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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

An attempt was made on King Husayn's life yesterday, setting off heavy fighting in the Jordanian capital. (Page 1)

The Cambodian military situation is noted on Page 2.

In the USSR, a number of TU-16 bombers armed with air-to-surface missiles [redacted] have been seen in satellite photography. (Page 3)

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Pathet Lao chief Souphanouvong has made further demands on Souvanna regarding Laotian peace talks. (Page 4)

Libyan Premier Qaddafi may make announcements affecting foreign oil interests in a speech scheduled for Friday. (Page 4)

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JORDAN

An attempt on King Husayn's life yesterday--a rocket was fired at the King's motorcade, [redacted] --was followed by heavy and continuous shooting in most parts of Amman.

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By yesterday evening, the firing apparently had died down.

Jordan's handling of the situation has been complicated, however, by an ultimatum issued by the Iraqi Government. Baghdad threatened that if all operations against the fedayeen were not stopped, the Iraqi forces stationed in Jordan would intervene.

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[redacted]

*If the situation develops into a contest for authority between the King and the fedayeen, Husayn is less likely to compromise than on previous occasions.*

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[redacted]

**FOR THE PRESIDENT ONLY****CAMBODIA**

Communist forces yesterday checked a second effort by government troops to retake the town of Srang, 25 miles southwest of Phnom Penh. A battalion from the headquarters of the North Vietnamese 1st Division, located some ten miles west of Srang, may be participating in the fight.

Five miles east of Srang, a government position at Tram Khnar was attacked by an estimated enemy battalion on the night of 30 August. Cambodian messages subsequently reported that the town itself was being threatened by enemy elements coming from Srang, and the local commander urgently requested reinforcements.

*Enemy activity around Srang and Tram Khnar may be designed to mask a movement of enemy troops along an east-west corridor south of the capital. [redacted] there has been increased enemy movement in this area.*

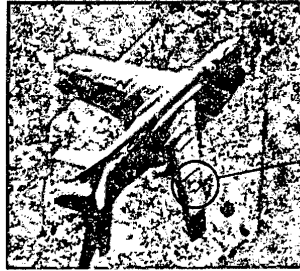
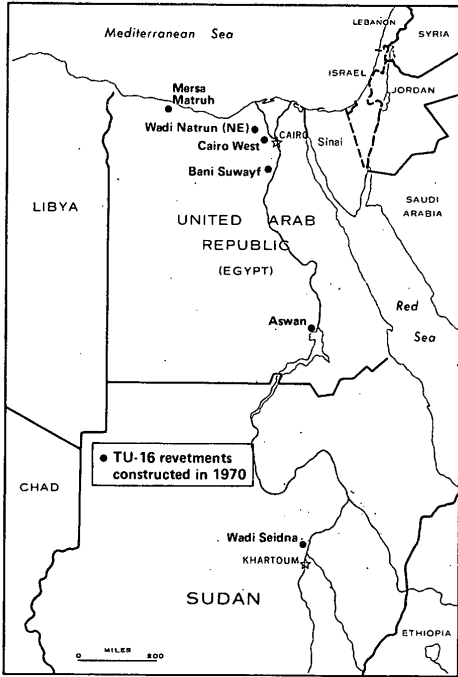
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There are signs that the enemy may make fresh attacks on the Mekong River village of Prek Tameak, 12 miles northeast of Phnom Penh. An intercepted government message yesterday cited villagers' reports that some Communist elements were moving back into the area from the south and that they intend to strike government forces there.

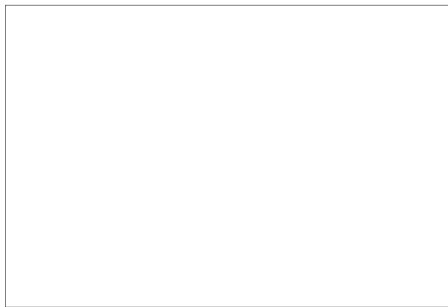
In the west, the Communists yesterday made their second attack within a week on the military training center at Romeas in Kompong Chhnang Province; details are not yet available. In the adjacent province of Pursat, five government battalions have begun a clearing operation near Pursat city to forestall an anticipated Communist attack in that area. A government column skirmished yesterday with a large Communist force about ten miles southwest of Pursat.

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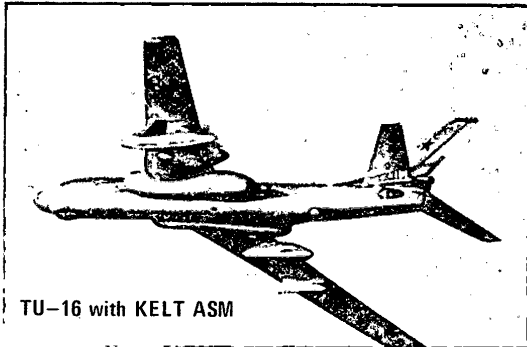
### Soviets to Send ASM-Equipped TU-16s to Egypt



TU-16 with Egyptian markings at Severomorsk Airfield, USSR



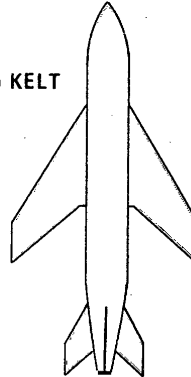
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TU-16 with KELT ASM



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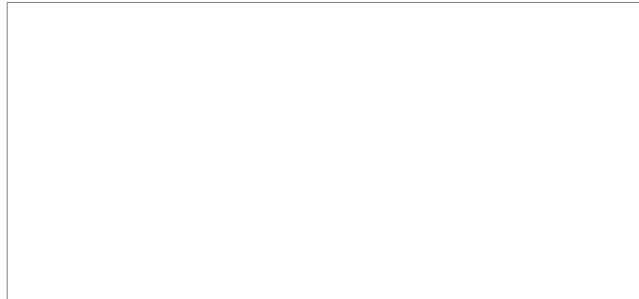


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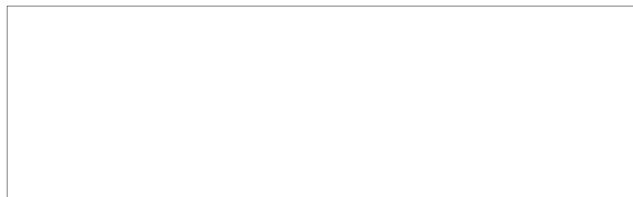
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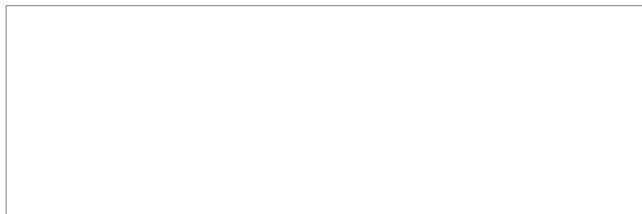
The latest satellite photography of Severomorsk naval airfield in the northwestern USSR shows at least eight TU-16 bombers with Egyptian insignia. Five of the bombers were armed with what appear to be AS-5 ("Kelt") air-to-surface missiles.



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Laos: The Communists appear to be making an eleventh hour effort to get Souvanna to agree to their scenario for peace talks. In a radiobroadcast yesterday, Pathet Lao leader Prince Souphanouvong named a new representative who would be prepared to meet at Khang Khay with Souvanna's plenipotentiary to "create conditions" for later negotiations. Souphanouvong condemned his half brother's appointment of a "so-called government delegation" for the talks as contrary to an alleged understanding that the meetings at Khang Khay would be between representatives of the two princes. Souvanna, who is scheduled to leave Laos today on a two-month trip abroad, is unlikely to accede to the latest Pathet Lao demands, although he may delay his departure until he meets with Souphanouvong's emissary in Vientiane.

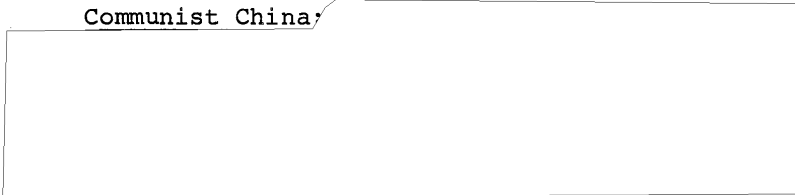
Libya: In his speech yesterday on the anniversary of the coup against King Idris, Premier Qaddafi concentrated largely on the need for Arab unity, with no mention of foreign oil companies. Qaddafi, however, said he would detail Libya's "great achievements" in another speech on Friday; presumably this will include reference to actions taken or contemplated against the petroleum interests.

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