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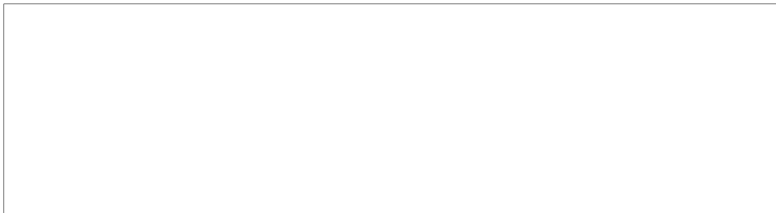
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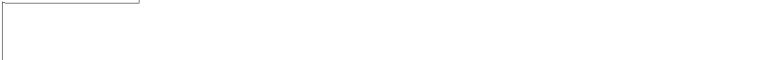


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We expect the coming event will be an attempt to send an unmanned spacecraft to orbit the moon, with recovery either in the Indian Ocean or in the Soviet Union. Conditions will be most favorable for a lunar launch between 19 and 22 November.

Development of the J-vehicle, vital to the Soviets' manned lunar program, has not gone well. The only two previous tests in July 1969 and in June 1971 resulted in early in-flight failures. The launch of the current booster was originally expected in September, but was called off at the last minute. We do not now expect the Soviets to try their first manned lunar landing until the late 1970s.

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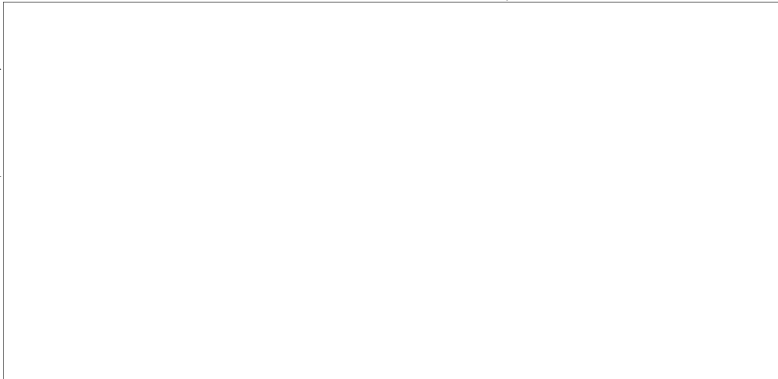
USSR-PERU

Moscow has extended \$200 million in credits for a major irrigation project in northern Peru. The project, which will require at least ten years to complete, is to consist of a trans-Andean tunnel, a hydroelectric complex, and an irrigation network covering nearly 500,000 acres.

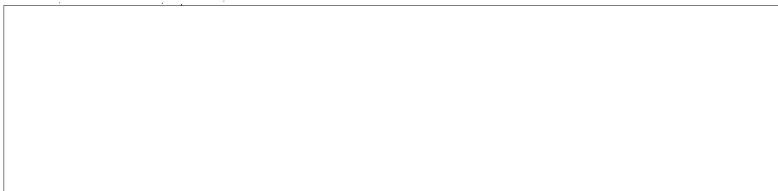
The Peruvians have been seeking foreign credits for this project for some years, but US engineers who studied it considered it unfeasible. The Soviets themselves completed two feasibility studies before deciding to become involved.

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MOZAMBIQUE-TANZANIA



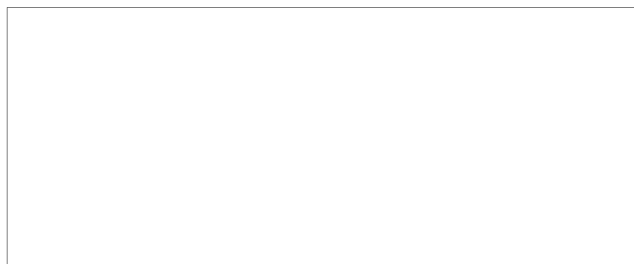
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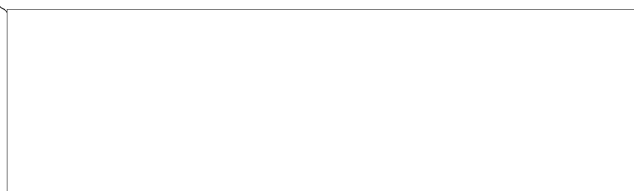
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NOTES

Argentina: Juan Peron's arrival yesterday sparked no major disturbances. Despite the years of bitter antagonism between Peron and Lanusse, the two do not seem far apart in their requirements for a political accord at this point. By some accounts Peron is even willing to support an active army officer for president in the elections scheduled for next March. Late yesterday, however, he refused to see a representative of the government in protest against the tight security measures keeping him from the masses of his followers.

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