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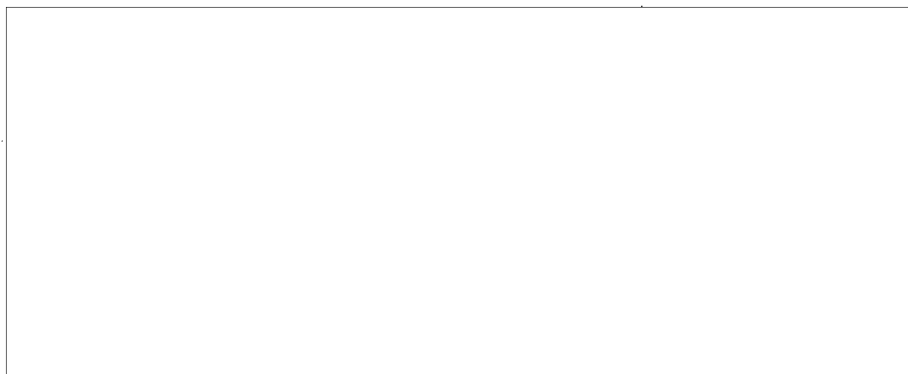
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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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*Judging from the changes in the Politburo announced yesterday and the manner in which the Central Committee conducted its meeting, Brezhnev has strengthened his position.*

*The three new members of the Politburo are loyal followers of Brezhnev. Defense Minister Grechko proved his loyalty at the critical Central Committee meeting last May when Brezhnev's Summit policy was challenged. Foreign Minister Gromyko has always supported Brezhnev and his policies, particularly detente; his Foreign Ministry has an institutional stake in carrying it out. KGB Chief Andropov is a long-time party functionary who has been scrupulously apolitical in his sensitive job, as he must be to survive.*

*Two full members of the Politburo, Shelest and Voronov, were retired. Both had previously been demoted after having tangled unsuccessfully with Brezhnev on a number of issues.*

*In a significant departure from past practices, President Podgorny, Premier Kosygin, and party secretary Suslov joined regional leaders in the discussion that followed Brezhnev's report. The participation of these three senior Politburo members emphasizes the widening gap between their standing and Brezhnev's and lends added authority to what Brezhnev said.*

*Brezhnev's pre-eminence in the leadership and the importance of the peace program adopted at the 24th Party Congress were pointed up by a CPSU "decision" endorsed by the plenum.*

*Noting the "great personal contribution" of Brezhnev in implementing the congress' rulings, the decision instructs the Politburo to continue pursuing detente and summit-level contacts. The decision further states that Moscow will help "in every way" to establish peace in Vietnam and to work for a Middle East settlement in accordance with the UN Security Council resolution.*

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FEDAYEEN

Since the Israeli raids against Beirut on April 10, fedayeen infiltration has markedly increased in prohibited areas in southern Lebanon bordering Israel. Although the Lebanese Army could probably clear out the guerrillas if ordered to do so, the new defense minister has not yet authorized such action.

*The Lebanese are caught between fear of an all-out confrontation with the fedayeen, which would harm their relations with other Arab states, and their fear of further Israeli actions.*

On Thursday, the Israelis sent jet fighters over Beirut to warn both Lebanon and the fedayeen that they would not tolerate increased infiltration.

There has also been a rise in fedayeen-inspired activity along the Syrian-Israeli cease-fire lines after a three month lull. Since last weekend there have been two shelling incidents

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*The Israelis can be expected to take some action soon against Syria to discourage further guerrilla incursions.*

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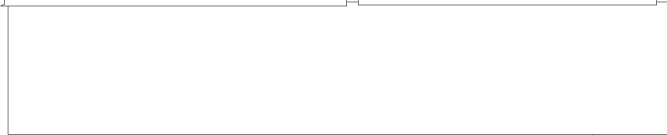
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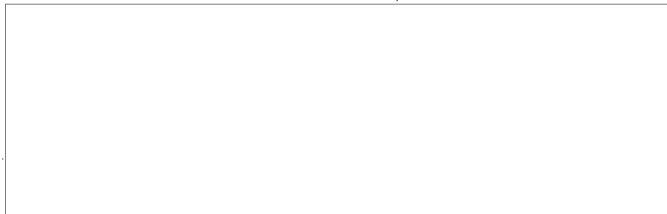


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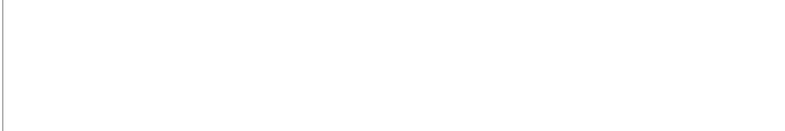


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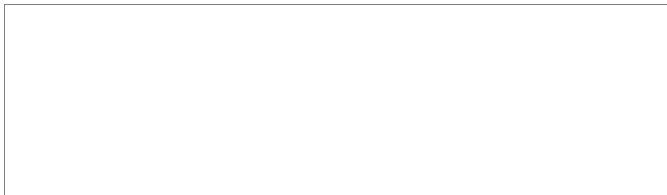
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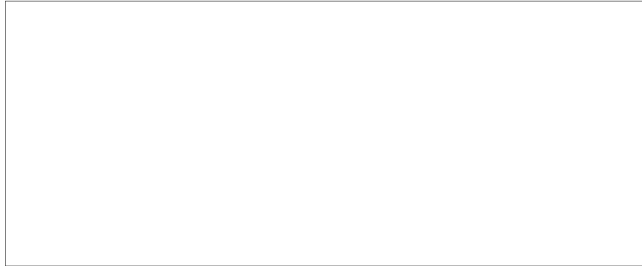
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