them are influencing some of their allies to shift ground. *(Page 6)*

Arab terrorists have attacked an American-owned oil refinery in Lebanon. *(Page 7)*

Laotian Government troops are reported to have abandoned all positions near Tha Viang. *(Page 7)*

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LIBYA

[redacted] President Qadhafi is again trying to force some Revolutionary Command Council members to surrender their military commissions. The Libyan media reportedly received instructions early this month to avoid any references to the rank of five RCC members, including Prime Minister Jallud. Over the last several days, only Qadhafi, Chief of Staff Major Yunis, and Commander of the Popular Militia Major Humaydi have been accorded their military rank, while all other council members have been referred to simply as "Brother" or "RCC member." 25X1

Qadhafi has long hoped to phase out the RCC and replace it with a civilian governmental structure more like Egypt's, but his colleagues have adamantly resisted any changes that would separate them from their power base in the army. Qadhafi's efforts to force some council members to assume civilian status last July set off serious infighting, and Qadhafi was forced to back down.

This time, however, [redacted] *the collegium will be dissolved on September 1, when the formal union between Egypt and Libya is to be announced, and that RCC members will then be given the choice of either returning to the army or becoming civilians.* 25X1 25X1

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Although we have no firm evidence that Qadhafi is losing his grip on the reins of power, his leadership appears to be facing a critical test. Qadhafi's colleagues have reservations over the merger with Egypt, and may force a showdown with Qadhafi [redacted] 25X1 25X1 25X1

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UN

Arab states are continuing to press for Security Council condemnation of Israel's attack on the fedayeen in Lebanon. Despite Lebanese assurances that it will support a balanced resolution condemning all forms of violence, Beirut appears to be bowing to pressures for censure of the Israeli raids alone.

In view of the current composition of the Council, the Arabs probably can command the nine votes needed to pass such a resolution unless a major power exercises its veto. They most likely will exploit this situation to embarrass the US. That apparently is Israel's conclusion, and the Israeli representative has confided that he is relying on a US veto.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Zayyat's arrival in New York yesterday indicates Cairo's interest in exploiting the Lebanese situation for its own purposes. Zayyat probably will attempt to broaden the agenda to include a general examination of the Arab-Israeli standoff in hopes of generating pressure on Israel to offer more acceptable terms for a settlement. In support of this effort, Cairo may try to press for a strong anti-Israeli resolution with broad international support in order to isolate the US.

Before leaving Egypt, Zayyat also hinted that he would seek Israel's expulsion from the UN because of its so-called "crimes." The USSR's endorsement yesterday of Israeli expulsion may well prompt Zayyat to pursue that line when he addresses the Council on Monday. US officials know of no actual resolutions prepared for Monday's session, however, and a formal proposal for expulsion would have little chance of success.

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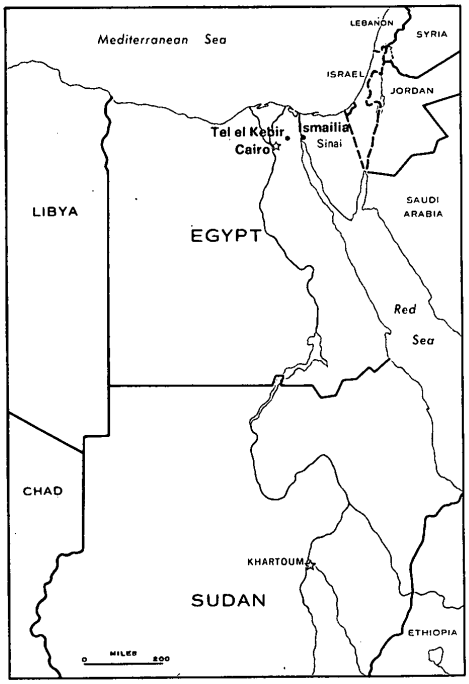

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CHILE

Leftist militants continue to create disturbances in Santiago and outlying areas, but President Allende's efforts to discredit them are influencing some of their allies to shift ground.

In the government coalition, several former supporters of Chile's most extreme leftist organization, the Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR), recently have criticized the disturbances.

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A spokesman for Allende charged on April 10 that the MIR is involved in a plot by the extreme right-wing Fatherland and Freedom to lure workers into uprisings.

Extremists of both left and right clearly are trying to promote civil disorder. Whether they are indeed in collusion is less certain, but Allende's charge that they are may be intended as a warning to the MIR and its allies that the President is ready at last to crack down on their efforts to create violence.

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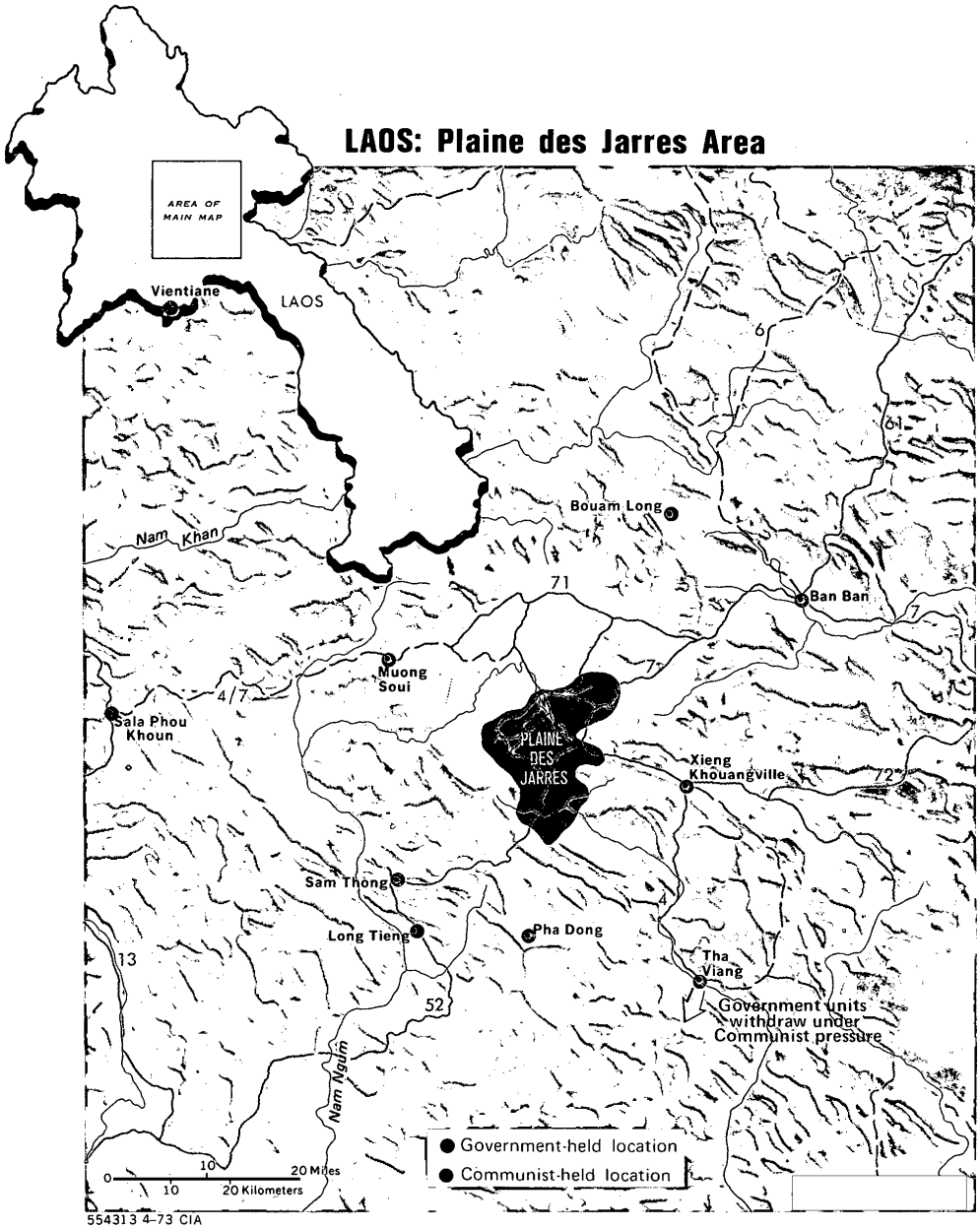

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Lebanon-Terrorists: Arab terrorists struck early this morning at an American-owned oil refinery near the coastal city of Sidon. According to press reports, they succeeded in damaging oil storage facilities in what was an apparently skillfully executed operation. The terrorists had made repeated threats of action against US interests since the Israeli raid Tuesday into Lebanon. They may have viewed Sidon as a particularly appropriate site for their action because a guerrilla base there was one of the targets hit by the Israelis.

Laos: Government troops--half of whom are Thai volunteers--abandoned all positions near Tha Viang late on April 12, according to a preliminary report. Heavy North Vietnamese artillery and ground attacks are reported to have caused heavy casualties. Prime Minister Souvanna Phouma may request US air strikes in retaliation. 25X1

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European Communities: France this week again sought to include soybeans--a major US agricultural export to the community--in the EC's protectionist farm support system. Most EC members, however, are reluctant to introduce another contentious issue into US-EC relations. Although the Commission rebuffed the French proposal, Paris could still press for inclusion of soybeans as part of a package deal on farm support prices.

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Czechoslovakia - West Germany: Czechoslovak and West German negotiators yesterday agreed to a compromise formula on the Munich Agreement of 1938. "Compromise" is probably diplomatic language intended to disguise the fact that Prague has abandoned its long-standing demand that Bonn recognize the invalidity of the agreement *ab initio*. The negotiators also announced that formal talks on a non-aggression treaty and related matters will begin in early May.

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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Israeli officials are threatening more raids against the fedayeen, while Palestinian leaders continue their plans to attack US officials and installations in the Middle East as a means of inducing the US to curb the Israelis. *(Page 1)*

The Soviet delegation in Vienna has formally presented its proposal to solve the Hungarian participation dispute. *(Page 2)*

In Cambodia, the military situation has improved along Routes 1 and 4, but the over-all picture remains grim. *(Page 3)*

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ISRAEL-FEDAYEEN

Israeli officials are threatening more raids against the fedayeen.

--Defense Minister Dayan says Lebanon is responsible for the activities of the fedayeen within its borders and warns of preemptive strikes if the Palestinians do not stop using Lebanon as a base.

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--Other military officials have broadened the threat to include any Arab state supporting the terrorists.

Palestinian leaders meanwhile intend to attack US installations, officials, and businesses in the Middle East. They aim to induce the US to put some curbs on the Israelis.

--In Beirut, they are biding their time, waiting for security to be relaxed

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Fedayeen propaganda continues to stress US-Israeli complicity in a "war against the Palestine resistance," and calls for destruction of US military bases and personnel. Except in Jordan, government-controlled Arab media have taken their cues from such broadcasts.

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The Soviet delegation on April 13 formally presented its proposal to solve the Hungarian participation dispute. The USSR suggests that Hungary, along with Italy and six other countries, be listed as "special participants," and offers a formula for enlarging the number of direct participants.

At the Allies' insistence, the Soviets have agreed that each side issue a formal statement setting forth its views on Hungary's status. The final form of these statements, however, has yet to be negotiated.

The US and Dutch representatives, who have been negotiating with the Soviets and Hungarians on behalf of the Allies, believe the Soviets have gone as far as they can at this time.

The Western side, however, has been negotiating on the basis of the agreed NATO position that Hungary's status should be left in abeyance, and not everyone is satisfied with the Soviet proposal. Although most Allies will probably find the proposal bearable when the North Atlantic Council meets on Wednesday, the British may not. They have not yet decided on their strategy in the Council, but they have made it clear that they are unhappy with the Soviet proposal. The British attitude could activate the lingering doubts of other Allies and further postpone a solution of the problem.

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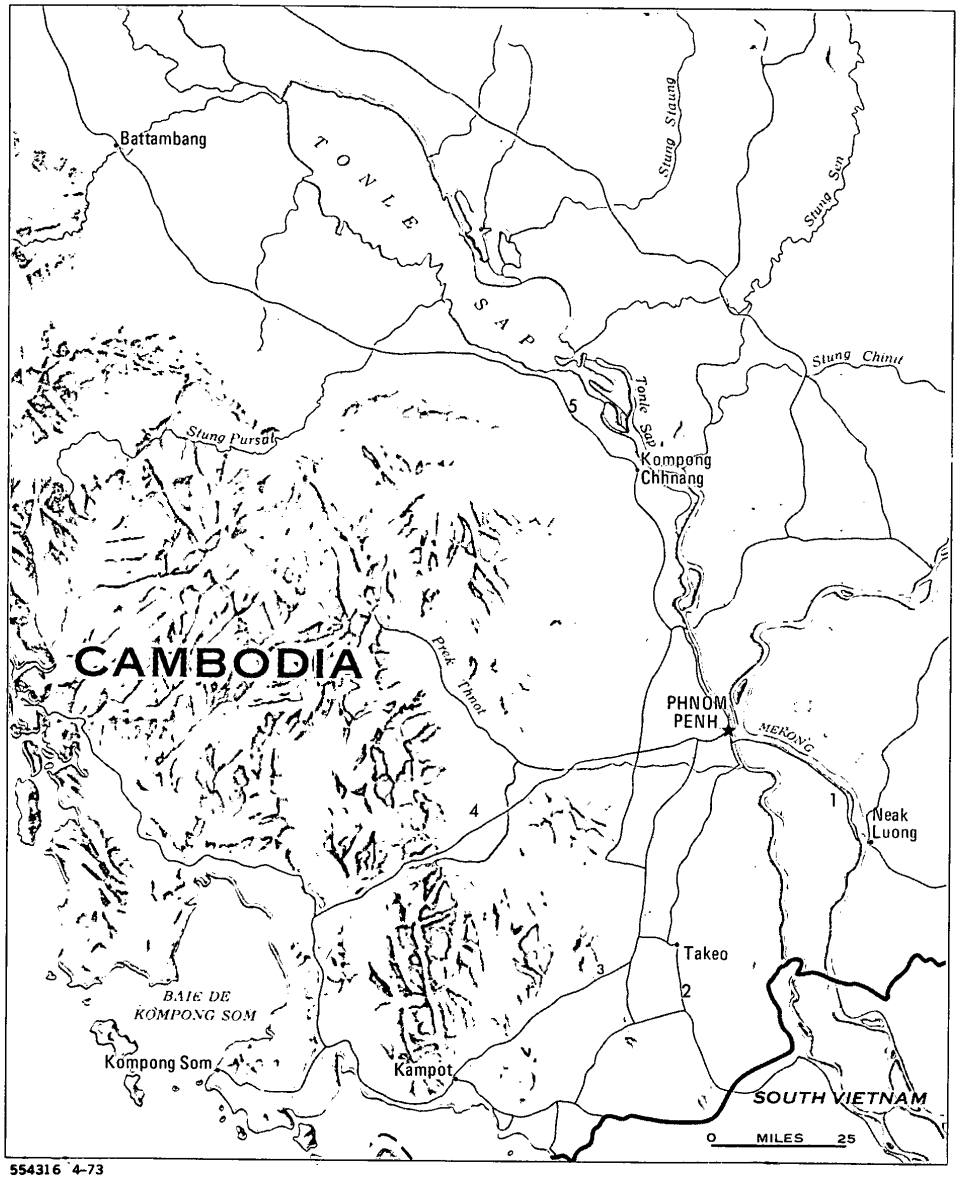

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CAMBODIA

Route 1 has been cleared between Phnom Penh and Neak Luong, and truck convoys are again moving supplies up Route 4 from the port of Kompong Som to Phnom Penh. Route 5, which links the capital to the rice-rich northwest, however, is still closed south of Kompong Chhnang city.

In the south most of Route 2 between Phnom Penh and the South Vietnam border is under Khmer Communist control. The provincial capital at Takeo remains isolated and under pressure. The local commander believes he can hold with the aid of air support, but Khmer Communists estimate, according to an intercepted message, that they can overrun Takeo by early May "at the least."

Other Khmer Communist forces are still operating along the Mekong corridor. An intercepted message indicates that they are planning another round of attacks in the near future against both the shipping channel and Route 1.

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Japan: The Foreign Investment Council will recommend this week that foreigners be allowed to wholly own new ventures in all but 50 or 60 industries. The 25 percent limit on foreign ownership of existing firms may also be raised. As a result of such moves, direct foreign investment in Japan should increase. Until now, such investment has been small, totaling, for example, only $170 million in 1972.

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Salyut-2, the unmanned Soviet space station, may have exploded in space. *(Page 4)*

The Soviets appear to be transporting tanks and other equipment of the Moroccan expeditionary force to Syria. *(Page 5)* 25X1

Soviet media are preparing the atmosphere for Brezhnev's forthcoming visit to the US. *(Page 6)*

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SOUTH VIETNAM

Several recent intercepts indicate the Communists are planning attacks in northern South Vietnam in an attempt to force the government to keep Marine and Airborne units committed to the Quang Tri battlefront. The messages show that the Communists hope to complete plans by April 19 to seize eleven unidentified objectives in the area.

The Communists apparently think Saigon might divert its first line units now in the area to other parts of South Vietnam. It seems unlikely, however, that Saigon would weaken its northern defense line by sending all of these units elsewhere until it is sure that local forces can contain the current threat in Quang Tri Province.

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Radar tracking on April 14 indicated that Salyut-2, the unmanned space station orbited by the Soviets on April 3, was tumbling in orbit, apparently out of control. The next day, US radars detected about 30 fragments in the orbit of the space station, indicating that the vehicle may have exploded.

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Preparations for the launch of a Soyuz spacecraft to transport cosmonauts to the Salyut were under way late last week. No additional preparatory activity has been noted, however, since April 14. The space support ships in the Atlantic and Pacific have not been detected returning to port, but a delay of a few days while the Soviets assess the nature of the failure would be expected. The Soviets might still launch the Soyuz to perform some type of solo mission.

The Salyut-2 space station was expected to be manned by at least two separate teams of cosmonauts for extended missions of about four weeks. A combined Soyuz-Salyut mission scheduled for last summer also ended in failure when the space station failed to achieve orbit.

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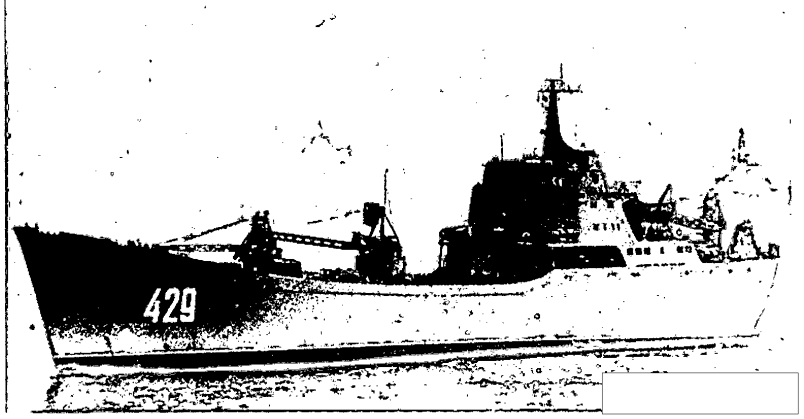

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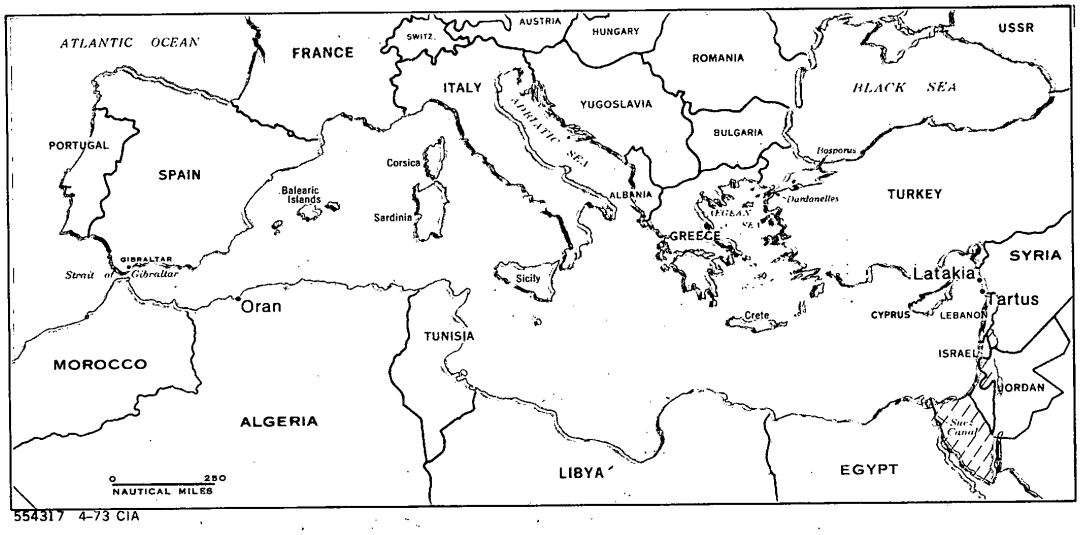

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USSR-MOROCCO-SYRIA

Two Soviet LSTs made a port call in Oran, Algeria, from April 13 to 15 and currently are en route to the eastern Mediterranean in the company of a destroyer. [redacted] The two landing craft are now carrying armored vehicles and trucks on deck. 25X1

These ships may be involved in transporting Moroccan military equipment to Syria. 25X1

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Hassan's expeditionary force is designed to demonstrate his commitment to the Arab cause, to distract popular attention from problems at home, and--perhaps most important--to employ military troublemakers far away.

The sealift could provide the Soviets with a cheap opportunity to improve their generally poor relations with Morocco. 25X1

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USSR: During recent weeks, Soviet media have been stressing the improved state of relations with the US. Existing differences have been given low-key treatment or have even been perfunctorily dismissed. The Soviets are probably beginning preparations for Brezhnev's forthcoming visit to the US. In addition, the Paris Agreements have made it easier for Moscow to project a positive image of relations with Washington.

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The new India-Bangladesh proposal on POW repatriation is an important gesture, but Pakistan will find some provisions hard to accept. *(Page 3)*

President Qadhafi's speeches this week calling for a "new revolution" appear to be primarily aimed at combating domestic opposition to the proposed union with Egypt. *(Page 4)*

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So far this year, the Soviets are reported to have contracted to buy nearly eight million tons of grain, mostly from the US and Canada. *(Page 6)*

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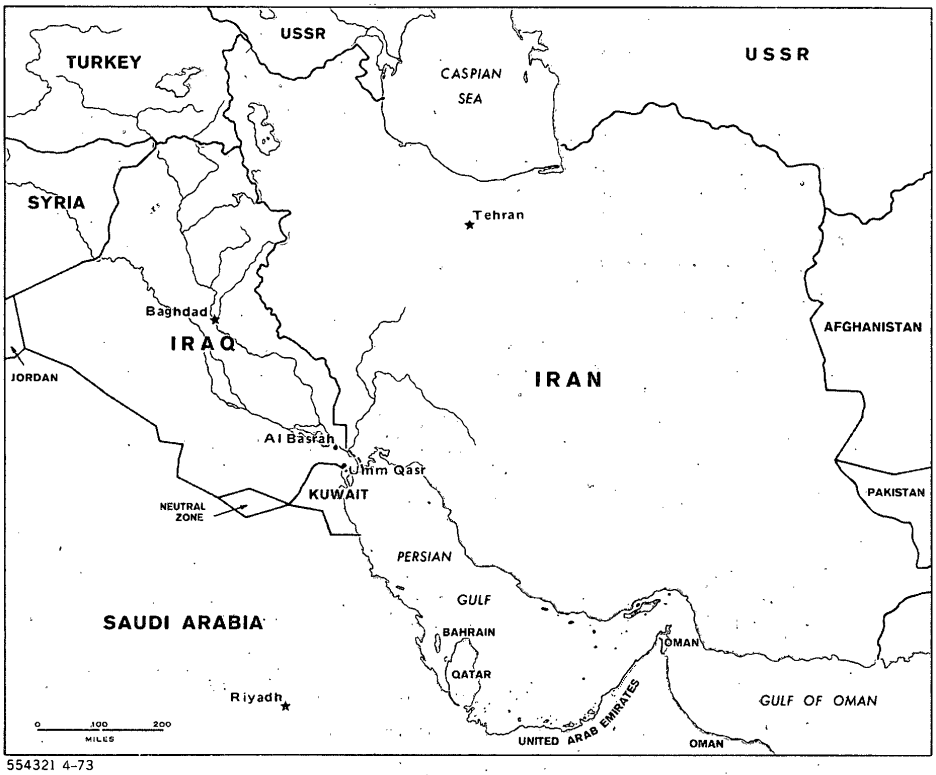

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USSR-IRAQ

The Soviets are making considerable progress in helping Iraq develop facilities at Umm Qasr, the port near the site of Iraq's recent incursion into territory disputed with Kuwait. At this time, the facility includes:

--Concrete docks with electric cranes, a floating crane, and tugs;

--Oil storage and warehousing; major expansion is under way.

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--A railroad and highway linking Umm Qasr with Al Basrah, Iraq's main port and naval base.

Although the Soviets have been involved in the development of Umm Qasr since 1959, the current expansion has been under way since 1971.

The Soviets can use Umm Qasr, like the larger scale facilities in Syria and Egypt, as a point of transshipment, crew exchange, and ship repair. The port's usefulness is limited, however, by the control that other, less friendly, states could exercise over entry to the Gulf.

Umm Qasr presumably attracts Moscow for broader politico-strategic reasons. The presence of Admiral Gorshkov, commander in chief of the Soviet Navy, together with a Soviet cruiser, in Umm Qasr last week on the first anniversary of the Soviet-Iraqi friendship treaty underlined Moscow's interest. With such displays, Moscow hopes to influence:

--the US, reminding Washington that Umm Qasr stands as a counter to the US naval facility at Bahrain.

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--the oil states of the Arabian shore, especially Kuwait, reminding them that the US and Britain, to whom they normally turn in time of trouble, are not the only major powers involved in the Gulf.

--Iran, which Moscow is trying to impress but not to alarm--a delicate task.

As Soviet use of Umm Qasr increases, the Shah, the Saudis, and the Arab Gulf rulers will be watching and pressing for evidence of US concern and response.

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SOUTH ASIA

India and Bangladesh have offered to repatriate the 90,000 Pakistani prisoners of war held in India in return for Pakistan's release of Bengalis detained there. The offer, however, contains two provisions that Islamabad will find hard to accept:

--several hundred thousand impoverished Biharis (non-Bengali Muslims) who want to leave Bangladesh are to be included in the exchange. The Pakistanis do not want them.

--195 Pakistani POWs would still be tried for war crimes in Bangladesh.

The offer does not require that Pakistan recognize Bangladesh, but does make it clear that Bangladesh will not negotiate directly with Pakistan before recognition. The International Red Cross or the Swiss could, however, act as intermediaries as they have done in the past.

Although this new initiative does not break the impasse, it is an important gesture and highlights New Delhi's growing impatience for a formula to permit the release of the POWs. Prime Minister Gandhi is concerned over mounting foreign and domestic criticism that India is holding them illegally.

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LIBYA

President Qadhafi's speeches this week calling for a "new revolution" appear to be primarily aimed at combating domestic opposition to the proposed union with Egypt. Members of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council have been advising against the merger, and some military officers have been arrested, presumably for plotting to block it. Qadhafi avoided the union issue in his speeches, but they serve as a sharp warning that he intends to get tough.

Although his main concern was the domestic situation, Qadhafi could not pass up the opportunity to warn other Arab governments against seeking regional settlements with Israel. He did state, however, that he has no personal differences with Presidents Sadat and Asad and that he believes in their patriotism. This is probably a bit of fence-mending as well as an effort to underscore his commitment to union with Egypt.

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USSR: So far this year, the Soviets are reported to have contracted to buy nearly 8 million tons of grain worth some $600 million, mostly from the US and Canada. By this time last year, they had purchased 3.5 million tons of the total of 28 million tons ($1.7 billion) that they bought in 1972. All of the new purchases are for delivery by October this year, implying that the Soviets have not yet received adequate imports to tide them over to their next harvest in the fall. Most of the contracts are for feed grain, reflecting the USSR's continuing need to support its livestock program.

UN: Yesterday's Security Council meeting on the Lebanese complaint made no progress. Moreover, behind-the-scenes negotiations indicate there is little chance for agreement on a balanced resolution. Egypt reportedly is urging Lebanon to present a strong resolution condemning Israel on grounds that a US veto is inevitable. The Council will meet again this morning, and the debate will probably continue for several more days.

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19 April 1973

PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Lebanese President Franjiyah has charged Amin al-Hafiz, a moderate leftist deputy, with forming a new government to cope with the powerful reaction to last week's Israeli raid. *(Page 1)*

In Cambodia, President Lon Nol is encountering some trouble in his attempt to form a coalition political council. *(Page 2)*

China's construction of new military airfields has fallen off dramatically. *(Page 3)*

A new Soviet military airlift to Aden is under way. *(Page 3)*

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LEBANON

President Franjiyah yesterday named Amin al-Hafiz, a moderate leftist member of the Chamber of Deputies, as prime minister - designate charged with the formation of a new government of national reconciliation.

In addition to balancing political as well as religious factions in the Lebanese custom, Hafiz will primarily seek a cabinet that can cope with the powerful domestic reaction to last week's Israeli incursion.

Public opinion has shifted markedly toward support of the fedayeen, and the US Embassy reports that anti-American sentiment has reached its highest level since the Arab-Israeli war in 1967. In these circumstances any new government will be hard-pressed even to maintain present controls on the fedayeen.

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CAMBODIA

President Lon Nol is running into trouble in his effort to broaden the government by forming a coalition political council.

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China: Construction of new military airfields and hardened aircraft facilities has fallen off dramatically from a peak in 1971. [redacted] 25X1 work on only two airfields and four underground aircraft storage facilities was begun last year, and all of these are incomplete. Since 1964, when the expansion program began, the Chinese have built or rebuilt 107 airfields [redacted] 25X1 25X1 The sharp decline may reflect either the end of this ambitious effort or its temporary interruption owing to the general reduction in China's military programs that occurred in 1972.

USSR - Yemen (Aden): A new Soviet airlift, the third in the past year, is under way. Two military AN-12 transports arrived in Aden on April 12 [redacted] 25X1 25X1 25X1 the cargo may include jet fighters. [redacted] 25X1 25X1

Japan-China: Tokyo has agreed to buy one million tons of low-sulfur oil from Peking this year. Although the amount involved is relatively small, China has not previously exported crude oil. This also is the first time that Peking has been willing to supply Japan with a strategically important resource.

European Communities: The EC Commission has generally agreed on the broad outline for the second phase of the European monetary cooperation fund which will be submitted to the EC Council by late June. The Commission favors the establishment of a fund that initially would total $12 billion. Member countries could draw on this fund to maintain their currencies within the EC band or to meet temporary balance-of-payments difficulties. The proposal faces objections and delays, but acceptance with some modifications seems likely.

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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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In Cambodia, Republican Party leader Sirik Matak has rejected Lon Nol's proposal for an advisory political council and has proposed instead the creation of a four-member group, including himself and the President, that would have full power. *(Page 2)*

The return of the 312th Division headquarters to southern North Vietnam appears to be part of a major restructuring of Communist forces in northernmost South Vietnam. *(Page 3)*

Most members of the North Atlantic Council find Moscow's proposal to end the impasse over Hungarian participation in the MBFR preparatory talks far from ideal, but they are willing to accept it as the best compromise obtainable at this time. *(Page 4)*

Reports circulating in the Moscow diplomatic community indicate that the Party Central Committee will meet soon, perhaps next week, to discuss foreign policy or modernization of the economy. *(Page 5)*

Pakistan regards the recent India-Bangladesh proposal as a basis for discussion and probably will reply today. *(Page 6)*

Philippine President Marcos' announcement that he wants to renegotiate all aspects of US-Philippine relations seems to be part of an attempt to link Philippine foreign and domestic concerns. *(Page 7)*

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EGYPT

Cairo has taken a number of steps recently to increase its military preparedness. These activities, however, do not indicate an intention to start hostilities with Israel now. [redacted] 25X1

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Egypt is still ready to negotiate, but there is increasing evidence that President Sadat believes that, in the end, only military action will generate movement toward a settlement. If Egypt does resort to military action, its most likely initial course would be small-scale raids across the canal combined with air raids on Israeli forces in the Sinai. These would trigger a massive Israeli response.

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CAMBODIA

During a lengthy, frank session with Lon Nol on April 18, Republican Party leader Sirik Matak rejected the President's proposal for an advisory political council. Matak proposed instead the creation of a four-member group that would have full power. Authority would be divided equally among the members--Lon Nol, Matak, former chief of state Cheng Heng, and former first deputy prime minister In Tam. Matak and In Tam, who was also at the meeting, told the President that the pro-government legislature would have to be dissolved and new elections held with all political groups given a chance to compete.

Lon Nol said he had no absolute objections to the new proposals, but that he needed more time to consider them; he promised a reply within 24 hours. After the meeting, Matak admitted that in view of Lon Nol's tendency to procrastinate, he might accept some additional delay. Matak added, however, that neither he nor In Tam would retreat from their latest proposals, which Matak believes stand a slightly better than even chance of being accepted by the President.

Matak evidently pulled no punches during the meeting, and claims that he criticized the President for his excessive optimism and inept leadership. Lon Nol listened to these accusations in unhappy silence, according to Matak.

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VIETNAM

Radio direction-finding of April 17 places North Vietnam's 312th Division headquarters west of Vinh in southern North Vietnam.

Divisional headquarters was last located in late March just north of the Demilitarized Zone. Location of the division's three regiments is not known, but they probably are following the headquarters north.

The return of the 312th Division headquarters to southern North Vietnam appears to be part of a major restructuring of Communist forces in northernmost South Vietnam. Three divisions and a number of independent regiments are involved in the realignment. The 308th Division left Quang Tri in January and is now near Hanoi; the 304th Division apparently sent some units north sometime after late January; and the 312th Division started withdrawing in late March. Intercepted messages also indicate that at least two antiaircraft artillery regiments have left Quang Tri in recent weeks and are moving south through the Laos panhandle.

The evidence suggests that Hanoi viewed its force structure in Quang Tri as excessive. The returning divisions are among Hanoi's best. They carried the brunt of the fighting in Quang Tri Province last year. The remaining force structure is comparable to that in place in Quang Tri when Hanoi launched its 1972 Easter offensive.

The Communists probably view their existing force structure as adequate for defending the area, conducting limited operations, and forcing Saigon to keep its airborne and marine divisions committed in Quang Tri.

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MBFR

Most members of the North Atlantic Council find Moscow's proposal to end the impasse over Hungarian participation in the MBFR preparatory talks far from ideal, but they are willing to accept it as the best compromise obtainable at this time.

> *The Soviet proposal lists Hungary as one of eight "special participants," but it also provides for unilateral statements by the two sides to make explicit their disagreement on Hungary's status.*

The British object to the proposal but may decide eventually to go along with other NAC members. They believe that listing Hungary as a special participant would represent a fait accompli which the unilateral statements would not modify. They think it could prevent discussion of the application of eventual MBFR agreements to Hungary. Bonn supports the Soviet proposal, but the Germans too have emphasized that MBFR talks must deal with force levels in Hungary.

> *Unless the British request it, the Council will not meet again to discuss the proposal. If London decides to accept the Soviet plan, Council approval could be given without an additional meeting.*

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USSR

Reports circulating in the Moscow diplomatic community indicate that the Party Central Committee will meet soon, perhaps next week, to discuss foreign policy or modernization of the economy.

Circumstances would seem to call for a Central Committee review of both subjects in the near future. At the least, Party chief Brezhnev will want Central Committee endorsement of his travels to Bonn next month and to Washington later this year. Detente policy has caused controversy in the past and Brezhnev wants to have solid backing before he goes.

A year ago, Brezhnev promised that the Central Committee would take up the question of how to accelerate scientific and technical progress. Now perhaps he wants to examine the place of science and technology in the economy and to define how expanded relations with the developed West can be used to cut down industrial deficiencies.

The question of technological progress is not likely to stir controversy. It masks, however, an issue that will be on the minds of the Central Committee members, but which Brezhnev will strive to keep from coming to debate. Earlier this month, plans were announced--apparently without prior consultations with the Central Committee--for an extensive reorganization of Soviet industry. Details will not be released for six months. Brezhnev will have to cope with unease among Central Committee members who are worried about how the sweeping reorganization will affect their constituencies.

Brezhnev's political position is strong. Nevertheless, the Party Politburo still has a number of members who probably carry grudges against Brezhnev. This raises another possibility, that Brezhnev may move against his enemies, just as he demoted Shelest at a Central Committee meeting preceding President Nixon's visit to Moscow.

In fact, Shelest may again be a target. Recently he was harshly criticized by name for ideological errors. Such criticism of Politburo members is unprecedented.

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PAKISTAN-INDIA-BANGLADESH

Pakistan regards the recent India-Bangladesh proposal as a basis for discussion and probably will reply today. [redacted] Islamabad is particularly relieved at the abandonment of the demand that it recognize Dacca as a condition for the return of Pakistani war prisoners. 25X1

India and Bangladesh had proposed that

--195 Pakistani POWs be tried for war crimes in Bangladesh but that all the other 90,000 POWs be repatriated.

--Several hundred thousand Bengalis be allowed to leave Pakistan.

--Islamabad accept about 250,000 Biharis who want to leave Bangladesh.

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PHILIPPINES

President Marcos told newsmen yesterday that he wants to renegotiate all aspects of Philippine relations with the US and suggested June as a target for beginning negotiations. Marcos wants the discussions to consider all treaties with the US at once--the base agreement, the mutual defense pact, the Laurel-Langley trade agreement, and a proposed extradition treaty.

This latest move seems to be part of a broader attempt to link Philippine foreign and domestic concerns. Marcos is increasingly concerned about the sluggish economy and he apparently is convinced more foreign aid and investment is imperative. Earlier this month he asked a committee of foreign policy experts to determine how foreign policy could serve as an "instrument of economic development."

Marcos may believe that by raising the issue of the US treaties, he can pressure Washington into providing more aid. In the past, he has also made public issue of the US-Philippine relationship in order to distract attention from domestic problems. This may again be in the back of Marcos' mind, in view of his inability thus far to effect reforms promised last September when he declared martial law.

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Laos: Despite bellicose statements from Sam Neua on the bombing at Tha Viang, Lao Communist envoy Phoune Sipraseuth is continuing to meet twice daily with government negotiator Ngon Sananikone in Vientiane. Ngon says little progress is being made at these sessions. The Communists in effect have repudiated the tentative agreement on the division of cabinet portfolios by renewing their demands for a deputy prime ministership and the ministry of interior. Ngon believes that the private sessions will continue, but sees the prospects for any immediate progress as dim.

European Communities: EC agricultural ministers failed to agree this week on community prices for 1973-74. The EC Commission had proposed modest price rises for most products and a return to the common price system disrupted by the currency crises. The opposition of some of the ministers to these proposals was reinforced by demonstrations in northern France by some 30,000 French, German, Belgian, and Dutch farmers demanding larger price increases. The Council will meet again next week, but farmer protests will continue to make agreement difficult.

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LATE ITEM

Cambodia: Lon Nol has accepted Republican Party leader Sirik Matak's proposal for a four-man supreme political council with authority divided equally among the members--Lon Nol, Matak, former chief of state Cheng Heng, and former first deputy prime minister In Tam. [redacted] 25X1 25X1 25X1

Lon Nol could not accept dissolution of the pro-government legislature and the immediate calling of new elections, but after discussion accepted Matak's suggestion that the National Assembly be indefinitely prorogued, rather than dissolved. Lon Nol said he is ready to announce creation of the council as soon as Matak has prepared an action program, possibly as early as this evening. As of yesterday, Matak was planning to contact Cheng Heng and In Tam for contributions to his action program.

Matak told the source he is quite confident that Lon Nol will follow through on the agreement.

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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Lenin's birthday yesterday was the occasion for upbeat treatment of US-Soviet relations. *(Page 1)*

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The French Government is falsely denying that any French-built Libyan Mirage aircraft have been moved to Egypt. *(Page 3)*

President Bhutto is withdrawing Pakistani pilots from Libya. *(Page 4)*

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USSR

Politburo candidate-member Ustinov gave a generally upbeat treatment of US-Soviet relations at yesterday's Kremlin meeting marking Lenin's birthday. According to TASS, Ustinov characterized the summit last May as a "turning point in the normalization of ties with the US," but added that the USSR saw room for further improvement. He took the line that significant new steps are possible "in the course of further contacts," but cautioned that both sides must "travel the road jointly."

Ustinov minced few words in castigating Chinese policies. Quoting from Lenin, he branded Peking's behavior "strange and monstrous" and permeated with anti-Sovietism. At this, the Chinese chargé dutifully marched out.

Ustinov reiterated Soviet support for the Vietnamese in consolidating the "peace achieved" in the Paris Accords, but made no criticism of recent US actions in Indochina.

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FRANCE-LIBYA-EGYPT

Paris continues to deny, falsely, that Libya has moved any of its French-built Mirage aircraft to Egypt. The Foreign Ministry this week told US Embassy officials that all 71 Libyan Mirages were still stationed in Libya. According to the Ministry, on April 10 and 11 twenty of the Mirages were transferred from Uqba bin Nafi Airfield near Tripoli to Nasir Airfield near the Egyptian border. Earlier, the French ambassador to Libya had stated that some of the aircraft had moved to Nasir Airfield for security reasons, but that none had been transferred to Egypt.

These denials are contradicted [redacted] 25X1

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[redacted] *yesterday that a squadron of 20 Mirages has left Libya and is located in Egypt. Egyptian pilots and ground crews connected with this squadron also have returned home. Other Mirages serviced by French technicians are still in Libya.* 25X1

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The contract governing the sale of Mirages to Libya prohibits their transfer to a third country and the French probably will persist in their denials until irrefutable evidence is produced. In the meantime, France is likely to refrain from any public comment while it tries to work out a new understanding with the Libyans.

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Pakistan-Libya: President Bhutto is withdrawing Pakistani pilots from Libya. Bhutto says he is fearful that the pilots would become involved in a Libyan-instigated incident involving the US. Pakistan has an air force contingent of about 75 men--including pilots--in Libya now. Libyan President Qadhafi recently asked Bhutto to provide 20 more pilots, but they may not have arrived yet in Libya.

Vietnam: [redacted] since mid-March the Communists have extended their DMZ pipeline southward to Route 9 in eastern Quang Tri Province, where they are building a petroleum storage facility. The depot's location, some ten miles northwest of Quang Tri City, will allow the Communists to distribute petroleum to their units throughout the province.

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Bangladesh-Pakistan: Dacca has purchased 40,000 tons of Pakistani rice from a US trading firm for delivery next month. Until now, the Bangladesh Government had refused to accept Pakistani goods even through third parties. Dacca's decision probably was prompted by the recent 40-percent rise in domestic rice prices and by the general world rice shortage. The decision also reflects the increased flexibility in Dacca's policy toward Islamabad.

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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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Sirik Matak is completing his consultations with the other members of Cambodia's new supreme political council. [redacted] The Khmer Communists, meanwhile, kept up their military pressure on the Phnom Penh area over the weekend. *(Page 1)* 25X1

Lebanon's President Franjiyah is trying to rein in the fedayeen leaders, or possibly persuade them to move to Cairo. *(Page 2)*

Pakistan's formal reply to last week's joint India-Bangladesh statement, together with other reports, suggests some flexibility on the major issues. *(Page 3)*

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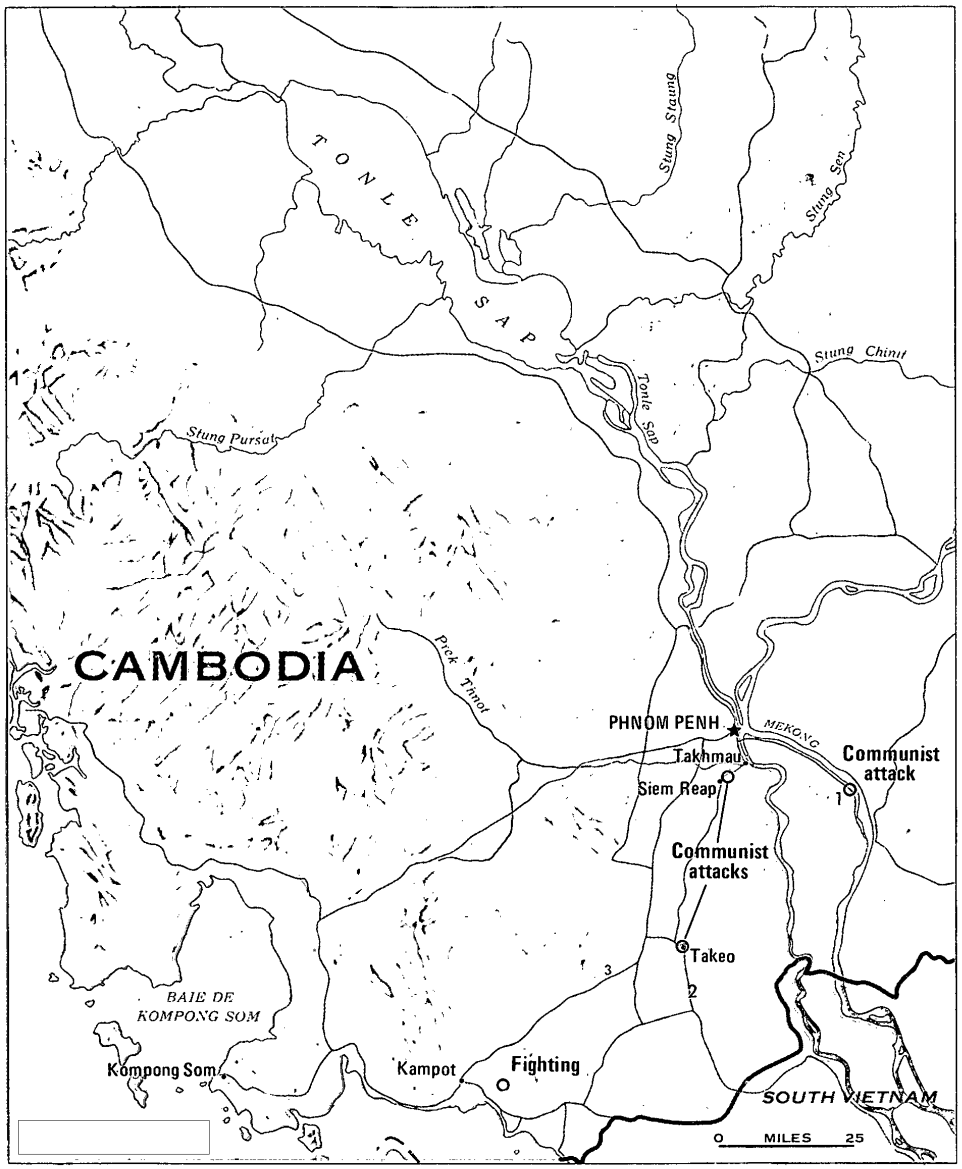

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CAMBODIA

Republican Party leader Sirik Matak is completing his consultations with other members of the four-man supreme political council on a program of action for that body when installed. [redacted] 25X1

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Under the agreement reached between President Lon Nol and Matak late last week, the council will be installed once Matak's program is ready. Matak appears bent on becoming the council's dominant member despite the agreement that each of the four participants have an equal voice.

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The Khmer Communists are keeping up their military pressure in the Phnom Penh area. Over the weekend, the Communists again shelled Takhmau, the capital's large southern suburb. The Communists also attacked and surrounded two government battalions southeast of Phnom Penh on Route 1.

Some eight miles south of the capital, Khmer Communist troops are still harassing elements that withdrew from the village of Siem Reap on Route 2 on April 20. Government reinforcements in Phnom Penh [redacted] have not yet moved. 25X1

Farther south, the Communists are shelling and probing government positions on the perimeter of the isolated provincial capital at Takeo. Some Cambodian reinforcements were airlifted into Takeo yesterday. In the southwest, some fighting is still going on about eight miles east of Kampot, but no Communist action against the city itself has been reported.

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LEBANON-FEDAYEEN

President Franjiyah has been trying to control some aspects of fedayeen activity in the aftermath of the Israeli raid of April 10 and the attacks on US-owned petroleum facilities. [redacted] 25X1

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Franjiyah demanded of Yasir Arafat that fedayeen leaders limit their presence and activities to Palestinian refugee camps, and that they end their associations with Lebanese leftists.

Franjiyah is also urging the fedayeen to transfer their headquarters to Cairo. He told Ambassador Buffum on Friday that two Egyptian officials have been cooperating with him in trying to persuade the fedayeen leadership to move. Franjiyah does not anticipate a confrontation between his government and the fedayeen so long as Arafat maintains control of the Palestinians.

Sadat is not likely to take on the burden of the Palestinians' presence without imposing considerable restrictions of his own.

In any event, Lebanon has geographical advantages over Egypt and will remain attractive to the fedayeen leadership so long as the government does not effectively deny them Beirut as a base. [redacted] 25X1

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SOUTH ASIA

Pakistan's formal reply to last week's joint India-Bangladesh statement invites further negotiation. The statement rejects India's right to impose conditions for the release of the war prisoners. It also disclaims any responsibility for accepting the quarter million Biharis whom Dacca proposes to expel, but says Pakistan would play its part in a general solution to the problem.

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South Vietnam: Saigon will offer a new peace proposal at the stalled bilateral talks in Paris this week [redacted] not with any view of success but to demonstrate an effort to reach agreement with the Provisional Revolutionary Government by April 27 as called for by the Paris agreements. The proposal [redacted] has virtually no chance of acceptance. The PRG has consistently rejected any discussion of the withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops from the South.

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Egypt: [redacted] This could be a reference to the recently arrived Libyan Mirages, now reported in the press. Israel yesterday announced that it presented the French ambassador with evidence that the French-supplied planes had been transferred to Egypt, but Paris subsequently denied that any proof had been given.

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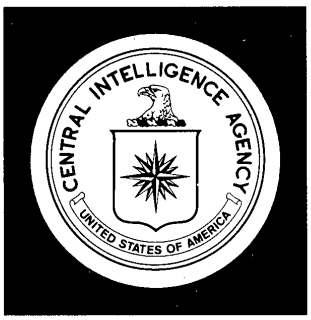

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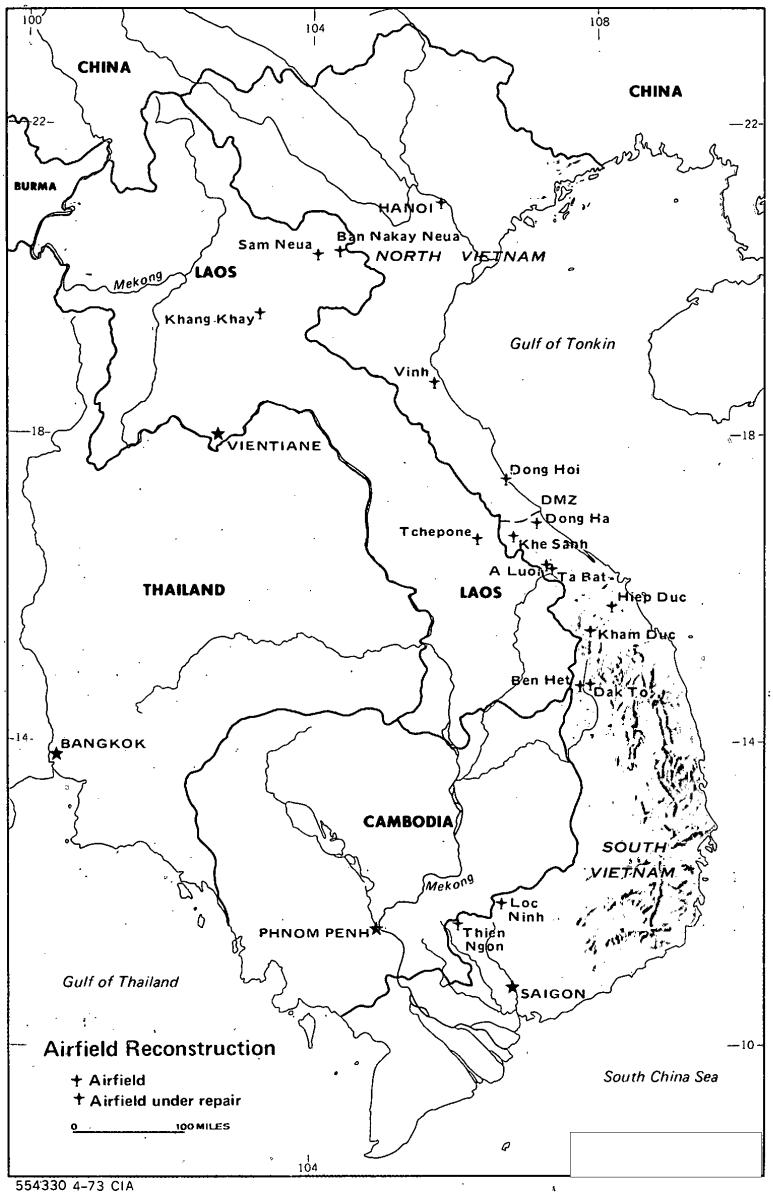

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INDOCHINA

The North Vietnamese are repairing numerous small airfields in Communist-controlled territory in South Vietnam and Laos. In most instances, the repairs are relatively simple, such as the filling of bomb craters. The most extensive construction has taken place at Khe Sanh, where the Communists have set up a radar site, rebuilt two runways, and surrounded the base with an elaborate air defense network.

Intercepts [redacted] indicate the North Vietnamese intend to use some of these fields for light transport aircraft. 25X1

All of the airfields are located along major infiltration corridors or near large Communist troop concentrations, and air service would greatly facilitate the transfer of key personnel between Hanoi and the field. Moreover, the North Vietnamese could use the airfields to deliver high priority cargo such as medicine and special weapons. Hanoi would probably claim such flights were by "civilian" aircraft and did not violate the cease-fire accords.

In recent months the North Vietnamese have rebuilt a number of airfields in southern North Vietnam, and transports are now flying scheduled runs between these bases and Hanoi. Last January, the North Vietnamese and Pathet Lao renovated the Sam Neua airfield in Laos, and it is now used by Communist planes from Hanoi as well as from Vientiane.

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INTERNATIONAL MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS

The European currency float seems to be working, but large-scale interventions by central banks have been necessary. The Bundesbank, for example, has sold over $600 million worth of French, Belgian, and Scandinavian currencies in order to keep the mark within the band.

> *Such support, plus Bonn's extremely tight money policy and controls on inflows of capital, have strengthened the mark, which is no longer the weakest currency in the joint float. If West German exports live up to expectations, the mark should strengthen even more.*

Serious inflation in the Netherlands has hurt the guilder, now the weakest currency in the float. Government controls on capital, furthermore, have encouraged speculators to sell, driving the price of the guilder down even further. So far in the float, the central bank has spent $50 million to support the guilder.

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MOROCCO-SYRIA-ISRAEL

The arrival of Moroccan troops in Syria to participate in the "battle" against Israel could raise problems for the US. The troops could be stationed in areas used by the fedayeen for staging raids into Israel. In the past, Israel--holding Syria responsible for letting fedayeen pass through Syrian lines to attack Israel--has not hesitated to retaliate against the Syrian military.

Tel Aviv will not let Morocco's ties with the US deter it from similar retaliation against Moroccan troops. But Israeli awareness of the possibility of retaliation against the 25,000 Jews in Morocco will place some restraint on Israel, and Tel Aviv might issue a warning rather than attack at the first sign of Moroccan support for fedayeen attacks on Israel. If Moroccan and Israeli forces clash, the Israelis might ask the US to intercede with King Hassan to ensure the protection of Moroccan Jews.

The Moroccan Jewish community, which has traditionally relied on the monarchy for protection, is already fearful that it will be the target of mob violence when the first Moroccan soldier is killed on the Syrian front.

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NOTES

Cambodia: The legislature yesterday approved the creation of the proposed supreme political council and endorsed its extra-constitutional authority.

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Pakistan: The government is campaigning actively to persuade its major creditors to absolve Pakistan of debts of the former East Pakistan. The campaign emphasizes Islamabad's position that its obligation for these debts ends on June 30.

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Islamabad is anxious to resolve the issue quickly because its major aid donors have made new pledges of development aid contingent on a settlement.

Libya: President Qadhafi's recent call for a "new revolution" has triggered fear and uncertainty, especially among members of the Libyan educated elite, which appears to be the primary target of the purge. Security forces have raided the homes of a number of prominent Libyans, and several reportedly have been arrested. By striking at the educated middle class, Qadhafi may hope to silence critical members of the university and professional communities. He may also hope to stimulate the lethargic bureaucracy by removing their sense of personal security. Qadhafi's cultural revolution has not yet disrupted the operation of foreign oil companies.

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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Canadians are becoming more and more skeptical of their participation in the ICCS. *(Page 1)*

The chief Lao Communist negotiator appears ready to resume talks with Prime Minister Souvanna. *(Page 2)*

The EC Commission has proposed changes in tariff arrangements that would be welcome to the US. *(Page 3)*

President Tito has failed to announce--as expected--that he would begin withdrawing from direct management of Yugoslav affairs. *(Page 4)*

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India

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Cambodia's new four-man council faces its first test in cohesiveness with the selection of a cabinet. *(Page 6)*

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SOUTH VIETNAM - CANADA

The Canadian Government is becoming more and more skeptical that its participation in the ICCS is worth the political costs at home. Ottawa is particularly disillusioned by the helicopter incident earlier this month. The Trudeau government is under fire in parliament because of the increased hostilities, including US bombing, in Indochina. Moreover, some Canadian politicians are now voicing doubts that a withdrawal will harm relations with the US. The government will make its decision on whether to pull out by the end of May. Meanwhile, the Canadian teams in Vietnam are compiling a record to show that their efforts were frustrated by Polish and Hungarian obstructionism.

Reports that the Canadians may withdraw are bound to have a negative impact on the Indonesians. Officials in Jakarta are hinting that Indonesia will have to reconsider its position unless the situation in Vietnam improves.

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LAOS

Phoumi Vongvichit, the high-ranking "special adviser" to the Lao Communist negotiating team, left Sam Neua for Vientiane on April 24, presumably to resume direct private discussions with Prime Minister Souvanna.

During Phoumi's absence, his subordinates continued talks with government officials, but they were not empowered to reach any binding agreements. The Communists showed some flexibility on political matters, but stuck to their tough proposals on supervision, cease-fire demarcation, and other military matters.

Phoumi and Souvanna worked out all important details of the peace agreement signed last February. Phoumi probably now has instructions on how the Communists would like to implement the agreement.

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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

The EC Commission has proposed that less-developed associates of the EC be permitted to offer third parties the same tariff advantages in their markets which these associates now grant to EC members. The proposal has picked up strong support in the community. The British, Dutch, and Germans are willing to go a step further and eliminate the special advantages to EC exports--the so-called reverse preferences to which the US has long objected. The French do not want to go beyond the Commission's proposal, however.

The French oppose any more drastic changes in community policies largely because they fear it could lead to eventual elimination of the special relationship between the EC and its African associates. Although the French concede that reverse preferences are of little material benefit to French exports, they believe the relationship is particularly important now that France's bilateral ties with its former African colonies are under strain.

The Council will discuss the EC's association policy in May or June. Given the French position, the British may try for community agreement to leave open the question of reverse preferences until negotiations with the Africans and others begin. It is doubtful that any of the members will push for elimination of these preferences with respect to such countries as Spain and Israel, which are regarded as developed enough to offer the EC meaningful reciprocal concessions.

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YUGOSLAVIA

President Tito devoted a large part of his major policy address on Monday to calming Western fears that nationality problems are tearing Yugoslavia apart and that it is slipping back into the Soviet orbit. He reaffirmed Yugoslavia's "non-aligned" policy and, in contrast to his explicit denial of closeness to the USSR, avoided criticism of the West, even omitting his usual objections to the US role in Southeast Asia.

There had been hints that Tito, who will be 81 next month, would use the occasion to announce that he would begin withdrawing from direct management of Yugoslav affairs. If so, he apparently judged that now, in the wake of his purges of the Communist Party, is not the time.

In his speech, Tito pressed ahead with his program for tightening central party control over the contending nationalities and decentralizing the government apparatus. Perhaps when these things are done to his satisfaction, he will feel confident enough to transfer some of his burdens onto the shoulders of those in the institutions he has created.

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Cambodia: The initial task of the ruling four-man "high political council," which was officially established yesterday, presumably will be to select a new cabinet. The process will be important not so much in terms of who is chosen, but because it will be the first test of how well the new leaders can work together.

Romania-USSR: Soviet Defense Minister Grechko left Romania yesterday after disagreeing with his hosts about Romania's place in the Soviet orbit. 25X1

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CSCE: The fourth round of talks preparatory to a Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe begins in Helsinki today. If these talks are successful, the conference could convene as planned in June. There will have to be some compromise, however, on such complex issues as broadening human contacts between East and West and the declaration on inviolability of frontiers. The Soviets are pressing the West, saying that unless a firm date for CSCE is reached, the USSR "probably" will not be willing to set a date for talks on European force reductions.

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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Khmer Communist forces may follow up yesterday's shelling of Pochentong Airfield with other attacks on Phnom Penh. Meanwhile, General Lon Non reportedly now plans to leave Cambodia for France on April 28. *(Page 1)*

Fedayeen commandos are being infiltrated into Israel [redacted] *(Page 2)* 25X1

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The Yemen (Aden) Government has strengthened its military capability on Perim Island at the entrance to the Red Sea. *(Page 3)*

Mexican President Echeverria is ending his world tour with few tangible gains and professed support only from Moscow and Peking for his pretensions to Third World leadership. *(Page 4)*

Panamanian Foreign Ministry officials are preparing a new statement on the canal issue, thus indicating a desire to continue talking. *(Page 5)*

The EC Commission has prepared new proposals for a common industrial policy that would aid the establishment of larger firms capable of competing with the US. *(Page 6)* 25X1

Iraq [redacted] 25X1

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Moscow appears to have resumed supplying military aid to Morocco after a hiatus of six years. *(Page 7)*

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CAMBODIA

Communist forces may follow up yesterday's shelling of Pochentong Airfield with other attacks on the capital. According to an intercept of April 23, Communist units south of Phnom Penh intend to shell the capital with 105-mm. howitzers and "cross the river to the Phnom Penh suburbs to attack and destroy some areas." The message did not give a date for the attacks, but stated that the weapons were not yet in place. Khmer Communists yesterday gained control over a section of the east bank of the Mekong River opposite the capital after overrunning a small government outpost. Unless the insurgents are dislodged from this area, they will be able to shell downtown Phnom Penh with medium-range weapons.

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FEDAYEEN-ISRAEL

Fatah commando teams are being infiltrated into Israel from southern Lebanon to assassinate prominent Israelis and to disrupt the independence celebrations on May 7. [redacted] 25X1

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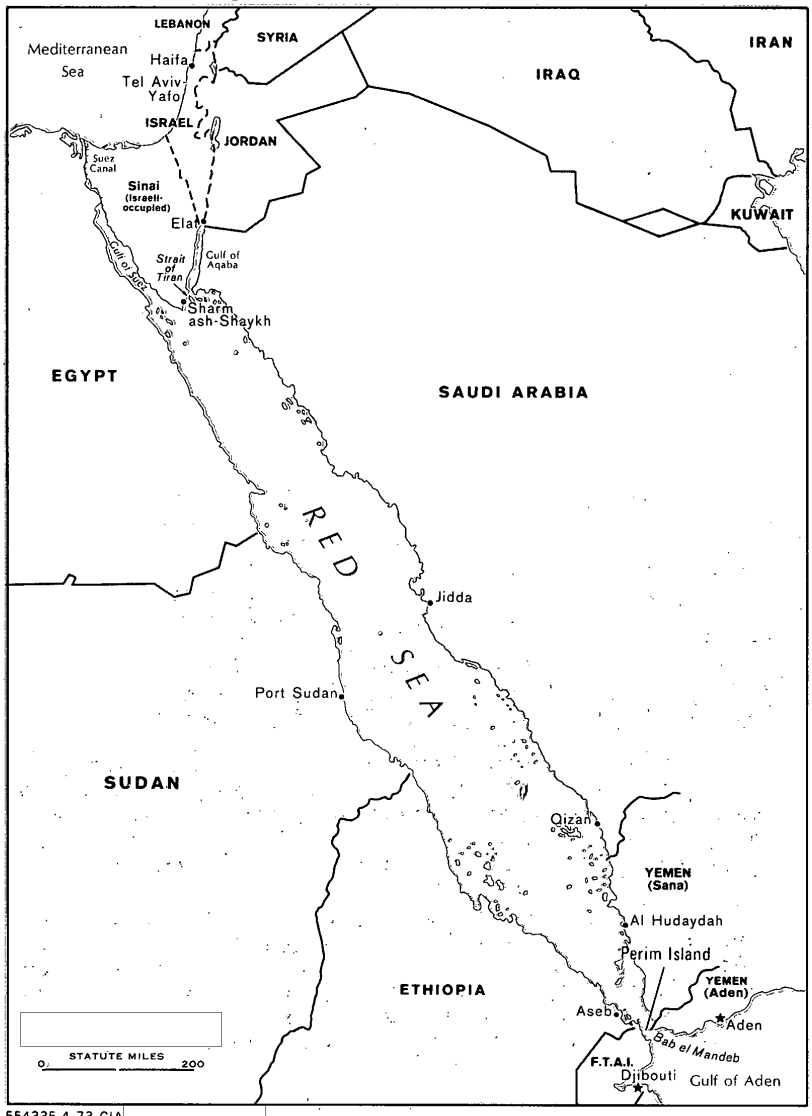
Aden Moves Military Forces to Perim Island



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YEMEN (ADEN)

The government has strengthened its military capability on Perim Island at the entrance to the Red Sea. [redacted] 25X1

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MEXICO

President Echeverria is ending his world tour with few tangible gains and professed support only from Moscow and Peking for his pretensions to Third World leadership. The big diplomatic prizes were promises from France and China to sign Protocol II of the Treaty of Tlatelolco (banning nuclear weapons in Latin America), though even these were hedged by conditions.

Elsewhere, his ideas and projects were less well received. In Canada he drew a flat no from Prime Minister Trudeau to his suggestion that the UN should set aside a Security Council seat for a Third World nation. The Canadians also were cool to the proposed "charter of economic rights and duties for nations" that he has been pushing. Only when Echeverria referred to the need for controls over foreign investment and multinational companies was Ottawa in full agreement.

Echeverria's main pitch in Britain, France and to the EC Commission concerned trade and foreign investment. The hosts were less than enthusiastic, however, and trade is likely to remain small. UK and Belgian leaders also expressed reservations about the economic rights and duties charter.

The Moscow visit produced a modest trade agreement, a pledge to revive an old scientific and cultural exchange, and an endorsement of the concept of Echeverria's rights and duties charter. But the two sides could not agree on the denuclearization treaty.

The week in China was probably the most successful. Echeverria talked with Mao for 90 minutes and met four times with Chou. Besides the statement on the Tlatelolco Treaty, China agreed to promote the rights and duties charter, signed a trade agreement, and agreed to cultural, scientific, and technical exchanges.

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PANAMA

Foreign Ministry officials are preparing a new statement on the canal issue that they hope to present to the US before the end of the month.

The text is likely to consist of detailed criticism of the US position rather than new substantive offers. Panama's controlled press is accusing US officials of attempting to bribe General Torrijos and Foreign Minister Tack into softening their stand. The press also charges that the US is storing nuclear and bacteriological weapons in the Canal Zone.

Torrijos' current resort to wild accusations may in part reflect his frustration over the limited results obtained from the recent Security Council meeting in Panama. Nevertheless, by replying to the US paper delivered in February, Panama seeks to demonstrate a desire to continue talking.

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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

The EC Commission has prepared new proposals for a common industrial policy. The proposals, which probably will be presented to the Council of Ministers for discussion in June, call for:

--harmonizing company laws and product standards,

--establishing non-discriminatory government purchasing procedures and,

--coordinating the activities of important high-technology industries, such as aircraft and computers.

If approved, these changes will remove obstacles to free trade within the community and aid the establishment of larger firms capable of competing with the US. Satisfying all the special interests involved will make implementation of specific measures a long and formidable task, however.

One factor in the EC's desire to act in this area is its concern over the power of multinational corporations--many of which are US-based. US companies in Europe, however, presumably would receive equal treatment.

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Iraq-Egypt: [redacted] 25X1

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USSR-Morocco: Moscow appears to have resumed supplying military aid to Morocco after a hiatus of six years. Military delegations exchanged visits last winter [redacted] 25X1

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aid comes at a time when Moscow seems also to be helping the Moroccans transport military equipment to Syria.

Lebanon: The cabinet formed yesterday by Prime Minister Amin al-Hafiz will act much like its predecessor. The men appointed to the key ministries of interior and defense are said to support President Franjiyah's policy of trying to keep a tight rein on the fedayeen while avoiding a showdown with them. The retention of Foreign Minister Khali Abu Hamad reflects a decision for continuity in foreign affairs.

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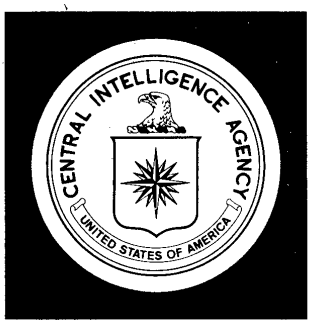

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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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In the Middle East, Moscow seems to be encouraging the Arabs to believe that the US played a key role in Israel's recent raid in Beirut. *(Page 4)*

France 25X1

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In Cambodia, Sirik Matak is already having problems with President Lon Nol over the powers of the new high council. *(Page 6)*

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USSR

The Soviets are moving ahead with their new D-class submarine that carries 12 SS-NX-8 missiles with a range of up to 4,300 nautical miles.

--Earlier this month one of the two such submarines launched last year was sighted in the Barents Sea, some 55 miles from its base on the Kola Gulf.

--A third D-class recently was launched from the Severodvinsk shipyard on the White Sea.

--Eight more apparently are under construction at Severodvinsk, and some hull sections for another two [redacted] 25X1

--The Komsomolsk shipyard in the Far East is also producing the D-class.

When the construction program hits full stride, the two shipyards together probably will turn out seven D-class submarines annually. The one seen in the Barents Sea may soon fire its missiles in crew-training exercises, and could go on operational patrol before the end of the year.

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USSR - MIDDLE EAST

The Soviets apparently are encouraging the Arab world to believe that the US played a role in Israel's raid in Beirut earlier this month.

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it. Soviet diplomats in Amman spread the same story to their Arab counterparts, [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] 25X1 Pro-Soviet papers in Beirut are giving extensive coverage to allegations of US participation in the raid, and Moscow radio broadcasts to the Middle East and Africa have repeated the stories.

In Moscow the press has replayed Palestinian charges of US complicity in the raid, but the tone has been more moderate. Soviet commentaries have not passed judgment on the accuracy of the accusations, and Izvestia printed the US denial. The USSR also has not issued an official statement condemning the Israeli action as it did after the Israeli raids against Syria and Lebanon last September.

The Soviets still regard Palestinian terrorism as counterproductive and dangerous, but could not pass up this opportunity to blacken the US image in the Arab world.

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FRANCE

The French continue to deny that Mirage aircraft sold to Libya have been turned over to Egypt and maintain that Israel has not provided proof of the transfer.

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The French policy dilemma is genuine. France has repeatedly stated, both publicly and privately, that if Libya violates the terms of its contract prohibiting transfer of the Mirages to a third country, delivery of the remaining aircraft--between 40 and 50--and spare parts would be discontinued.

France stands to lose money not only for the remaining Mirages and equipment but also for other arms purchases in which Libya has indicated an interest. This potential market is a key consideration at a time when Paris is concerned over declining arms sales.

Although Libyan oil supplies to France are not critical at this juncture, the approximately 15 percent of French crude oil needs which Libya now provides could grow in importance in view of the increasing tightness of fuel supplies worldwide.

Paris wants to limit Soviet influence in the Arab world and therefore values Qadhafi's vocal anti-communism. France's interest in extending and deepening its own influence throughout the Mediterranean also underscores its desire for good relations with Libya.

Pressure on France to make some further statement on the Mirages is likely to increase. Israel will continue to keep the heat on France, and members of opposition centrist groups in the French parliament have now taken up the issue.

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NOTES

Cambodia: Sirik Matak is already having problems with President Lon Nol over the powers of the new four-man high council. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] Lon Nol does not accept Matak's 25X1
position that all major executive decisions should be taken in council. Matak refuses to accept any reduction in the council's authority and believes he is supported by his two colleagues--In Tam and Cheng Heng. Matak declined to predict whether Lon Nol would capitulate. Even so, he believes it will take several days to resolve the problem, and the selection of a new cabinet will be correspondingly delayed.

Venezuela-Cuba: A high Foreign Ministry official privately says that contacts with Cuba are continuing. He has confirmed to the US Embassy that three high-ranking Cuban trade officials are currently in Caracas to explore commercial opportunities. The official implies that if suitable arrangements can be worked out, Venezuela will sell oil to Cuba directly rather than continue the expedient of filling Soviet tankers returning to Europe from Cuba. He says that Venezuela will delay recognition of Cuba pending further discussions in the OAS, but hopes to raise the question again this summer in the Permanent Council.

Kuwait-Iraq: Kuwaiti forces returned yesterday to the border post that Iraq had occupied since late March. Tension is still being generated, however, by several long-standing problems. These are the disputed border, Iraq's occupation of Kuwaiti-claimed territory south of Umm Qasr, and Baghdad's claim to Kuwait's offshore islands.

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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Changes in the Soviet Politburo announced yesterday and the manner in which the Central Committee conducted its meeting indicate that Brezhnev has strengthened his position. *(Page 1)*

In the last two weeks, fedayeen infiltration has increased in prohibited areas in southern Lebanon bordering Israel. *(Page 2)*

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USSR

Judging from the changes in the Politburo announced yesterday and the manner in which the Central Committee conducted its meeting, Brezhnev has strengthened his position.

The three new members of the Politburo are loyal followers of Brezhnev. Defense Minister Grechko proved his loyalty at the critical Central Committee meeting last May when Brezhnev's Summit policy was challenged. Foreign Minister Gromyko has always supported Brezhnev and his policies, particularly detente; his Foreign Ministry has an institutional stake in carrying it out. KGB Chief Andropov is a long-time party functionary who has been scrupulously apolitical in his sensitive job, as he must be to survive.

Two full members of the Politburo, Shelest and Voronov, were retired. Both had previously been demoted after having tangled unsuccessfully with Brezhnev on a number of issues.

In a significant departure from past practices, President Podgorny, Premier Kosygin, and party secretary Suslov joined regional leaders in the discussion that followed Brezhnev's report. The participation of these three senior Politburo members emphasizes the widening gap between their standing and Brezhnev's and lends added authority to what Brezhnev said.

Brezhnev's pre-eminence in the leadership and the importance of the peace program adopted at the 24th Party Congress were pointed up by a CPSU "decision" endorsed by the plenum.

Noting the "great personal contribution" of Brezhnev in implementing the congress' rulings, the decision instructs the Politburo to continue pursuing detente and summit-level contacts. The decision further states that Moscow will help "in every way" to establish peace in Vietnam and to work for a Middle East settlement in accordance with the UN Security Council resolution.

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FEDAYEEN

Since the Israeli raids against Beirut on April 10, fedayeen infiltration has markedly increased in prohibited areas in southern Lebanon bordering Israel. Although the Lebanese Army could probably clear out the guerrillas if ordered to do so, the new defense minister has not yet authorized such action.

The Lebanese are caught between fear of an all-out confrontation with the fedayeen, which would harm their relations with other Arab states, and their fear of further Israeli actions.

On Thursday, the Israelis sent jet fighters over Beirut to warn both Lebanon and the fedayeen that they would not tolerate increased infiltration.

There has also been a rise in fedayeen-inspired activity along the Syrian-Israeli cease-fire lines after a three month lull. Since last weekend there have been two shelling incidents

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The Israelis can be expected to take some action soon against Syria to discourage further guerrilla incursions.

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30 April 1973

PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Chancellor Brandt's primary goal during his visit to Washington is to reaffirm Bonn's commitment to close ties to the US and to NATO. *(Page 1)*

Cambodian President Lon Nol has bowed to demands that all important executive decisions by the new high political council be taken by majority vote. *(Page 2)*

The North Atlantic Council has decided to accept a compromise that will give Hungary less than full status at the MBFR preparatory talks. *(Page 3)*

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WEST GERMANY

Chancellor Brandt's primary goal during his visit to Washington is to reaffirm Bonn's commitment to close ties to the US and to NATO. Brandt has been concerned by charges that he has allowed Bonn's relations with the US to deteriorate. He has strongly rebutted this and sees his trip as a demonstration of continuing harmony with Washington.

Brandt intends to probe for details of the new Atlantic cooperation concept unveiled in Dr. Kissinger's speech. He told Ambassador Hillenbrand on April 26 that he was generally impressed by the speech, but intends to seek clarification of certain problem areas. He questions, for example, whether it is possible to deal with major political, economic, and military problems as a whole, and he is uncertain how Japan can be associated with the Atlantic Alliance.

Other matters of particular interest to Brandt are the Middle East situation and Brezhnev's trip to Bonn next month. Brandt's recent talks with Tito have convinced the German leader that Sadat's precarious position urgently requires progress toward a solution.

Bonn is dissatisfied with Soviet interpretations of the Four-Power Berlin Agreement. Brandt notes that despite an exchange of personal letters with Brezhnev, there has been no satisfactory progress with Moscow regarding West German representation of West Berlin's interests.

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CAMBODIA

President Lon Nol met with the three other members of the new high political council on Saturday and bowed to their insistence that all important executive decisions be taken by majority vote. Later the same day, Lon Nol promulgated the decree officially establishing the council and naming him its president and Cheng Heng its vice-president.

Sirik Matak [redacted] has been greatly encouraged by the relative speed and ease with which the council was formed and its powers defined. Matak said that he had hoped to be the vice-president, but that he deferred to Cheng Heng in the interest of unity when it became clear that Cheng Heng attached considerable importance to the position. The other council member, In Tam, has told US Embassy officers that he, too, is satisfied with the trend of events thus far.

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The council will hold its first meeting today to discuss the selection of a new cabinet. The three major political parties reportedly will be asked to submit recommendations on ministerial appointments and on policy matters.

Although Lon Nol seems sincere in his interest in getting the council under way, he evidently has some reservations about its effectiveness. [redacted]

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MBFR: The North Atlantic Council has decided to accept a compromise that will give Hungary less than full status at the MBFR preparatory talks. The Council also instructed the Allied delegations in Vienna to leave the matter of an agenda to the later negotiations unless an agreement could be reached quickly.

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