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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Soviet Jews back the USSR's Middle East policy.  
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Libyan troops are coming back from Egypt. (Page 3)

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USSR - MIDDLE EAST

At a Soviet Foreign Ministry press conference yesterday, Deputy Premier Dymshits--the highest ranking Jew in the hierarchy--denied that Egypt has asked for "MIG-23s." He acknowledged the presence of Soviet advisers in Egypt but sidestepped a question on providing Soviet pilots.

*A number of prominent Soviet Jews participated in the conference, apparently to demonstrate that Soviet Jewry is united behind Moscow's policy. They had signed a statement castigating Israeli aggression which was read at the beginning of the conference.*



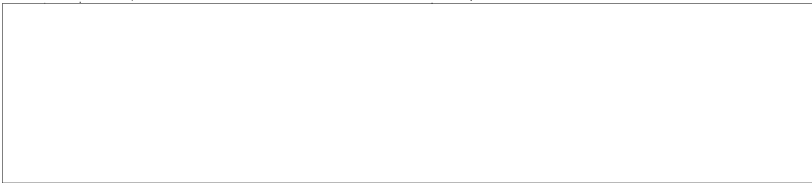
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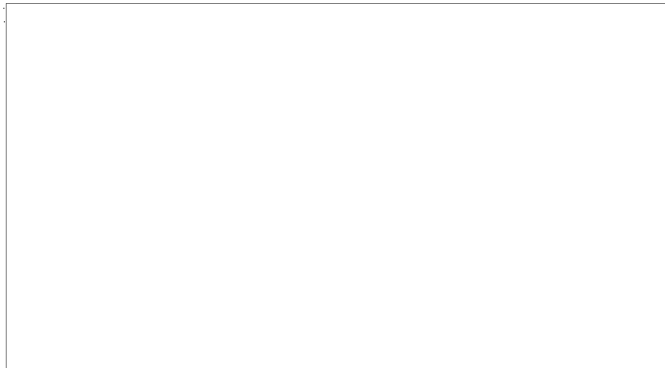
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LIBYA

The "Libya First" faction in the ruling Revolutionary Command Council has apparently won out, at least temporarily, over the pro-Egyptian faction.

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all the Libyan troops stationed in Egypt since January have already been brought home or soon will be. In recent months the troop issue has been a source of increasing dissension within the Council.

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*The decision to withdraw the troops reflects the unpopularity in Libya of the rigidly pro-Egyptian policies initially pursued by the new regime. Anti-Egyptian sentiment is particularly strong in Cyrenaica, where proximity to Egypt has resulted in traditional suspicion of Cairo.*

*The return of the troops probably will help to hold the Council together* [redacted]

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[redacted] *The issue of growing Egyptian influence in Libya remains, and the return of the troops does not mean that Libya will modify its strong Arab-nationalist, anti-Israeli, anti-Western policies in its diplomatic activities and propaganda output.*

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NOTES

Guatemala: With the victory of rightist presidential candidate Colonel Arana, the possibility of an electoral crisis has receded. The government's defeat is testimony to the honesty of the vote count. Terrorism could erupt again at any time, however, partly because of Arana's promise to campaign against it. This promise, linked with his reputation as Guatemala's foremost anti-Communist, may incite a new wave of subversive activity before he takes office on 1 July.

Venezuela-Guyana: No cross-border shooting has been reported since the incidents of 23 February

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Venezuelan authorities maintain they have only peaceful intentions. Their respect for world opinion and their concern about possible reactions from Brazil would lend plausibility to such statements. Yet the breadth and intensity of their activities in the east are grossly out of proportion to any possible Guyanese threat.

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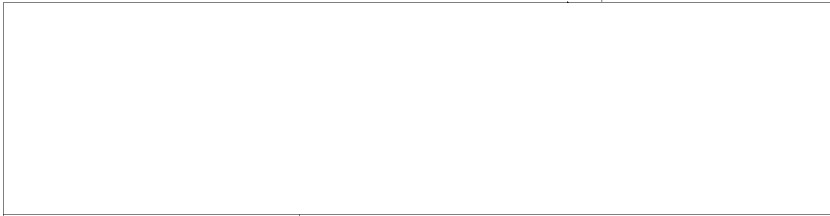
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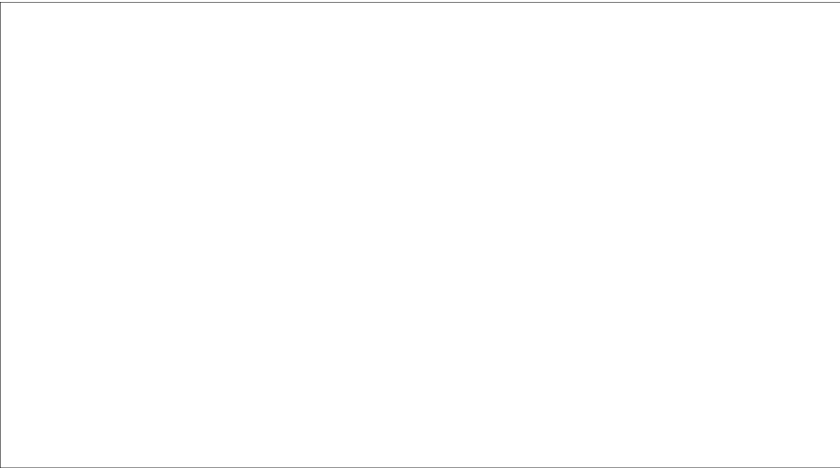
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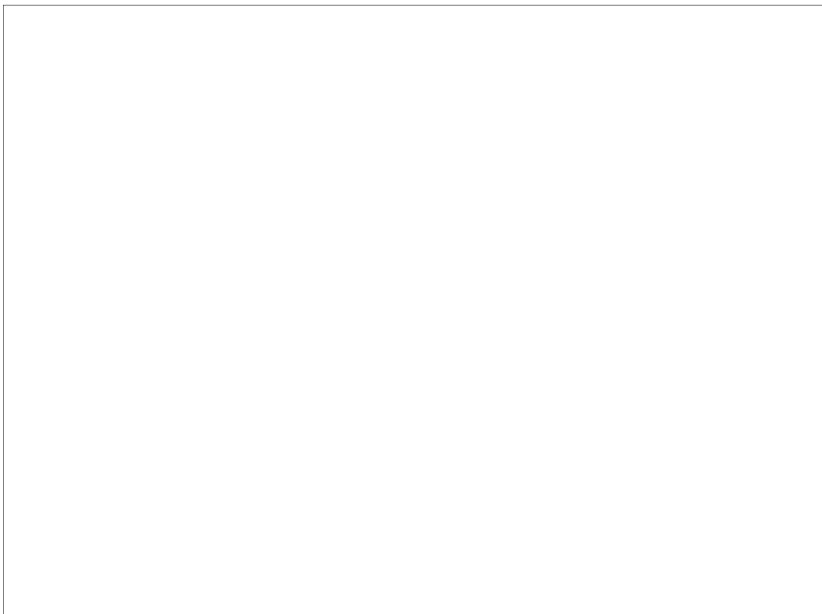
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