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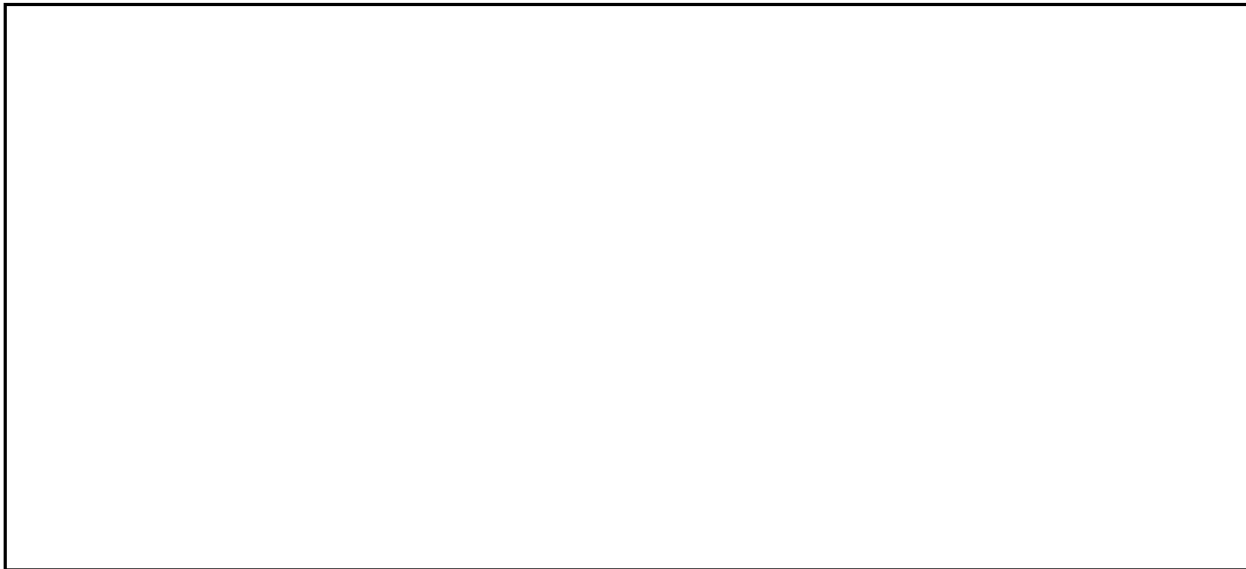
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I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC



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Mongolia: Peiping has announced the negotiation of a new agreement on the provision of Chinese labor in Mongolia, where there now are 10,000 Chinese workers. This announcement, which comes less than two weeks after the new Soviet loan to Ulan Bator of over \$150,000,000, is further evidence that Mongolia is profiting from Sino-Soviet competition to develop its economy. In May, the Chinese extended a \$50,000,000 loan to cover economic assistance for Mongolia's Third Five-Year Plan beginning in 1961.

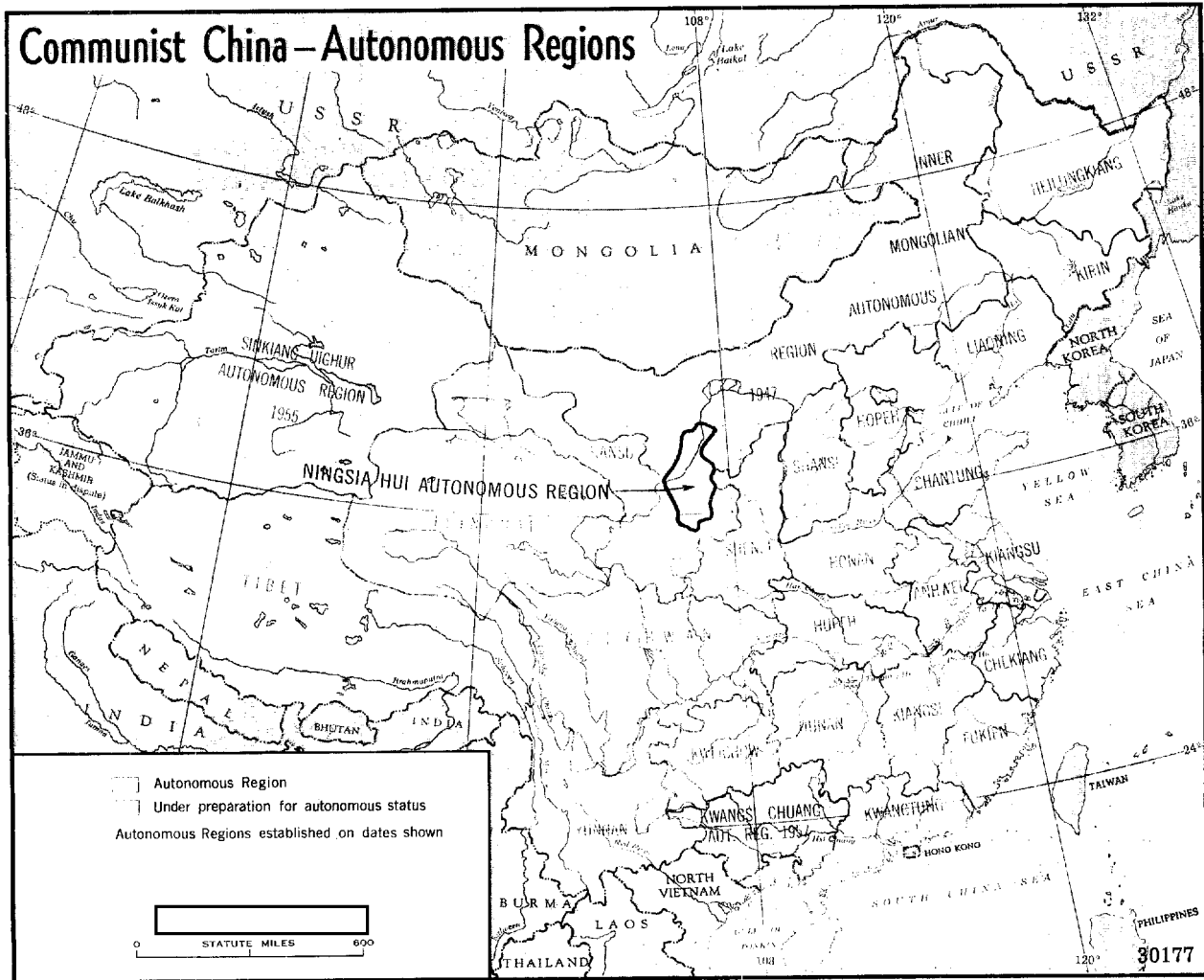


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Communist China: The persistence of separatist tendencies among China's religious and ethnic minorities is highlighted by the shake-up in the government of the Ningsia Hui Autonomous Region, a Moslem area in northwestern China.



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The chairman (who is also a member of the Chinese Communist party's central committee), a vice chairman, and one other member of the Ningsia governing body were dismissed from their posts last week. The local press accused "nationalist elements" of "confusing nationality and religion" and warned of "severe punishment" for those who fail to reform. China's various minority peoples--which pose a continuing problem but no threat to Peiping--comprise about 6 percent of the population and occupy about 50 to 60 percent of the total land area. [redacted] (See map on opposite page)

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II. ASIA-AFRICA

France-Soudan: [The French Government, concerned over possible moves by Soudan in retaliation for Paris' recent recognition of Senegal, is taking steps to prevent any direct Soudanese aid to the Algerian rebels across the Soudanese Saharan border and to ensure retention of French military bases in the area. French military officers are in contact with the nomadic Tuareg tribes of northern Soudan, and are prepared if necessary to furnish them arms and encourage a separatist movement. A formal statement on Soudan's relationship with the French Community and on Soudanese intentions vis-a-vis Algeria may come from the conference of the ruling Soudanese party now scheduled for Bamako on 22-23 September. [redacted] (Page 3) (Map)]

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III. WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS

A. No Sino-Soviet bloc country intends to initiate hostilities against the United States or its possessions in the immediate future.

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Note:

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B. No Sino-Soviet bloc country intends deliberately to initiate direct military action against US forces abroad, US allies, or areas peripheral to the Orbit in the immediate future.

Note: Recent East German moves to assert control over West German access to Berlin and to assert "sovereignty" over the Soviet sector of the city have brought the bloc to a new stage in its efforts to separate West Berlin from West Germany as a part of its program to undermine the Western position in Berlin.

C. Situations susceptible of direct exploitation by Soviet-Communist hostile action continue to exist in Laos and the Middle East. In Laos, the continuing differences between opposing elements favor Communist exploitation and could stimulate increased Pathet Lao military activity.

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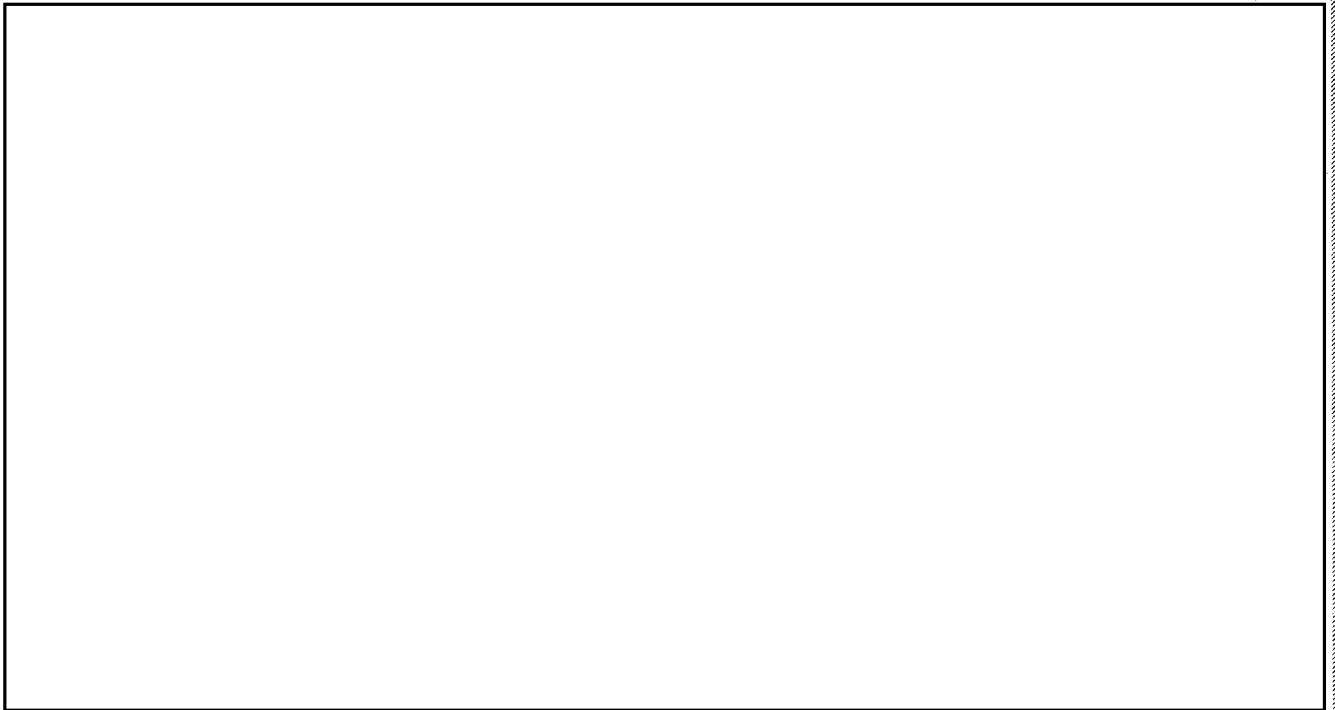
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France Concerned Over Possible Soudanese Aid to Algerian Rebels

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Paris fears that its recognition of Senegal on 11 September may lead Soudan to retaliate by recognizing the Algerian provisional government and aiding the Algerian rebel military forces. Although Soudanese reaction thus far has been restrained, Soudan might carry out its earlier threat to break with the French Community and force the withdrawal of French troops from Soudanese territory. In that event, France presumably would lose the bases ceded to it by Mali under the cooperation agreements signed last April when Senegal and Soudan were members of the Mali Federation. Loss of the bases at Gao and Tessalit in northern Soudan would make it difficult for France to prevent arms shipments and personnel reinforcements from crossing the Soudanese Saharan border and reaching the Algerian rebels.

French military officers in contact with the nomadic Tuareg tribes of northern Soudan are apparently trying to increase traditional tribal rivalries between them and the Bantu tribes of the center and south, which control the Soudanese Government. The French reportedly are prepared, if the situation warrants, to encourage a separatist movement among the Tuaregs and furnish them arms.

A formal statement of Soudan's relationship with the French Community and on Soudanese intentions vis-a-vis Algeria may come from the conference of the ruling Soudanese party now scheduled for Bamako on 22-23 September.

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