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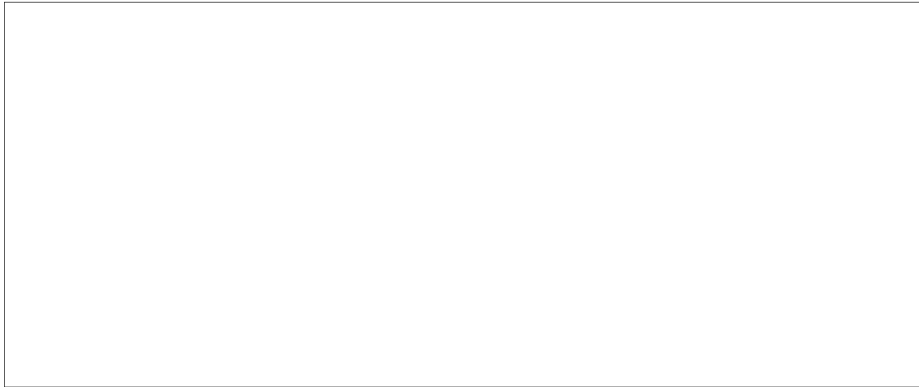
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possibly hoping to win a vote of confidence. (Page 3)

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Israel. (Page 6)

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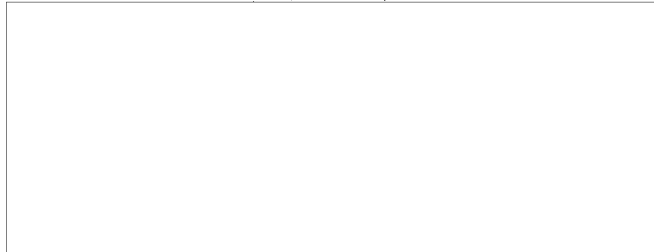
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FEDAYEEN-LEBANON

Senior Fatah officials reacted to yesterday morning's Israeli strike at the guerrillas' Beirut sanctuary with a blend of confusion, anger, and efforts to root out local Arab accomplices of the Israelis.

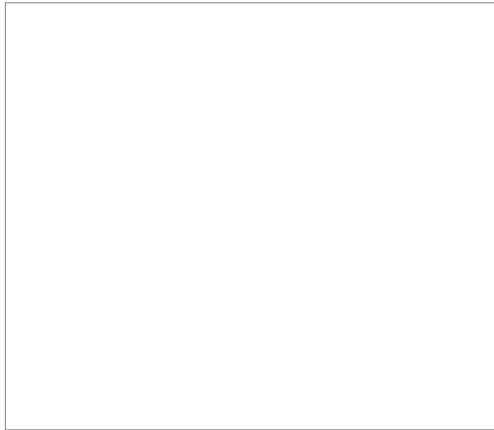
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As part of an immediate effort to enlist the support of Lebanese Communists and other leftists, the fedayeen command charged that the US collaborated with the Israelis in staging the strike and that the US Embassy is harboring members of the assault team. Lebanese authorities turned back a large group of demonstrators who attempted to reach the embassy yesterday.

Prime Minister Salam submitted his cabinet's resignation, but President Franjiah deferred his response at least until today.

Salam may seek a parliamentary vote of confidence to strengthen his hand against charges of ineffectuality. Since last September three major Israeli assaults against fedayeen bases have encountered little resistance from the Lebanese Army.



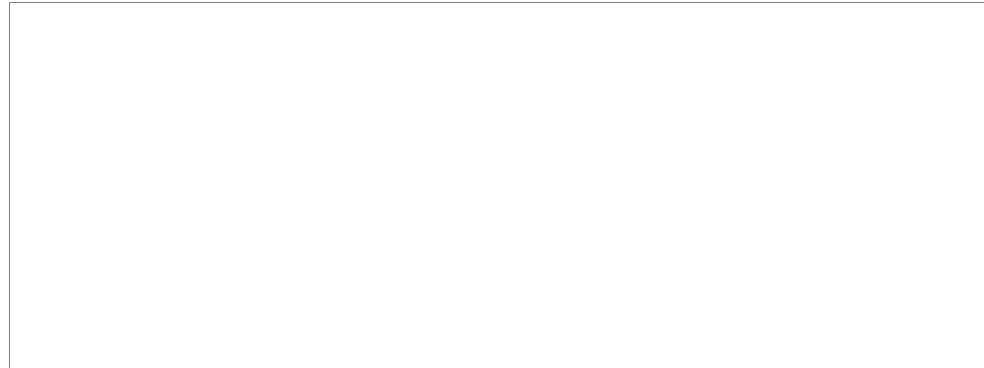
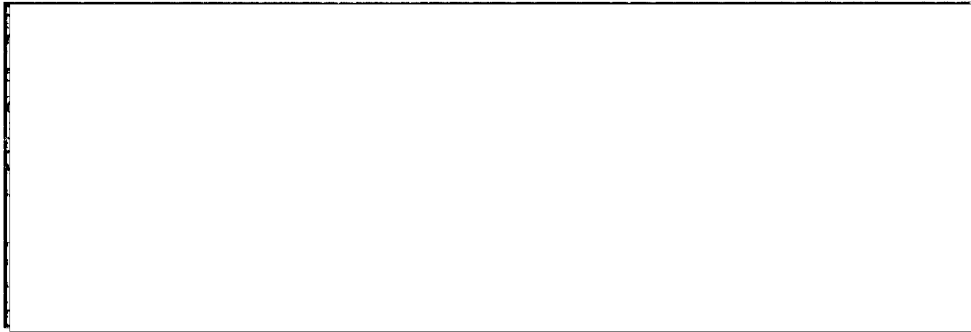
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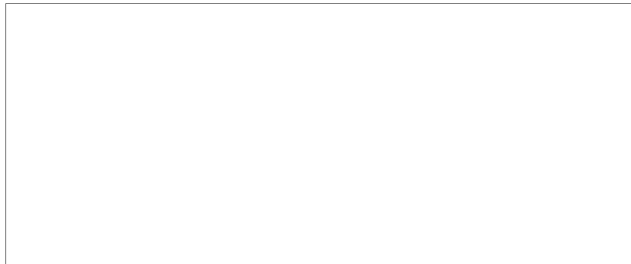
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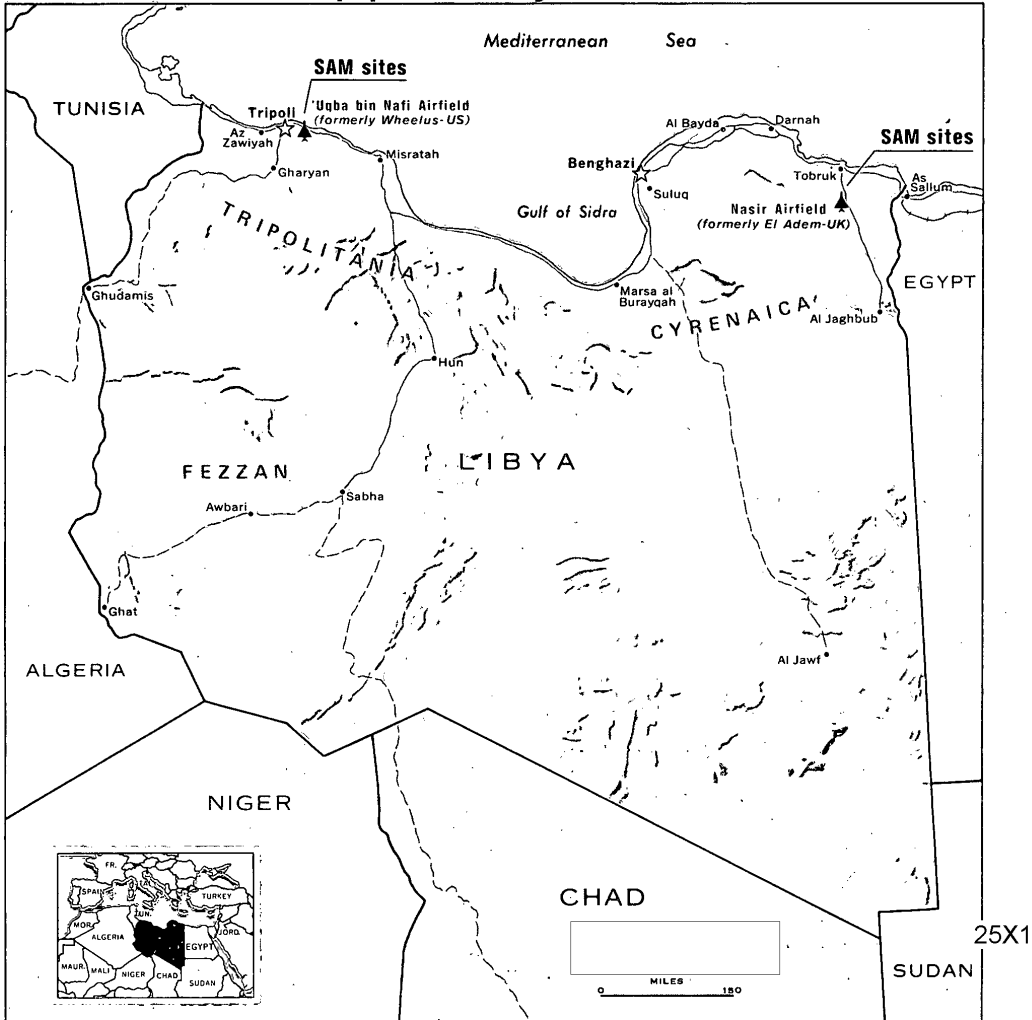


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Surface-to-Air Missile Equipment in Libya



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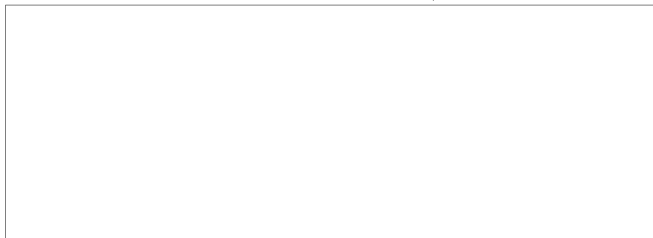
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USSR

Jewish activists in the USSR report that during the past three weeks, the education tax has not been collected from emigrants bound for Israel. During this same period, the tax has also been waived for several persons going to the US, suggesting an across-the-board suspension of the levy.

The Soviets remain highly selective in granting exit permission, however, and the over-all rate of emigration is nearly the same as last year. Most of those who recently received permission to leave had already been cleared to go to Israel, but were unable to pay the education levy.

Despite Soviet sensitivity to US pressures on the emigration issue, Moscow is still a long way from opening its doors to all who wish to leave.



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NOTE

Laos: Communist and government negotiators appear to have reached agreement this week on the makeup of a new coalition cabinet. Vientiane apparently will retain the ministries of interior, defense, and finance, with the portfolios for public works, foreign affairs, and information going to the Communists. Posts of lesser importance will be divided evenly between the two sides. The Communists are maintaining a hard line on military matters, however, and this could block the actual formation of a new government for some time.

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