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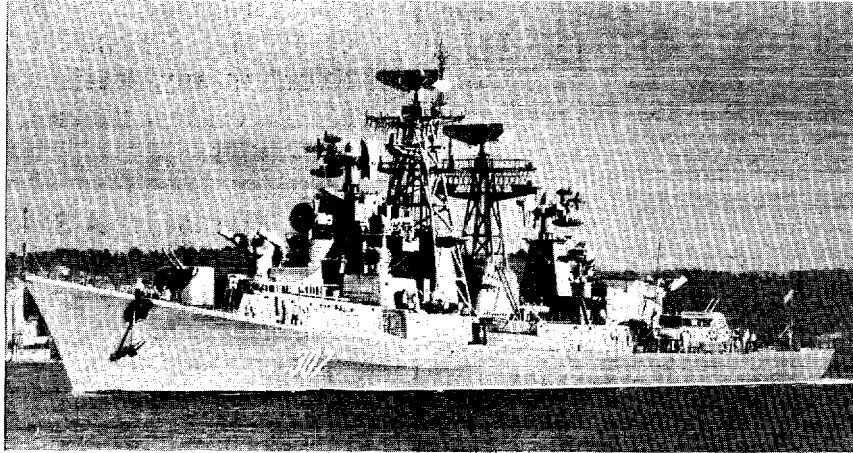
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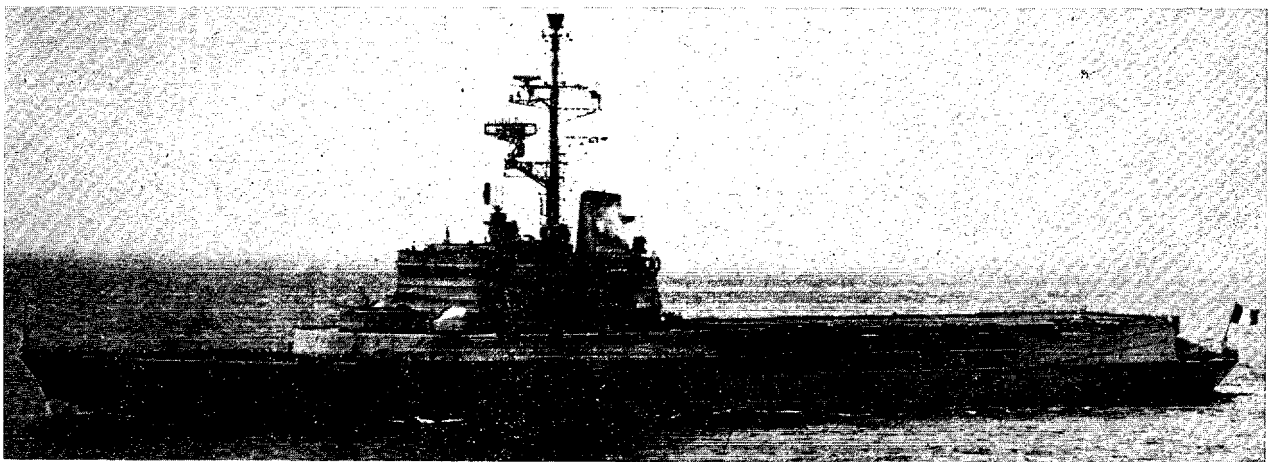
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The new frigates under construction in the USSR may be larger than this 470-foot KASHIN-Class-the last type of guided missile ship to be built by the Soviets



The new Soviet helicopter carriers reportedly being built in the Black Sea apparently resemble this 590-foot French helicopter carrier JEANNE d'ARC

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USSR: [Two new classes of major combatant ships are apparently under construction in the USSR.]

[one or two units of a new class of frigate--probably to be equipped with guided missiles and the latest antisubmarine weapons--and one or two probable helicopter carriers are being built at Baltic and Black Sea shipyards, respectively. The construction of these ships suggests that the Soviets are trying to improve and extend their limited antisubmarine or amphibious warfare capabilities beyond the range of ground-based air support.]

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[Although helicopter-carrying ships could be used in manned space recovery operations, it seems unlikely that they would be built and used solely for this purpose.]

[Available information suggests that the first of these new ships may be ready for sea before the end of the year.]

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Dominican Republic: Juan Bosch's electoral intentions are still obscure on the eve of his party's nominating convention.

Bosch's conduct strongly suggests that he does not really want to take on the job of ruling the country --particularly when he feels he will be faced with the threat of military overthrow--and is looking for a way out of running. Nevertheless, Bosch is highly unpredictable and many of his statements during recent weeks have made him sound very much like a candidate. Meaningful elections will not necessarily be precluded if Bosch does not run.

On 4 April Bosch proposed that he and Balaguer agree on a new provisional government and postpone elections. Bosch made the proposal to a leader of Balaguer's Reformist Party (PR), who made clear that the PR remains fully committed to holding elections on 1 June.

On 5 April Bosch broke off while filming a television interview, saying of the elections, "there is no use going on with this farce; the Americans do not want elections and the situation here is impossible." [He made similar statements to the British ambassador, asserting that terrorism was still being practiced against Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD) members and accusing the US of not being prepared to allow him to govern should he win.]

Bosch has suggested that Caamano be a presidential or vice-presidential candidate on the PRD ticket. However, Caamano replied publicly that he has no political ambitions and privately told Bosch supporters that while he would accept a military post--possibly minister of defense--he would not accept a political position.

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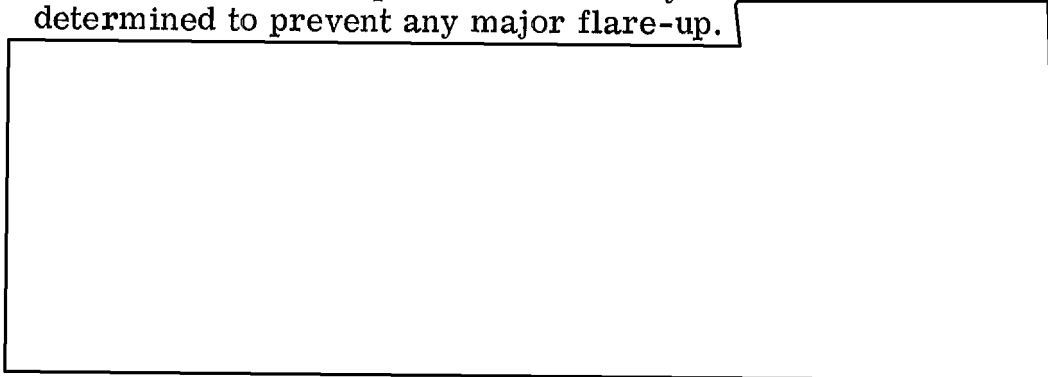
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Bosch's intentions should be clearer after the party convention this weekend. He has expressed fears that violence will break out, but the US Embassy reports that the new police and military chiefs appear determined to prevent any major flare-up.



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India: The violence which erupted in West Bengal State during the 24-hour strike on 6-7 April may continue for several days. The leftist-instigated strike--ostensibly protesting the government's food-distribution policies but motivated largely by political considerations--is not likely to spread to neighboring states. Leftist parties in West Bengal, including the Communists, are concerting their efforts to discredit the Congress Party government in anticipation of the February 1967 general elections. Their campaign may intensify in the late spring and summer months as the food crisis deepens.

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Bolivia: Demonstrations by the Nationalist Revolutionary Movement (MNR) in La Paz tomorrow may degenerate into violence. The MNR is said to plan peaceful demonstrations to commemorate its revolution of 1952, but other political groups are reported striving to build tensions and will probably try to provoke armed clashes with security forces. General Barrientos plans to bring a large delegation of peasants into La Paz in a show of political strength. A clash between this group and the demonstrators is possible.

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