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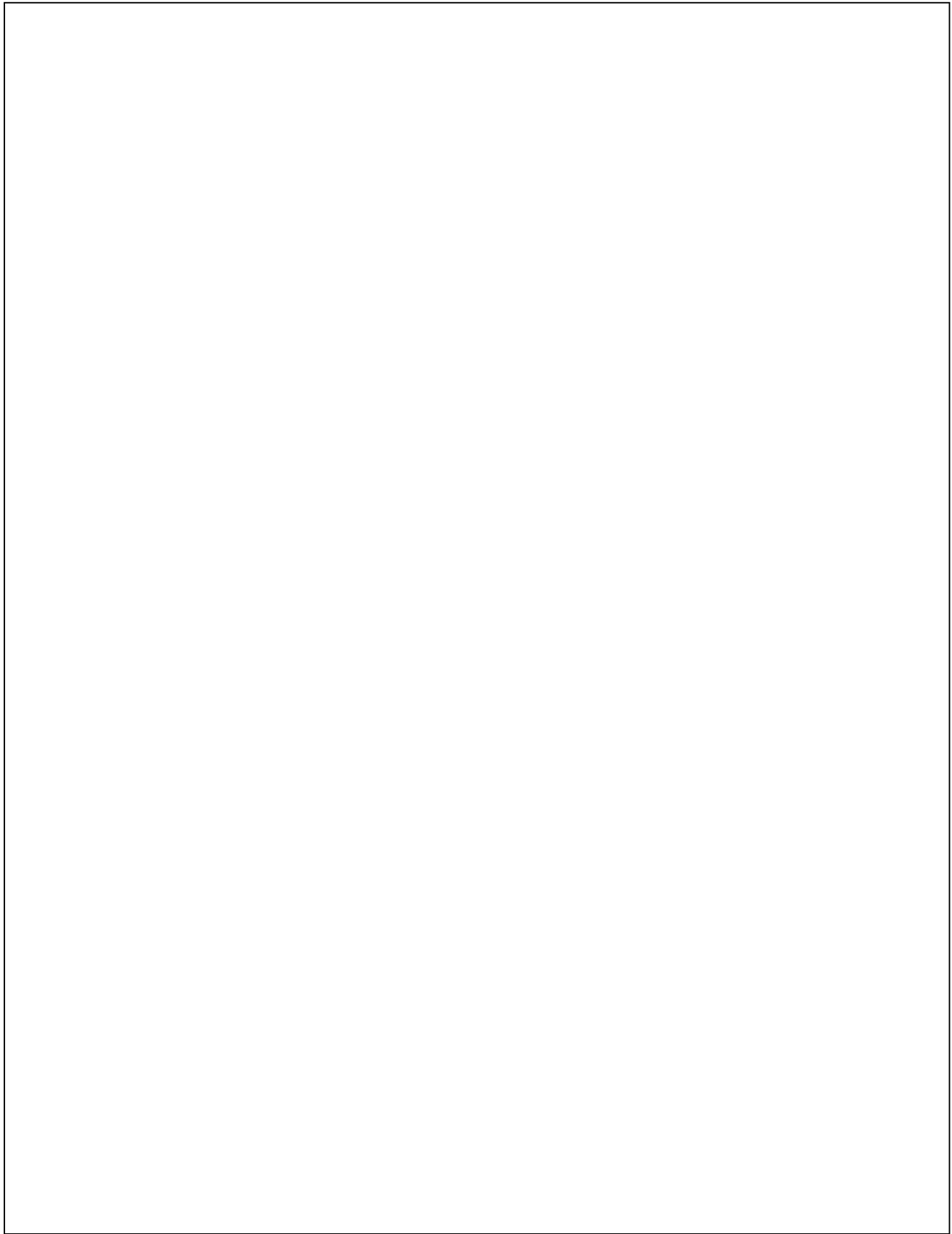
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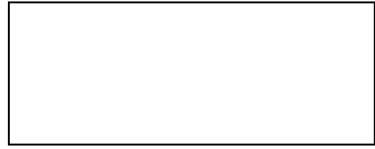
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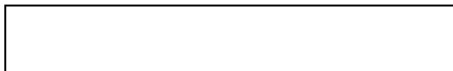


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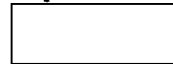
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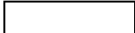
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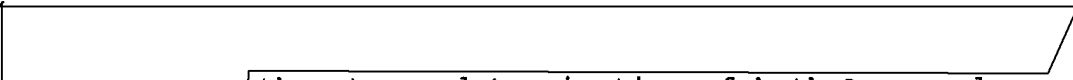


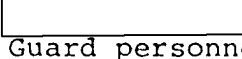




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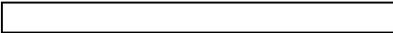

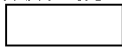
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


 the strong determination of both Army and Guard personnel to defeat Iraq,  no real cooperation between the two forces. 





 the fighting spirit and the new uniforms of the Guards. The Army personnel  were reasonably well organized, but  the Guards continue to be better motivated than the regular forces.// 

Iranian Negotiating Position

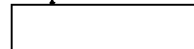
Iranian leaders continue to take a tough public line on a cease-fire. Ayatollah Beheshti said on Thursday that Iraq must withdraw all its forces before an end to the hostilities can even be considered. Prime Minister Rajai rejected press reports that Iran was prepared to negotiate directly with Baghdad after a withdrawal. 

Seeking Jet Fuel Additives



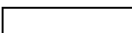
 An antifreeze ingredient is the most critical of the additives normally used in jet fuel production. The bulk of Iran's jet fuel was normally produced at the now inoperable Abadan refinery. 

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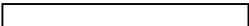
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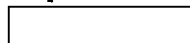
With 60 percent of its refinery capacity not operational and rationing imposed, Iran continues to be in the market for refined petroleum products from Europe and the Far East. Iran has been seeking kerosene, diesel oil, lubricating oil, and jet fuel. 

Soviet Commentary on Hostage Situation

Soviet media commentary emphasizes the problems the US allegedly faces in meeting Iran's conditions for the hostages' release. Citing US media reports, the Soviet press has focused particularly on Iran's financial demands and has claimed that the US, using the "pretext" of constitutional limitations, has no plans to comply. These themes have received more strident treatment in broadcasts on the Soviet-sponsored National Voice of Iran. (U)

The tone of Soviet commentary suggests apprehension that the resolution of the hostage issue might result in an Iranian-US reconciliation, especially if the US releases arms supplies to Iran. In an effort to impede this process and to reinforce Iranian antipathy toward the US, Soviet media continue to warn of alleged US preparations for "military aggression" against Iran. (U) 

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