

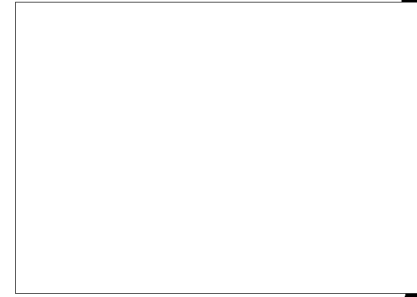


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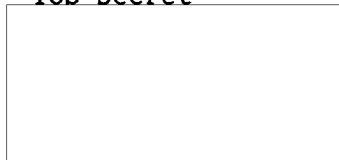
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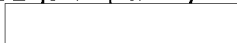


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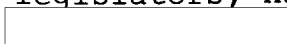
EL SALVADOR: New Political Difficulties

*Legislative leader D'Aubuisson and his far-right supporters are threatening to withdraw from the Constituent Assembly in response to maneuvers by opposition moderates.* 


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The announcement follows the Assembly's approval of a rule allowing it to legislate with only three-fifths of the 60 deputies present. The unanimous vote, which was taken in the absence of D'Aubuisson and his party, enabled the Assembly to ratify President Magana's replacement of a D'Aubuisson loyalist in the cabinet. The new minister is a member of a small center-right party not previously included in the government. 

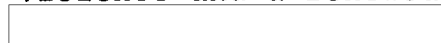
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D'Aubuisson has demanded the Assembly rescind its rule changes and reverse the cabinet appointment. Moderate legislators, however, rejected his motion yesterday. 

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Comment: Moderate politicians are increasingly concerned about D'Aubuisson's political obstructionism and about the course of the war and the economy. By bringing another party into the government, they have reduced D'Aubuisson's share of power and strengthened Magana's hand against the right. 

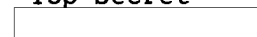
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Some moderates would prefer to replace D'Aubuisson as President of the Constituent Assembly and let his party withdraw. Nevertheless, most probably are looking for a compromise to preserve the coalition government. A breakup could provoke rightist violence and a renewed power struggle in the military. 

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JAPAN: Increasing Concern About INF

*Japanese leaders made INF the focal point of their talks this week with Secretary of State Shultz.* [redacted]

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Foreign Minister Abe said that Japan fully supports the zero-option formula and that transfer of Soviet SS-20 missiles from Europe to the Far East is totally unacceptable. He also said Japan opposes reduction of SS-20s in Europe without a similar reduction in East Asia, which, he states, would not be consistent with the global approach promised by the US. [redacted]

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Defense Agency chief Tanikawa warned INF negotiations could weaken US relations with Japan as well as Western Europe. In working-level discussions, Foreign Ministry officials asked how the US would respond if the USSR were to demand reductions in US forces in and around Japan as the price for a freeze or reduction in the SS-20s already deployed in Siberia. [redacted]

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Comment: The pointed questions and the Japanese sense of urgency are unusual. They probably reflect concern that the US, in response to pressure from the West Europeans, may be about to alter its position on INF at the expense of Japan's security interests. [redacted]

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The new government of Prime Minister Nakasone is more aware than its predecessor to the threat posed by existing SS-20 deployments. In addition, Moscow recently has threatened Tokyo with additional deployments in the Far East. [redacted]

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**GHANA: Impact of Expulsions From Nigeria**

*Ghana will have great difficulty absorbing the masses of illegal West African aliens being expelled by Nigeria, even with international relief aid.* [Redacted]

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Press reports say up to 300,000 Ghanaians have returned so far out of an estimated 1 million or more ordered to leave. The US Embassy anticipates the food, logistic, and security problems being created by the returning Ghanaians will make it more difficult for the government to strengthen its shaky position and could encourage more active plotting by moderate elements. [Redacted]

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Although the government press continues to attribute the expulsions to a "neocolonialist plot," the government has belatedly begun cooperating with relief efforts by the UN and Western missions. Accra hopes to settle most returnees on tribal homelands, where they can make a living in subsistence agriculture. [Redacted]

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The regime fears mercenaries and exiles have infiltrated the returning masses. [Redacted]

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Comment: The refugees will add to the burden on Ghana's inadequate food supply and economy. International relief aid may enable the government to meet the minimum needs of the refugees, but Head of State Rawlings will suspect Western intentions. [Redacted]

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The government will be most suspicious of the returning middle class professional and skilled workers because it regards them as one of Ghana's most Westernized groups. They have to leave Nigeria by the end of the month. [Redacted]

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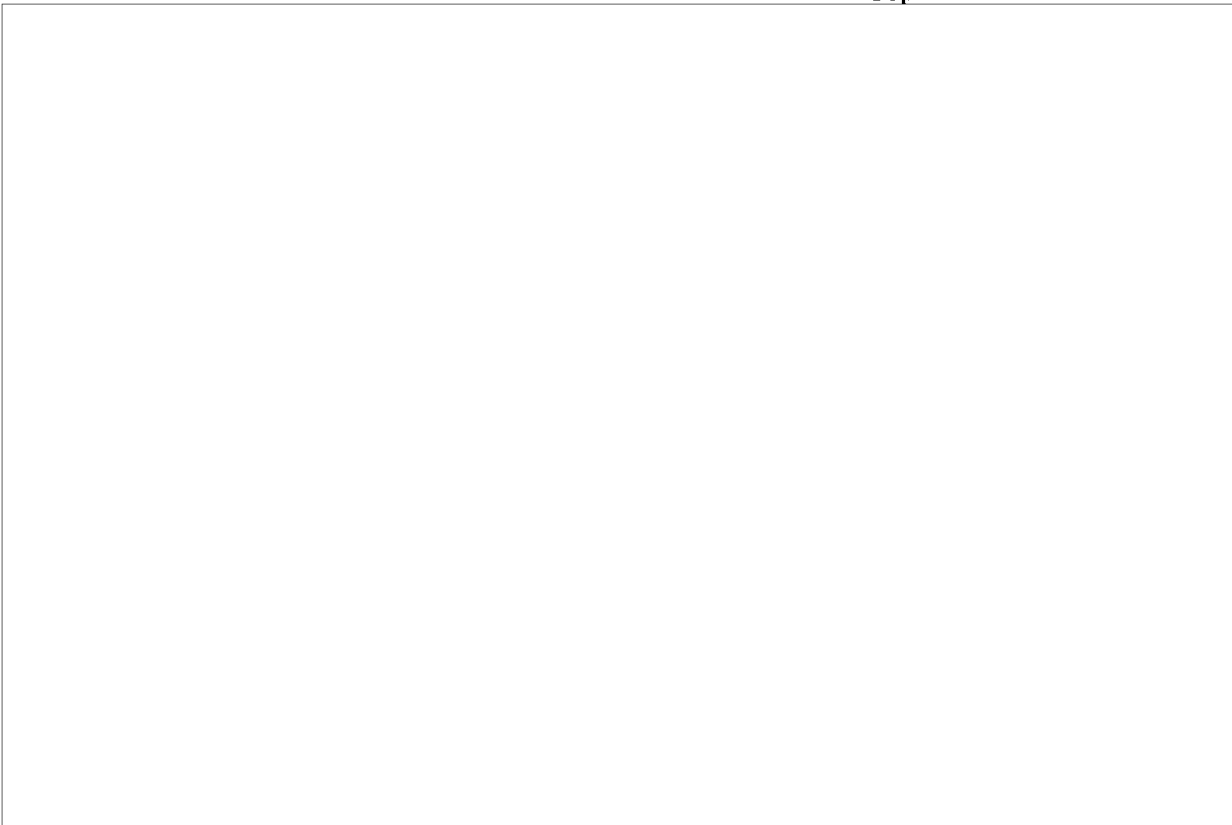
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## USSR - WEST GERMANY: Threat of Nuclear Retaliation

A TASS commentator warned on Tuesday that West Germans will expose themselves to the threat of Soviet nuclear retaliation if Pershing II's are deployed in West Germany. The commentator describes West Germany as a "powder keg" because of the concentration of tactical nuclear weapons and ammunition already there. He warns that new "first strike" weapons like the Pershing II "would attract a retaliatory strike like a magnet." West German Defense Minister Woerner is criticized for rejecting a nuclear-weapons-free zone in Central Europe, proposed by Sweden and endorsed by the USSR.

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Comment: The warning is blunter than most recent Soviet pronouncements aimed at influencing the West German public as the parliamentary election on 6 March approaches. The Soviets, in recent conversations with West German political leaders, have taken pains to give an impression of reasonableness and sincerity, while accusing the US of inflexibility.

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## OPEC: Yamani Predicts Oil Price Cut

The Saudi Oil Minister has advised Ambassador Murphy the \$34-per-barrel price for Arab Light Crude would soon drop by about \$4. He believes \$30 per barrel is appropriate for Saudi interests in the current market and would not lead to a general price collapse. He refuses to say, however, if Saudi Arabia would take the lead in reducing the price. [redacted]

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Comment: A drop to \$30 per barrel for Saudi oil would protect Riyadh's position in the market only if there were agreement on new price differentials for OPEC oils of different quality. Without an agreement, further competitive cutting of prices would be likely to follow. The press report on Tuesday of an imminent \$4-per-barrel reduction by the Gulf Cooperation Council probably is designed to persuade other OPEC members to come to an agreement on their pricing differences. [redacted]

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## EC-US: Dispute Over Agricultural Sales

EC Commission President Thorn has told the chief US envoy to the EC that, if the US makes another subsidized agricultural sale to a traditional EC market, the Community would cancel the agricultural talks with the US scheduled for next Wednesday and Thursday. The Commission has decided to eliminate wheat flour from the agenda of the talks, which are aimed at reducing tensions caused by competition for agricultural export markets. The US sale of wheat flour to Egypt in mid-January at prices lower than prices in the US provoked protests and veiled threats of retaliatory measures by EC countries as well as by the EC Commission. [redacted]

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Comment: Thorn's warning reflects the demands he is receiving from EC members to retaliate promptly against any additional US-subsidized farm sale. EC members, particularly France, have urged several more serious measures [redacted]

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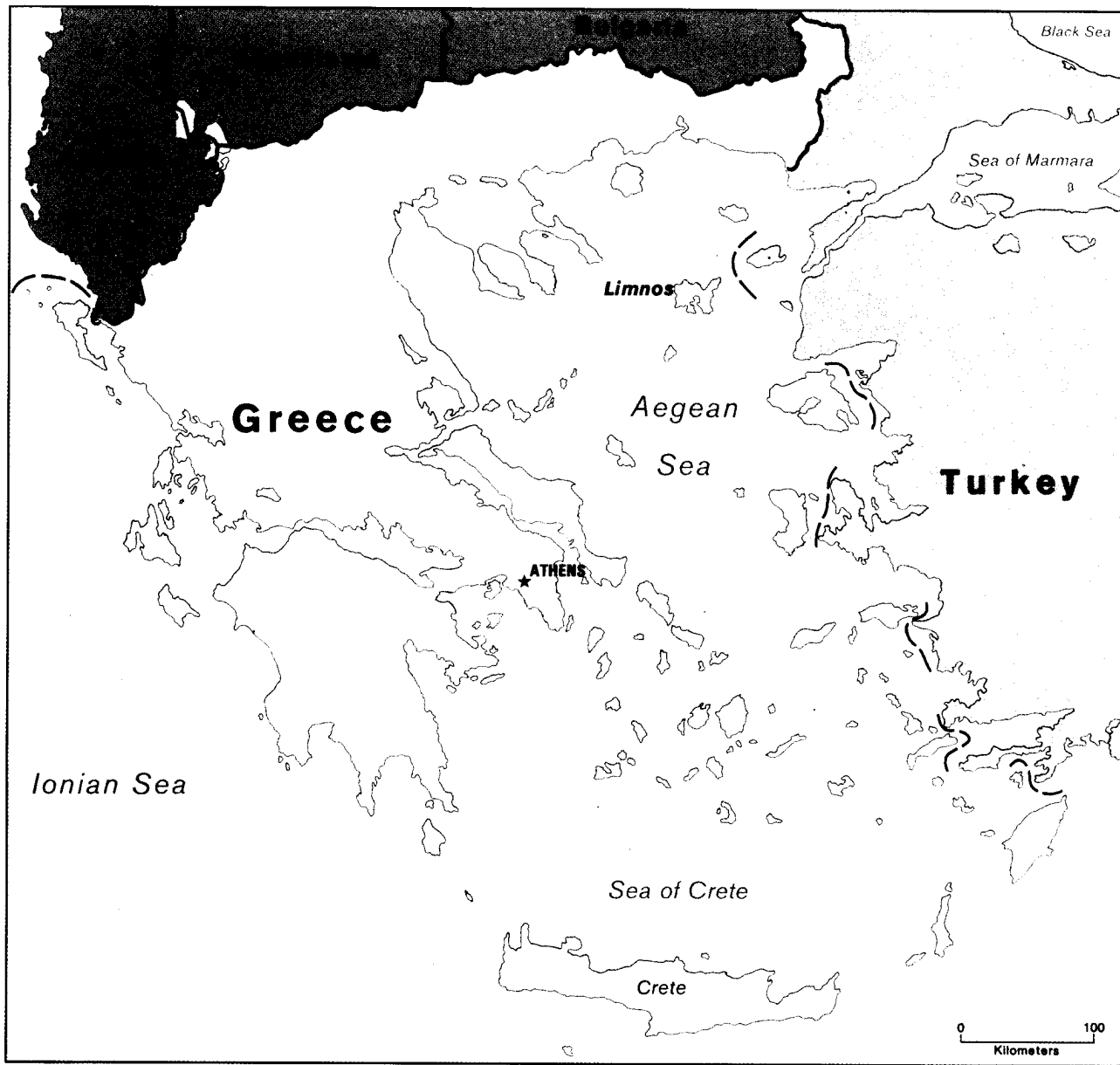
[redacted] A cancellation of the talks probably would help avert this more serious retaliation. [redacted]

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GREECE-NATO: Problems With Exercise Participation

Greece has withdrawn from the annual NATO-wide exercise scheduled for later this month. Although the Greeks did not say so publicly, they withdrew because NATO would not include in the exercise the Greek military command that covers Limnos Island in the Aegean.



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Comment: More than his recent predecessors, Prime Minister Papandreou is using selective participation in NATO exercises to win political support at home and to protest command and control arrangements and NATO's alleged failure to respond to Greek security needs. Greece has not participated in any NATO exercise since October, and withdrew from three in 1982.



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FRANCE-MOROCCO: Results of Mitterrand's Visit

President Mitterrand's visit last week to Morocco has resulted in closer bilateral relations, according to the US Embassy in Rabat. A French diplomat told the Embassy that Mitterrand and King Hassan now have established a good "personal relationship." He also said the visit provided an "education" for many French dignitaries who accompanied Mitterrand, suggesting they were favorably impressed with the Moroccan administration and the King's personal popularity. The Moroccans emphasized their interest in improving traditionally close ties with France.



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Comment: Mitterrand apparently tried to play down widespread reports that Paris was concerned by the improvement in US-Moroccan relations. His support for Hassan's proposed referendum on Western Sahara and his favorable remarks on the democratic evolution of Moroccan politics helped to ensure the visit's success. Hassan probably is reassured of France's desire to improve relations with Morocco while simultaneously seeking closer ties to Algeria.



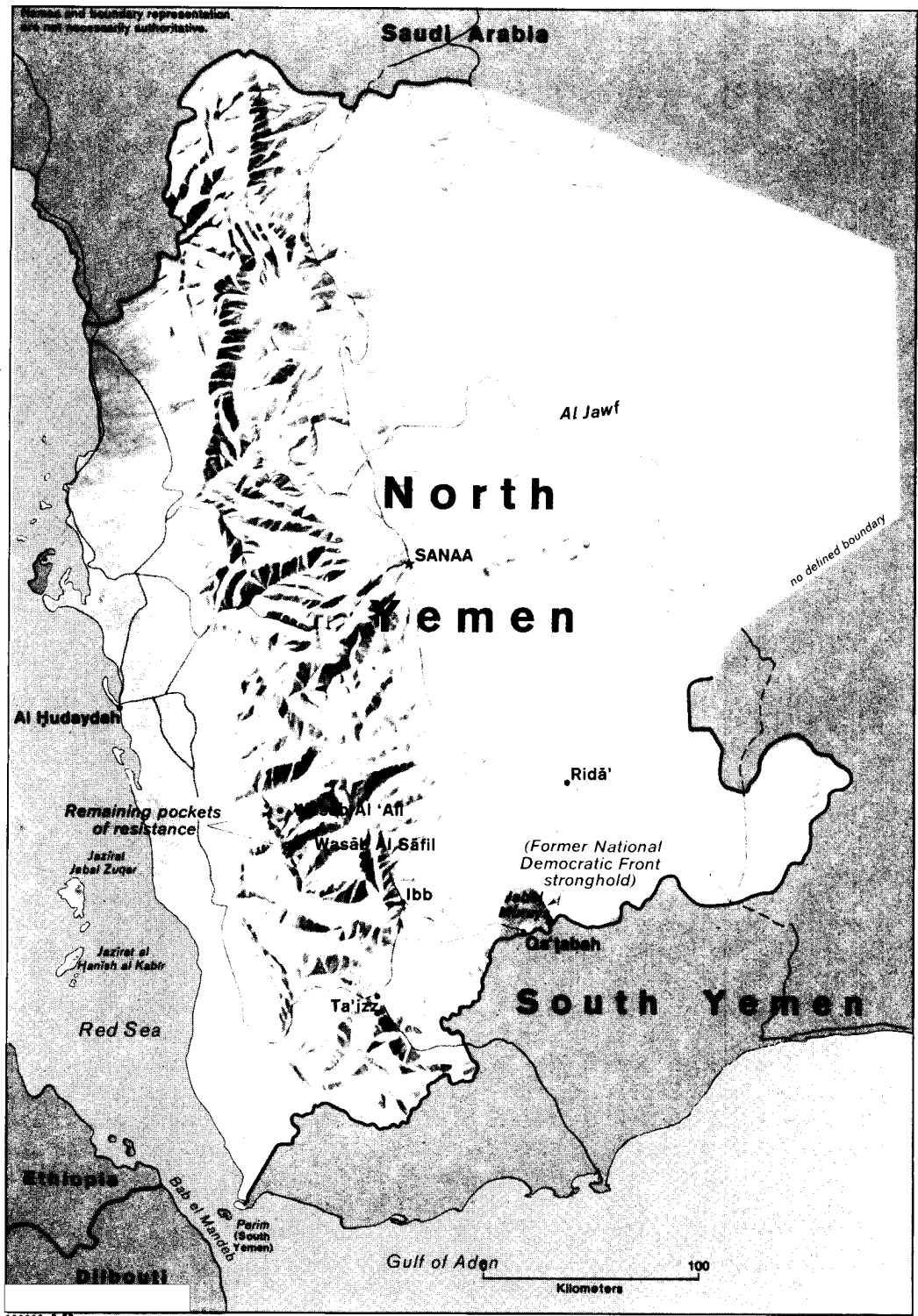
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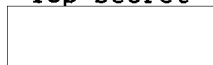
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NORTH YEMEN: Insurgent Setback

The dissident National Democratic Front recently sustained another major reverse that is likely to cripple its ability to resume significant military operations against President Salih's government any time soon.

many guerrillas in the Front's largest remaining stronghold, Jabal Murays, have accepted Sanaa's offer of amnesty. Government officials have reentered the area and begun reestablishing control. The government is continuing its efforts to persuade holdouts in two other small areas to defect.

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Comment: The large-scale defections appear to have resulted from a combination of North Yemen's military successes against the Front, the withdrawal of South Yemen's support, and Salih's ability to play on divisions in the Front to win over key insurgent leaders. The Front has not conducted any sizable military operations in several months.

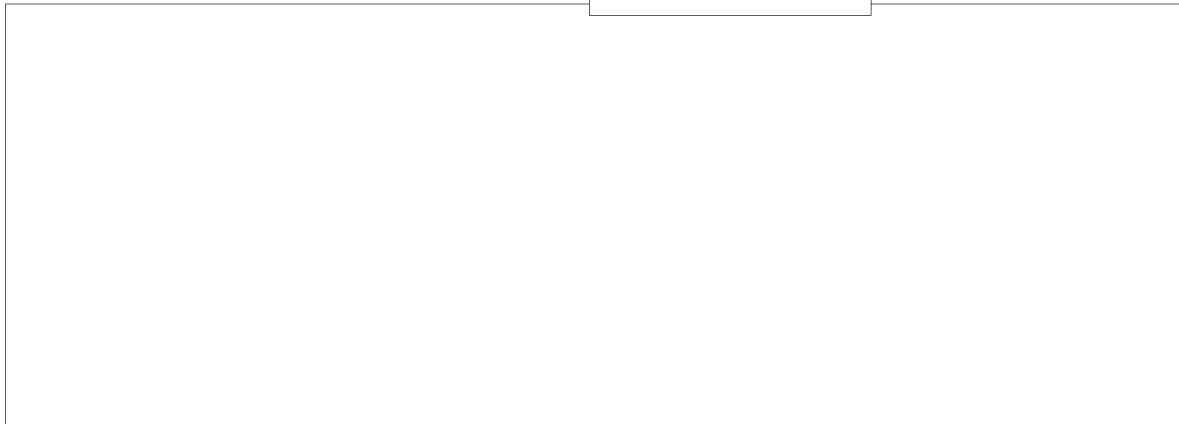
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JAPAN: Launch of Communications Satellite

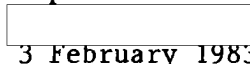
Japan will use its space booster, the N-2, to launch its first operational communications satellite early this month from the Tanegashima Space Center in southern Japan. The satellite, which will be placed into geostationary orbit at 130 degrees East longitude, will use the super-high frequencies in the K-band--20 to 30 gigahertz--as well as the C-band--4 to 6 gigahertz. A second satellite will be launched in August as an orbiting backup at 135 degrees East longitude.

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