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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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The US is likely to stand alone in opposition to a resolution on the Middle East coming up for a vote in the UN today. (Page 6)

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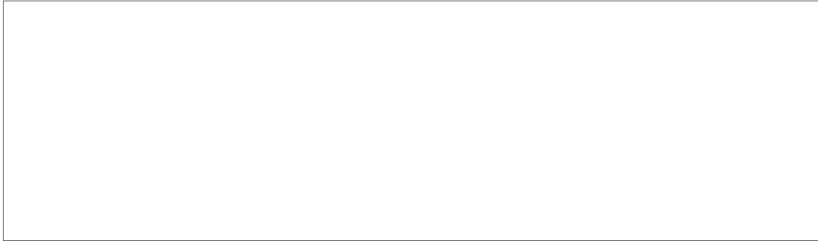
NORTH VIETNAM

Hanoi is infiltrating an unusually large number of high-ranking personnel into South Vietnam and southern Laos. Intercepted communications indicate that about 400 high-level individuals, some military and some civilian, have passed through the system since June 1 in 22 infiltration groups. Approximately two thirds of these people are heading for South Vietnam's central coast and the areas around Saigon; the rest are bound for other parts of South Vietnam and southern Laos.

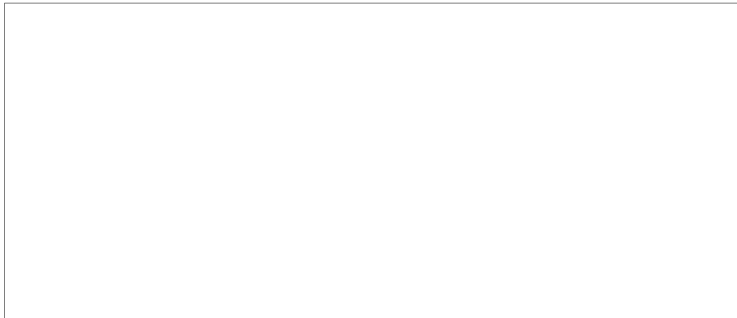
Prior to the cease-fire, not more than one or two such groups were observed in any single month. The North Vietnamese have been expanding their administrative apparatus in the South, and the new personnel probably will move into relatively important jobs.

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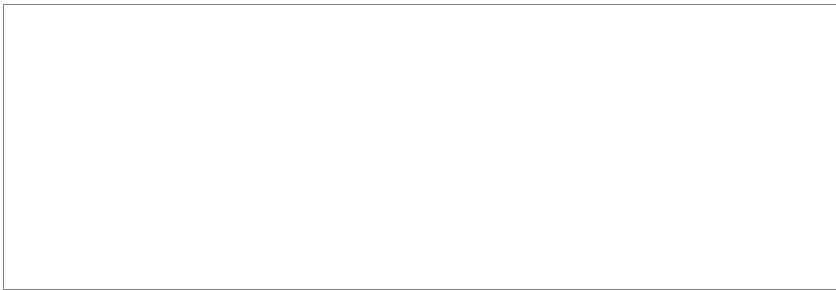
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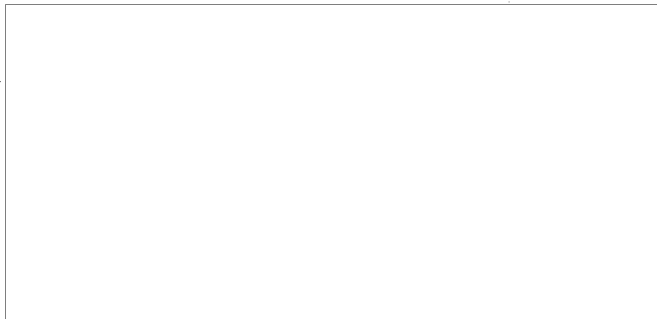
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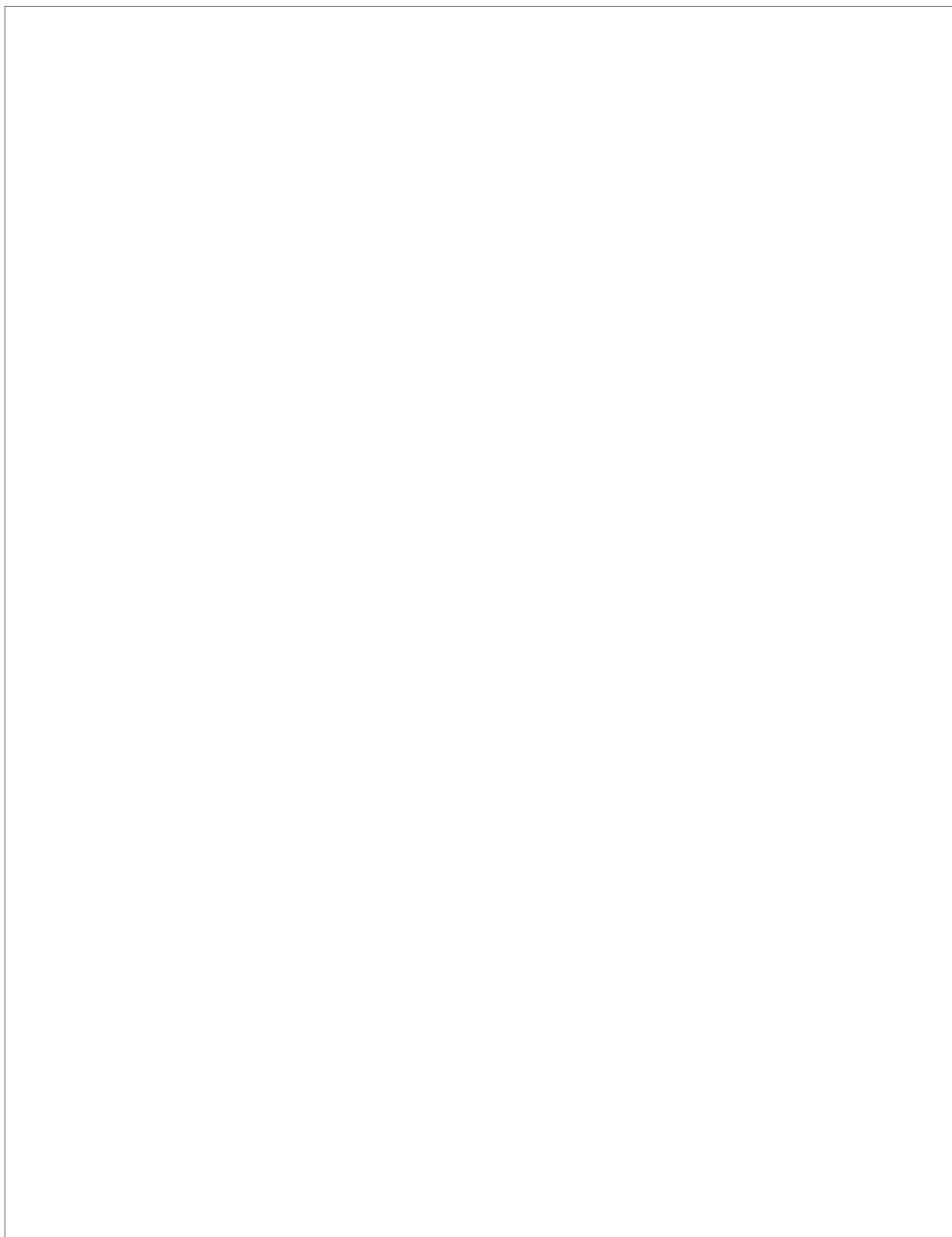
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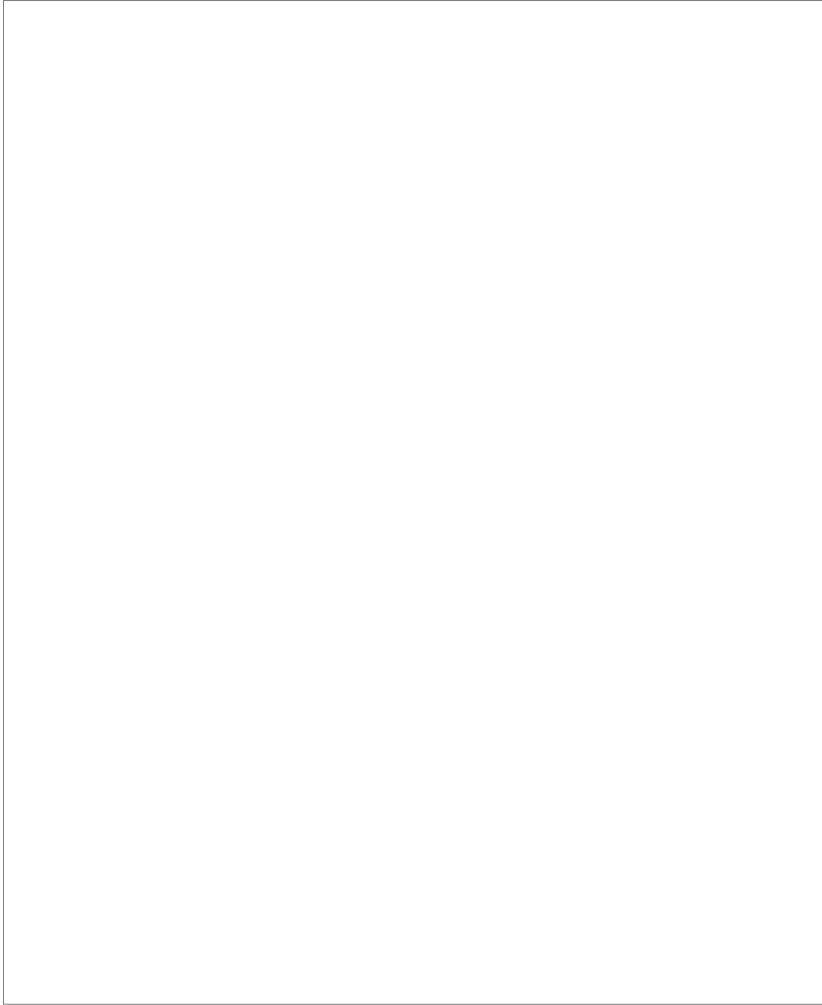
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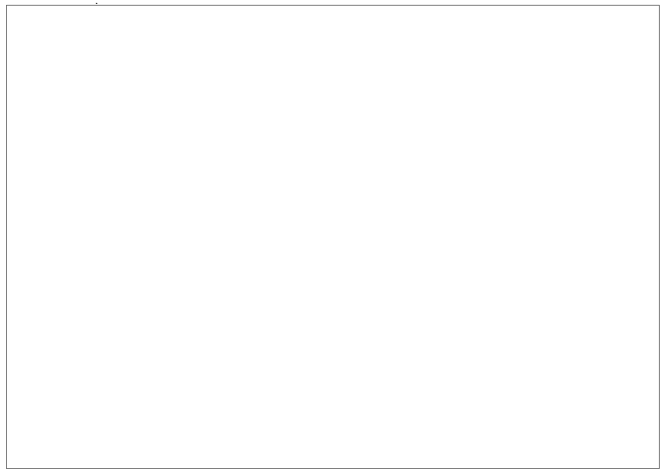
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UN - MIDDLE EAST

Chances are slim for avoiding an outcome unfavorable to the US in the Security Council vote on the Middle East scheduled for today. The week-long consultations have only highlighted Arab-Israeli differences.

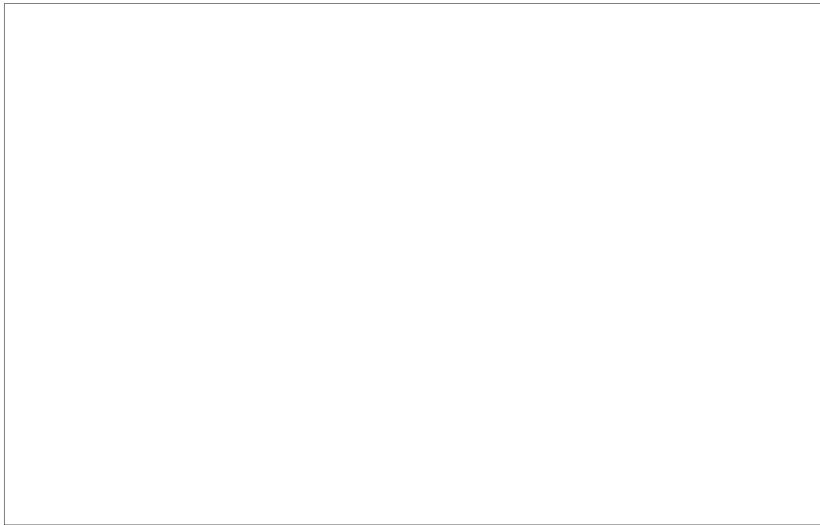
A nonaligned draft resolution is expected to receive at least 12 votes, with the US standing alone in opposition. The resolution would "deplore" Israel's occupation of Arab lands and failure to cooperate with UN mediation efforts. US proposals to modify the draft have failed to draw support.

Israel objects not only to the nonaligned draft but also to US proposals referring to the "interests of the Palestinians," which would, Tel Aviv argues, recognize another party to peace negotiations. Israeli representatives are urging the US to drop compromise efforts and veto the nonaligned resolution.

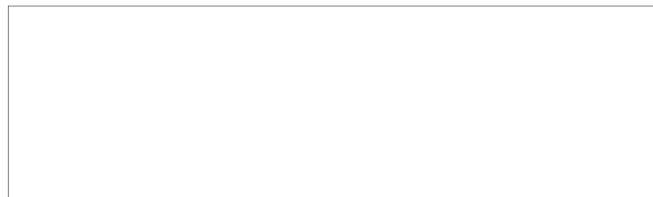
Secretary General Waldheim has said that his planned trip to the Middle East is not tied to the outcome of the debate. However, Tel Aviv--which had supported the trip primarily with the hope it would sidetrack the council debate--is now threatening to bar the visit if the non-aligned resolution is approved.

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