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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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The Czechs are taking steps to tighten their air defenses along their West German border. (Page 7)

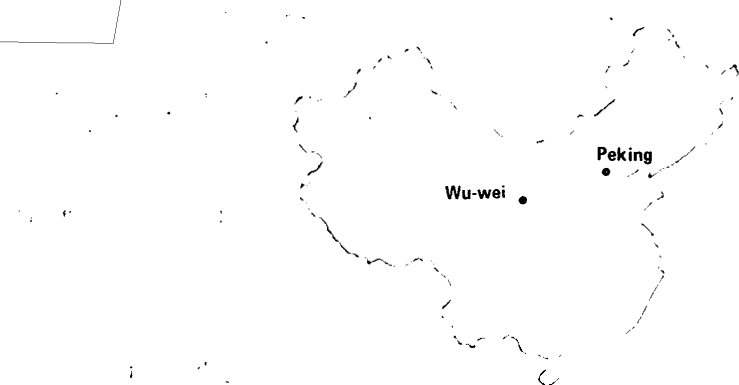
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The North Vietnamese Army Command has accused the US of committing a "serious act of war." (Page 7)

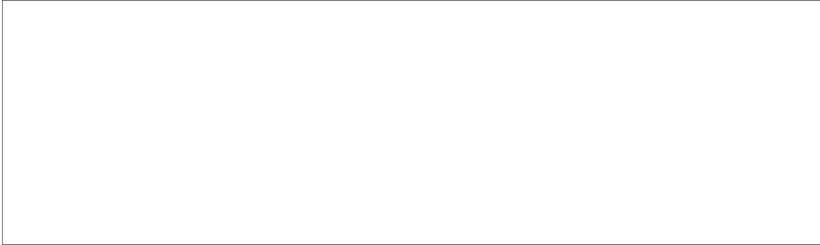
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COMMUNIST CHINA

An area containing support equipment for a medium range strategic missile crew has been identified in the hills of west China. The missile support equipment was seen in satellite photography of early September in an area about 20 miles southeast of Wu-wei, the location of a surface-to-surface missile school.



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The location of the site is well within the interior of China. This fact, together with its proximity to the Wu-wei school, suggests a training site for MRBM units prior to deployment to the field.



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If the Chinese deploy operational missile sites of this type in such rough terrain, future detection will be difficult.

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SOUTH VIETNAM

There have been recent indications that the Communists plan to step up attacks against allied targets by the end of this month or in early December. Intercepts reveal that some Communist units in the DMZ area have completed training exercises and are ready for tactical activity. Other forces near Da Nang have been ordered to be ready for a "highpoint" by 25 November. Enemy plans to increase action in the areas around Saigon have been reported by two recent Viet Cong defectors who are company commanders.

We expect that the Communists' "dry season campaign" will consist generally of their current pattern of terrorism, shelling harassment, and occasional ground forays against government outposts. The enemy's principal target is likely to be the government's pacification program, which the Communists acknowledge is undermining their hold on the population in many areas. A major purpose of increased Communist activity will be to support efforts to rebuild their grass-roots assets.

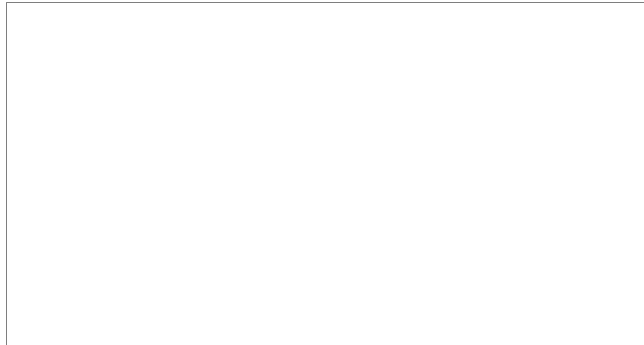
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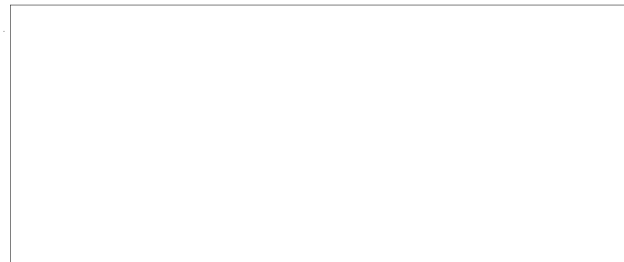
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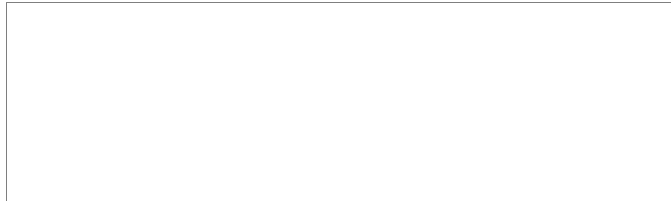
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General Asad appointed a provisional cabinet last night, holding the two key posts of prime minister and defense minister for himself. Two reputed Communists and some pro-Egyptian members are included among the ministers, according to press sources.

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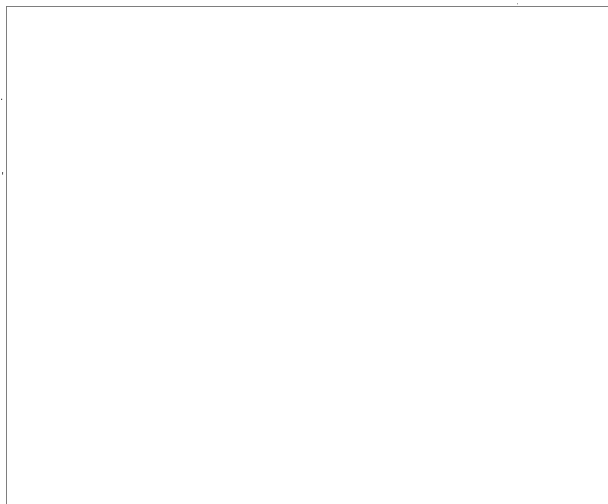
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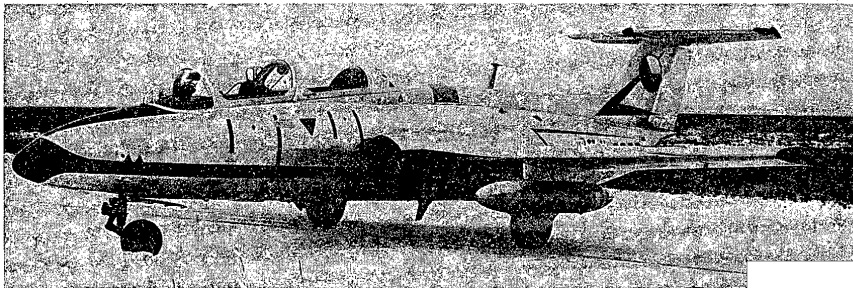


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Czech L-29 jet trainer

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NOTES

Czechoslovakia: [redacted]
 [redacted] L-29 jet trainer-type aircraft are being used in defensive patrols along the West German border, and that L-29 pilots are engaging in air-to-air gunnery training. These steps, apparently being taken to tighten Czech air defenses, follow a Czech diplomatic protest over alleged intrusions by two US military helicopters from West Germany. The L-29 is better suited for engaging slow-moving, low-flying targets than a high performance fighter since it handles better at low altitudes and has a slower stall speed. The L-29 can carry two wing-mounted machine guns and a two-man crew, allowing one man to act as an observer.

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USSR-Cuba: After it left Cienfuegos on 19 November, the Soviet submarine tender put in to the small Cuban port of Casilda, 40 miles to the east. We have no ready explanation for this move.

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The rescue tug that had been in company with the tender remains in Cienfuegos.

North Vietnam: A communiqué of the North Vietnamese Army High Command is charging that the US has committed "a serious act of war" by sending "many flights" of bombers over its territory early this morning. Specifically, the communiqué alleges that US aircraft struck heavily populated areas in the vicinity of Haiphong and Hanoi, causing many civilian casualties and wounding several Americans in a PW camp. Boasting that three jet fighters were shot down, the High Command warns that further US provocations will be met with heavier punishment.

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