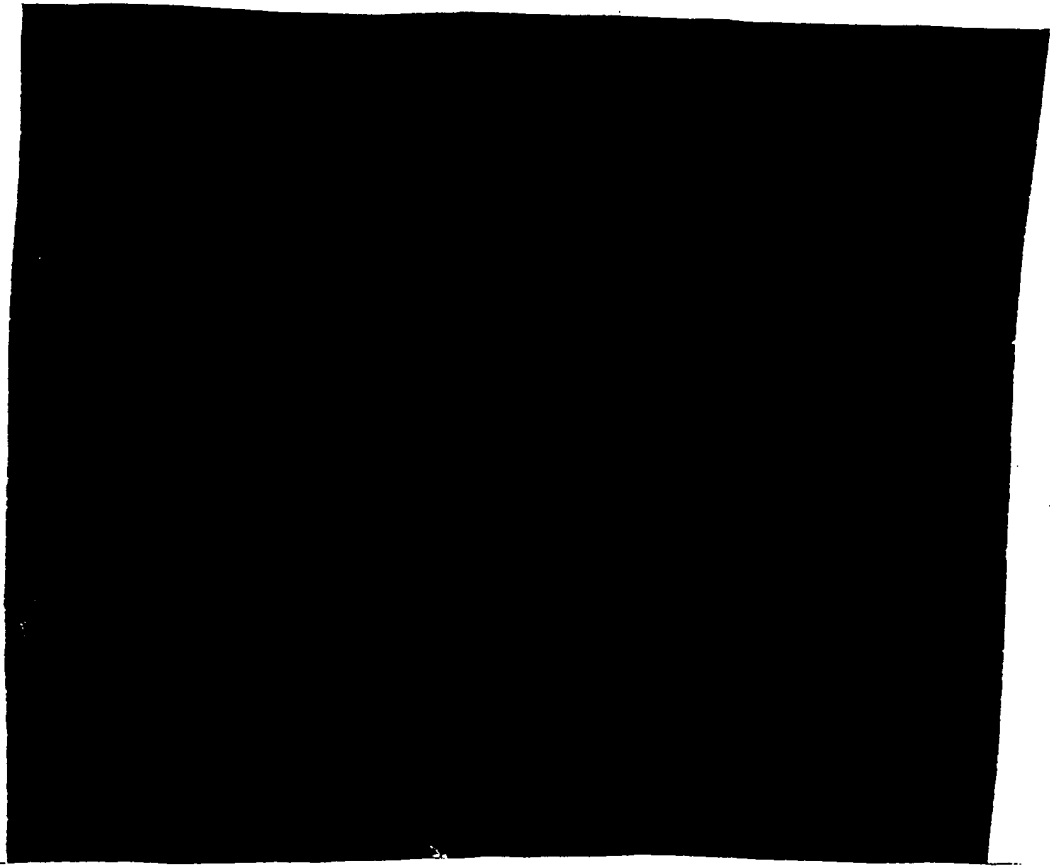


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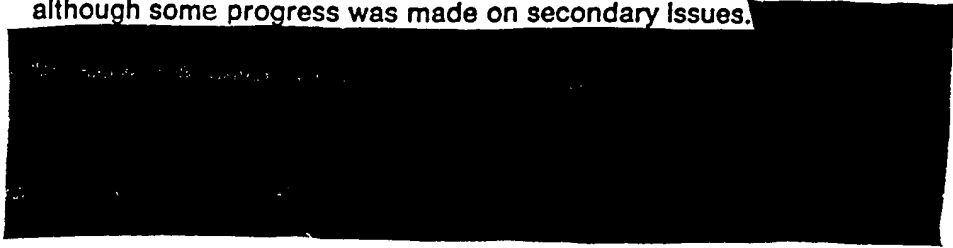
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PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN-USSR: Inconclusive Talks

The latest round of UN-supervised indirect talks in Geneva involving Pakistan, Afghanistan, and the USSR failed to define the timing or manner of Soviet troop withdrawals from Afghanistan although some progress was made on secondary issues.



Comment:

Lack of movement could strengthen Pakistan's fears that the USSR is using the talks for its own ends. The Pakistanis probably will now look to the UN General Assembly vote on Afghanistan this fall to keep international pressure on the Soviets.



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