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The Soviet Union's most advanced fighters have been deployed in a new role. (Page 8)

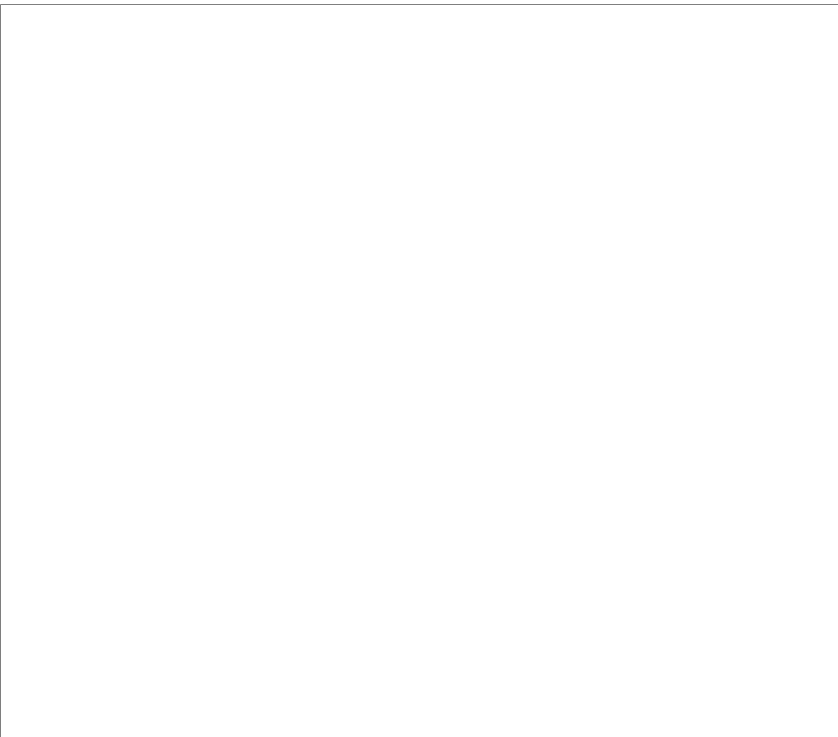
The Soviets are getting set for a new lunar mission. (Page 9)

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MIDDLE EAST



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Israel's refusal to release any of its captive fedayeen has added to the precarious position of the hostages held by the PFLP. So far, Moscow has reported only Western and Arab press dispatches on the hijackings. The Soviets have voiced indirect disapproval, however, by frequently referring to a comment in one Egyptian newspaper, that "such acts do much damage to the Arabs in the eyes of world public opinion."

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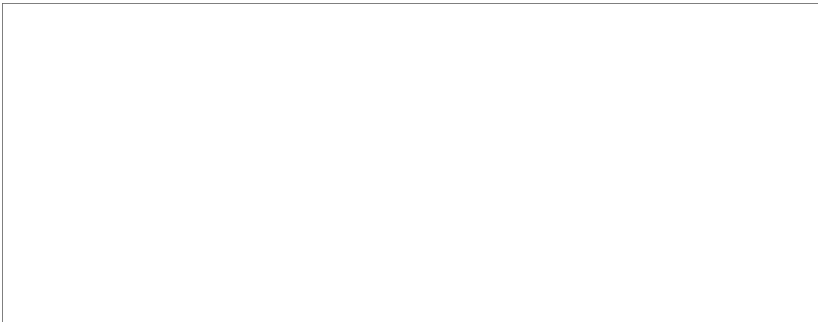
Even Iraqi officials have said their government disapproves of hijackings on principle and they claim they are exerting every effort to obtain the release of all passengers and aircraft. Iraq's uncharacteristically constructive attitude may be a result of Soviet pressure. The Soviets have told us that they made an appeal for restraint in both Baghdad and Amman.

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A new truce went into effect in Amman yesterday following a meeting between cabinet officials and members of the central committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). The latest cease-fire agreement was said to be basically the same as those that collapsed earlier in the week. According to an official statement by Amman radio, both sides agreed to hold further meetings to seek a definitive settlement to the crisis by removing both its causes and its symptoms. PLO broadcasts coming out of Baghdad yesterday were demanding purges of the army, the security forces, and government departments; this may indicate that the King will once again be forced to make damaging concessions to the fedayeen.



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The Israeli-owned tanker Aquarius collided yesterday with a Soviet cargo vessel in the Gulf of Oman off the southern tip of Iran. The Aquarius, which sailed under Liberian flag, was reported to be a total loss and sinking. It was carrying a full cargo of Iranian crude oil for the Trans-Israeli pipeline at Elat. The Aquarius was the largest of nine Israeli ocean-going tankers and represented about 30 percent of the tonnage of the Israeli tanker fleet.

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At least four pieces of space debris, each weighing up to 230 pounds, came down in the US Middle West on 28 August

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Cosmos 316 was launched last December

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We believe it was a maneuverable satellite and part of a Soviet program aimed at developing an orbital antisatellite system.

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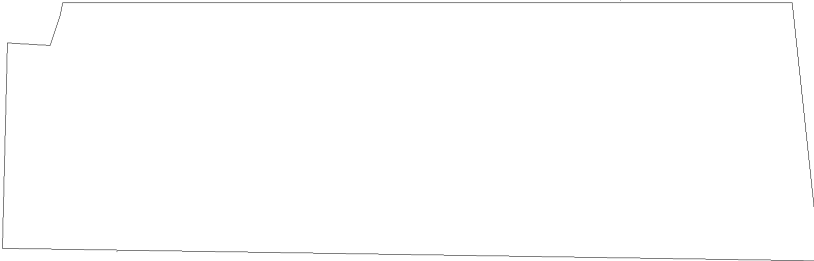
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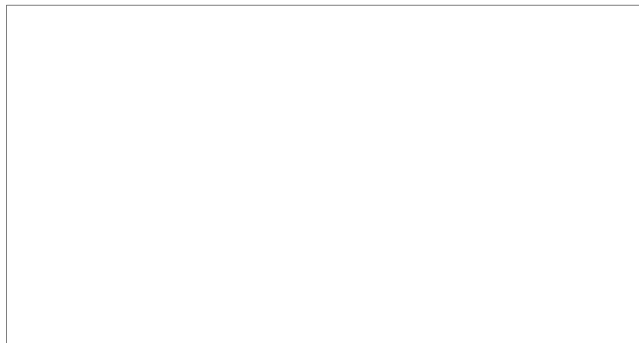


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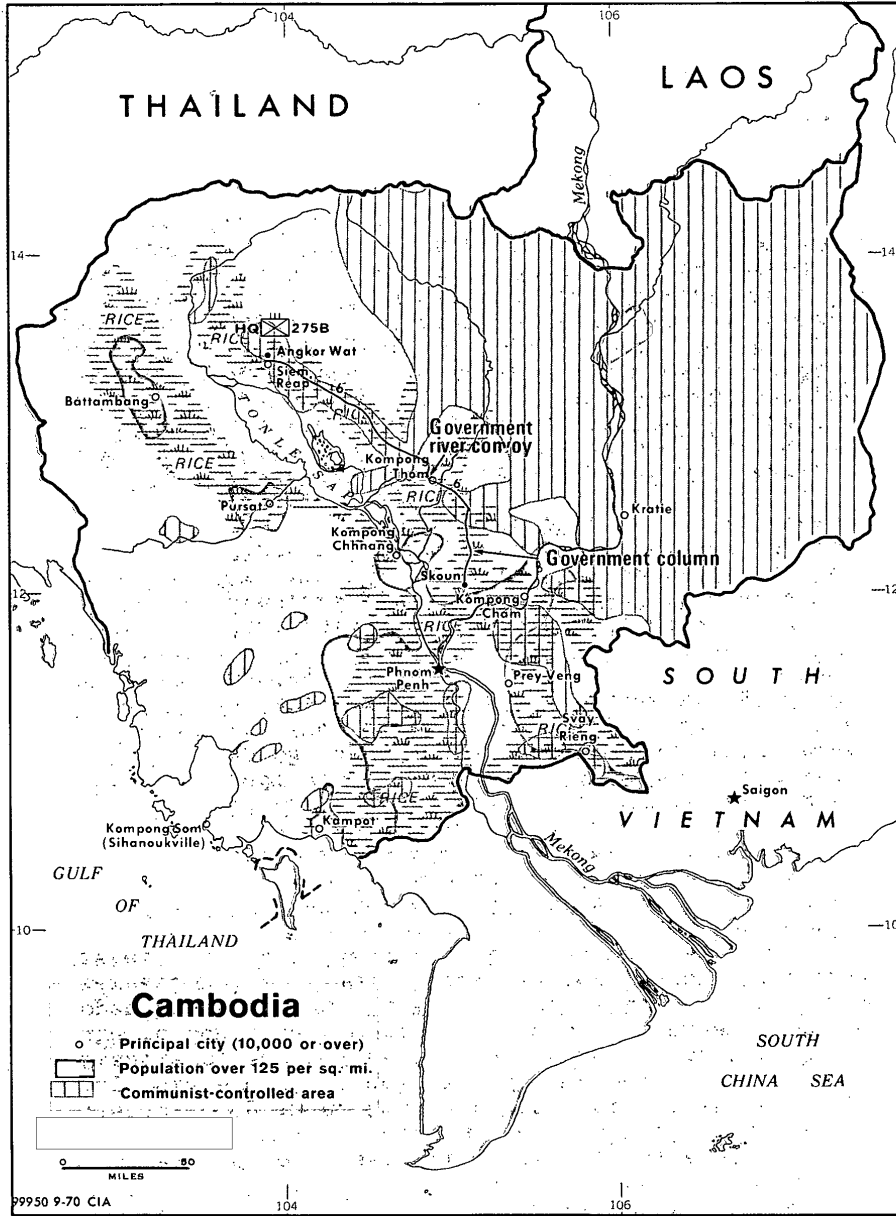
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Current Situation

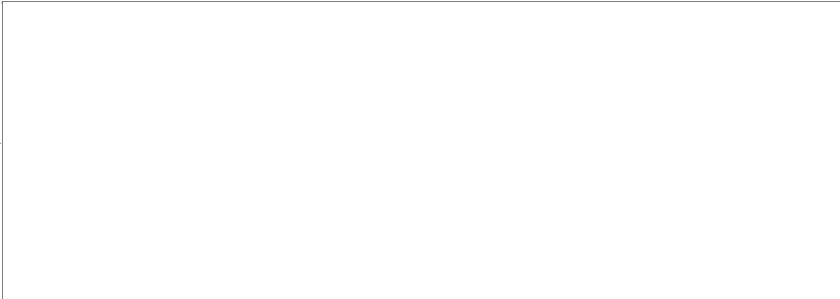


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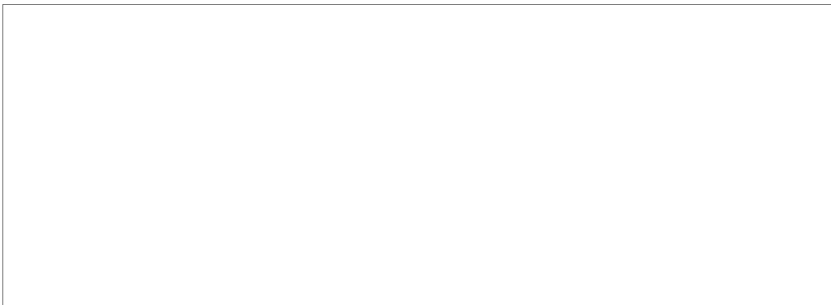
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CAMBODIA

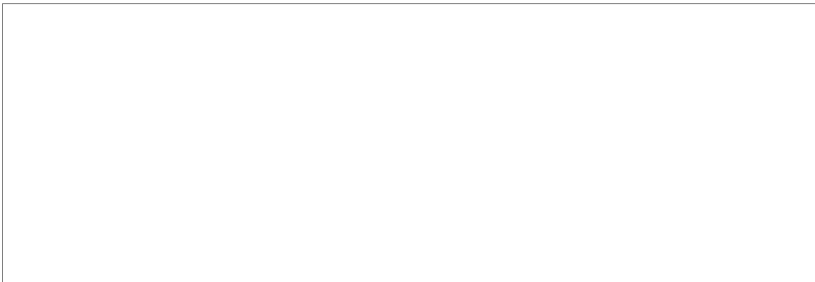
The river convoy of government troops that arrived in Kompong Thom city yesterday received an enthusiastic welcome from its hard-pressed inhabitants. The overland phase of the relief force continues to advance slowly, and Cambodian officers anticipate heavy attacks as they approach the environs of the city.



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On Wednesday, former President Alessandri indicated that he would stay in the presidential race through the congressional vote on 24 October. He reiterated, however, that because he did not win the election, he would not serve another presidential term. He says that if Congress chooses him, he will resign, necessitating a new election in which he would not run.

Alessandri's refusal to concede provides a potential rallying point for Allende's opponents, including some moderates in the Christian Democratic Party (PDC). To defeat Allende, however, would take the cooperation of about three fourths of the PDC's 75 legislators, about a dozen opportunistic Radicals, and Alessandri's congressional backers. Deep-seated differences and animosities within and among these political groups, plus the chronic lack of party discipline among Christian Democrats, will make the orchestration of this effort difficult.

The rush of defeated PDC candidate Tomic and some of his leftist cronies to embrace Allende heightens the problem. Tomic's commitment may encourage a crucial number of PDC legislators to stick with Allende in the hope of reaping the benefits of being on the winning side.

Meanwhile, Tomic knows that his arch-party rival, President Frei, can run again if Alessandri is elected and resigns, and that Frei has great personal popularity. The President, meanwhile, is staying above the battle and flexible.

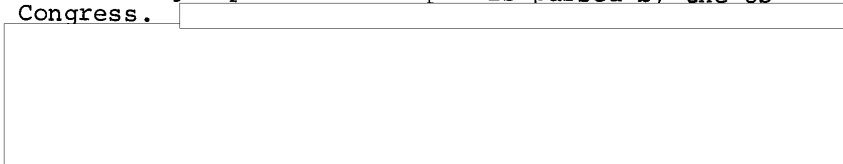
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. In a meeting Wednesday with Ambassador Meyer, Trade Minister Miyazawa implied that Japan might not renew its voluntary agreement on limiting cotton textile exports to the US, which expires later this year, if the Mills legislation restricting imports from Japan is passed by the US Congress.

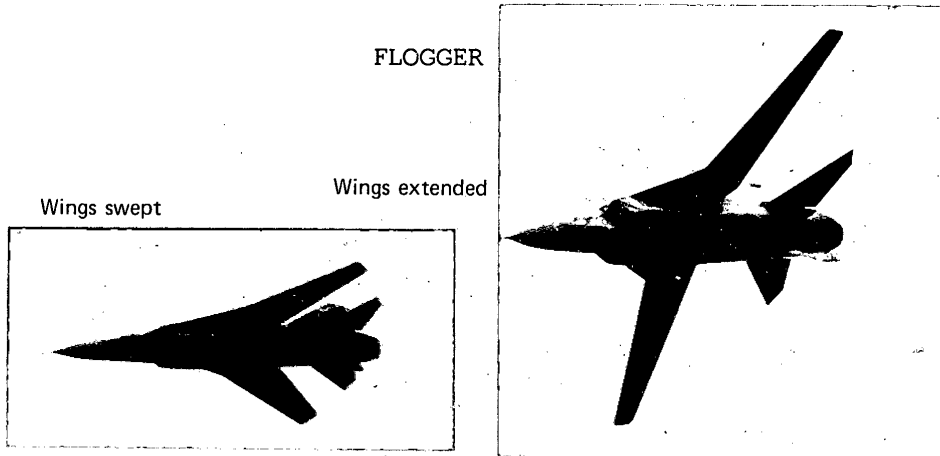


Miyazawa and many other Japanese officials apparently believe there is a reasonable chance that the Mills legislation will not pass the US Congress, and that there is thus no need for compromise at this stage. This view has been strengthened by European warnings of retaliatory measures against the US, which the Japanese think have weakened protectionist feeling in the US. Others, however, particularly in the Foreign Office, have warned that the US domestic situation still strongly favors passage of protectionist legislation.

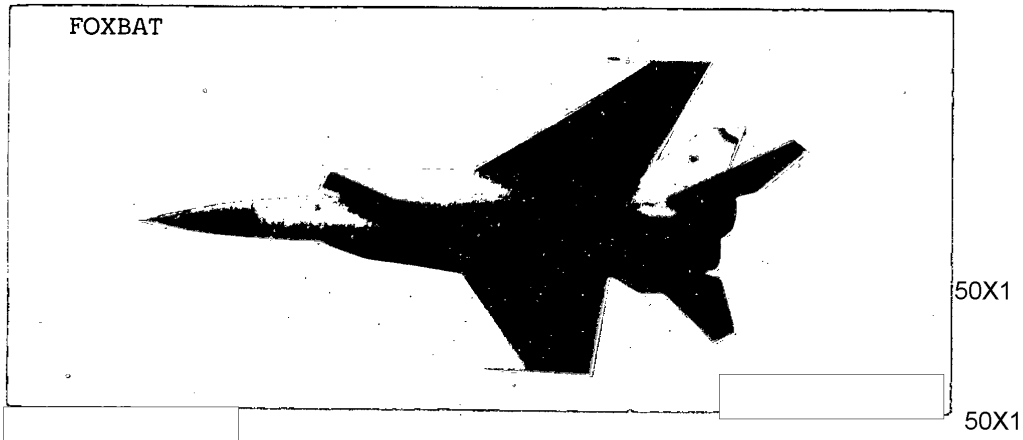
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New Fighters Deployed with Soviet Frontal Aviation



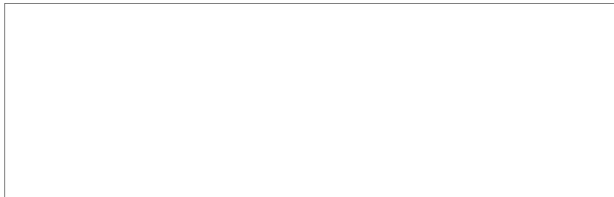
	Flogger	Foxbat
Length	53 ft	65 ft
Wing span	46 ft extended 26 ft swept	44 ft
Speed	1,400 knots	1,700 knots
Combat radius	350 nm	660 nm
Combat ceiling	60,000 ft	over 75,000 ft
Payload	4,400 lbs	13,000 lbs



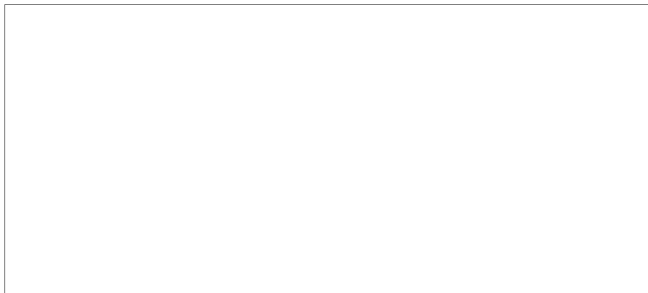
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Recent satellite photography showed at least 13 swing-wing Flogger and four Foxbat fighter interceptors at the Pochinok Airfield, southwest of Moscow. This is the first sighting of either aircraft at an operational tactical airfield.



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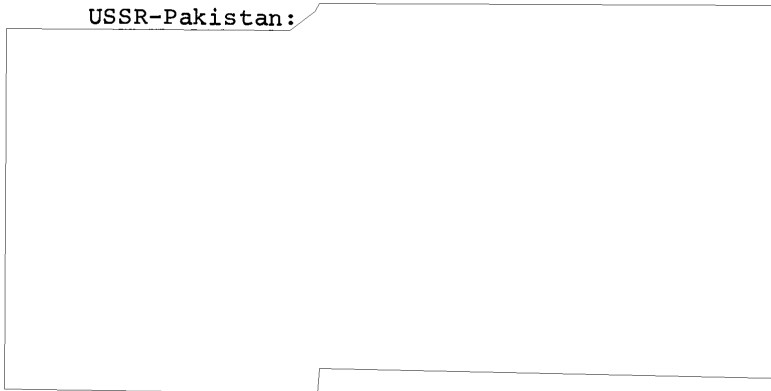
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NOTES

USSR: the movement of space event support ships indicate that the Soviets are preparing to launch an unmanned lunar mission in the next few days. It probably will be similar to Luna 15 which orbited the moon and attempted a soft landing in July 1969. The last such attempt on 5 February was unsuccessful due to the in-flight failure of the trouble-plagued SL-12 space booster.

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