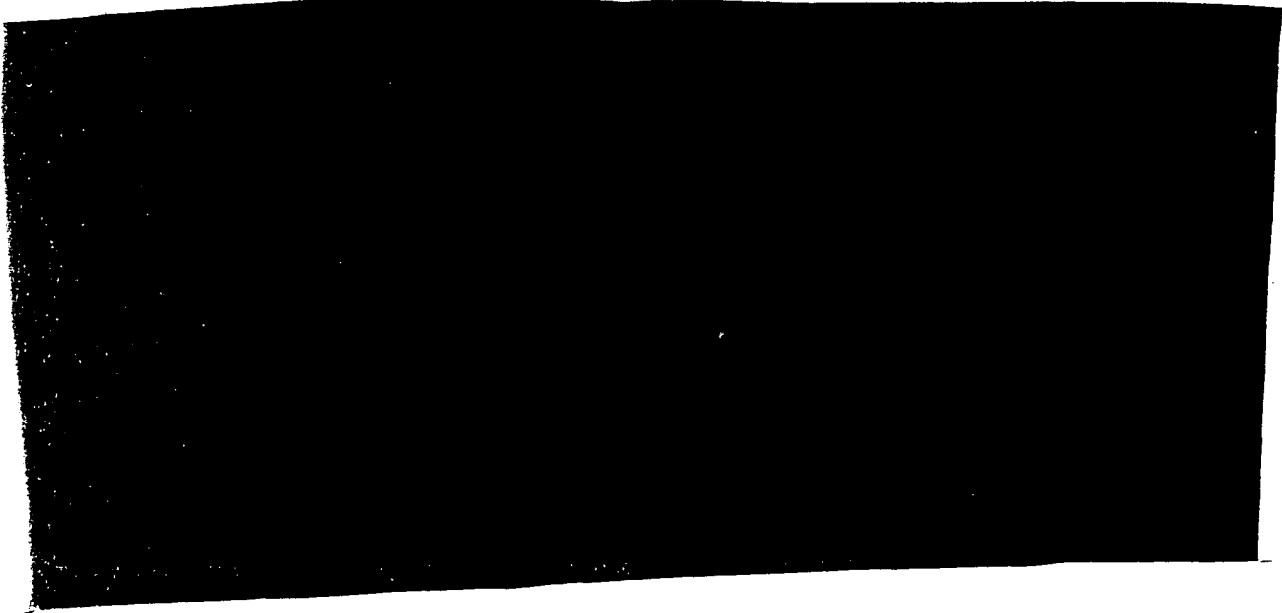


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AFGHANISTAN: Anniversary of Invasion

Kabul was relatively quiet and security precautions were not increased on the anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan last Saturday. The insurgents' call for a general strike was largely ignored by the populace, although the shopkeepers opened slightly later than usual. [REDACTED]

The Soviets marked the anniversary by claiming insurgent activity is declining. Prime Minister Babrak noted the occasion in a speech in which he offered to extend the amnesty for those who fled the country. About 100 political prisoners were released. Afghan refugees demonstrated in a few world capitals and temporarily entered the Soviet Embassy grounds in Tehran. Egyptian President Sadat reaffirmed his support of the insurgents and promised to send more arms and relief supplies. [REDACTED]