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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

President Marcos has offset a concession to US wishes on a jurisdictional dispute by calling for an immediate renegotiation of US military base rights in the Philippines. (Page 1)

Final agreement on the text of the West German - Polish treaty has been reached and the treaty will be initialed next week. (Page 2)

Japan is needling the USSR on the "northern territories" question. (Page 3)

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President Arana has launched a state of siege to cripple left-wing terrorists in Guatemala. (Page 4)

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PHILIPPINES

President Marcos' call yesterday for immediate renegotiation of US military base rights was apparently timed to counter domestic criticism of his government's agreement with the US position in a long-standing jurisdictional dispute.

A Philippine court had tried to make the American commander of Clark Air Base responsible for the failure of a US serviceman to return to the Philippines to face trial in a two-year-old offense. The US refusal to accept a Philippine arrest order for the Clark commander had prompted adverse press comment and demonstrations at the US Embassy. On 11 November the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs issued a memorandum supporting the US view that this issue should be settled through diplomatic channels.

Manila has long sought renegotiation of US military base rights to secure a clearer US statement of recognition of Philippine sovereignty over the bases. Marcos made this goal a campaign promise in his bid for re-election a year ago, but--prior to the current storm--was content to defer action until next year.

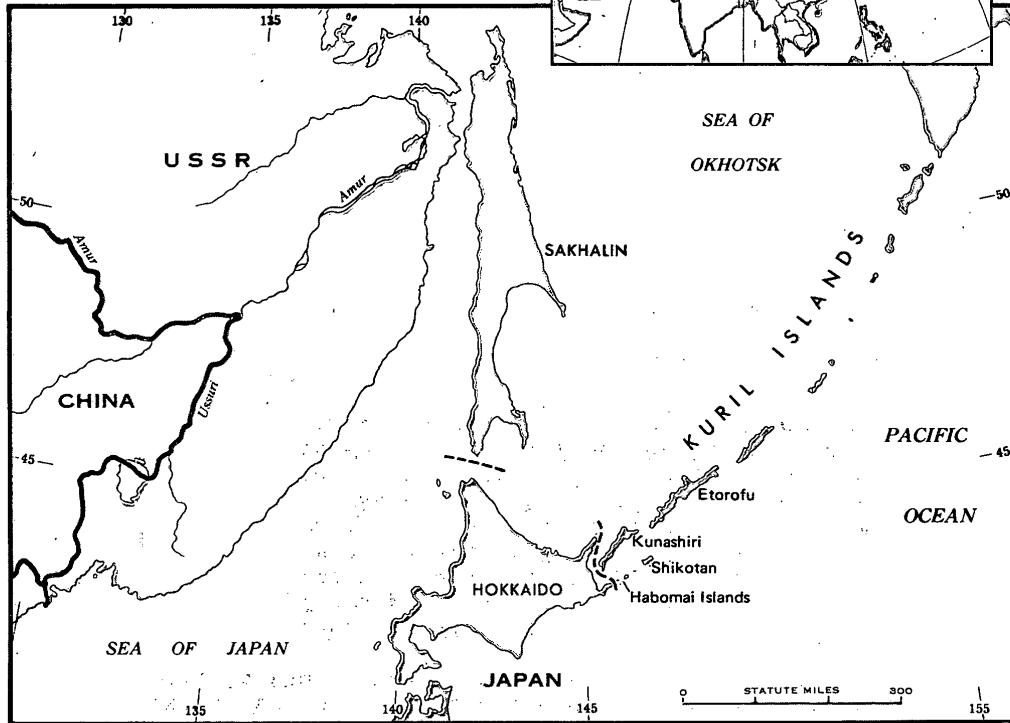
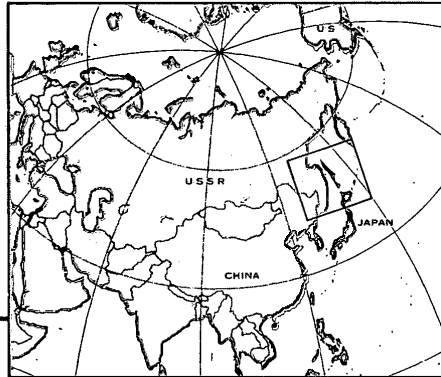
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WEST GERMANY - POLAND

Negotiations for a West German - Polish treaty of reconciliation have been successfully concluded. The treaty will be initialed on 18 November when Scheel returns to Warsaw. Brandt is expected to travel to Warsaw before the end of the year to take part in the formal signing ceremonies.

Scheel's diplomacy has been well timed to Germany's state elections this month and has provided maximum publicity for his Free Democratic Party. Scheel had a dramatic meeting with Gromyko in Frankfurt on the eve of the Hessian state elections and he will now initial a historic treaty in Warsaw just before the Bavarian electorate go to the polls on 22 November.

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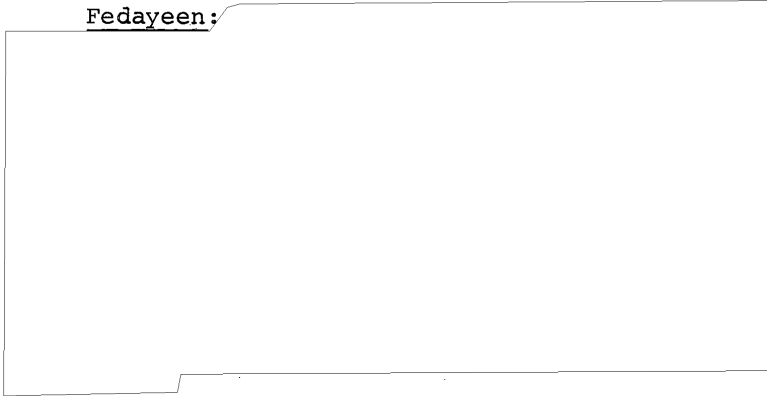
Annoyed by Japan's renewed emphasis on a claim to the southern Kuril Islands, the Soviets this week have lodged diplomatic protests against the Japanese. In receiving the protests, the Japanese asserted that they "naturally" wanted to settle the issue of the Kurils now that an Okinawa settlement has been obtained.

The Japanese, far from being unhappy over the protests, welcome the additional ammunition they provide to publicize the "northern territories" issue. Tokyo recognizes the Soviets are unlikely to return the islands, but the issue is a useful one for Sato to use in capitalizing on nationalistic sentiment and in undercutting opposition charges of government neglect of its responsibilities.

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Guatemala: Yesterday's announcement of a 30-day state of siege followed heavy criticism of President Arana for failing to stem a mounting wave of murders and kidnappings. [redacted]

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[redacted] Arana, who entered office last July with a tough anti-Communist reputation, stated that he intended this state of siege to be "unprecedented in terms of force and toughness." [redacted]

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[redacted] security forces shot an urban terrorist leader yesterday and [redacted] his followers will seek vengeance against US targets. Ambassador Davis is aware of this possibility and has ordered a further tightening of security precautions for US mission personnel.

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