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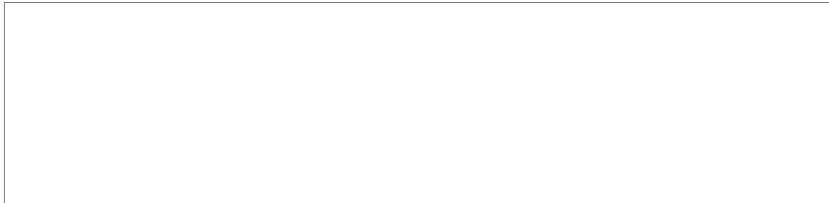
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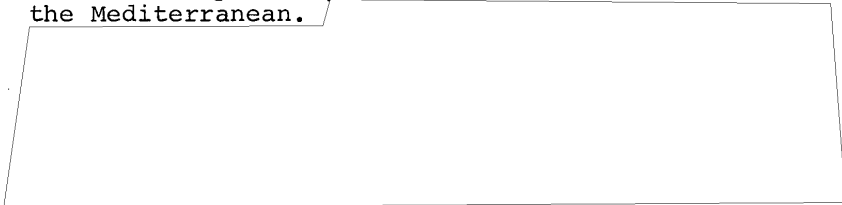
The Soviets apparently are planning to relieve some of their naval and naval aviation units in West Africa.



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A Soviet destroyer and a merchant oiler--both currently in the Mediterranean--also appear to be en route to Conakry. They probably will relieve the Kotlin-class destroyer and one of the two oilers that are in the Conakry area.

In a possibly related development, it appears that a Soviet J-class submarine is operating in equatorial waters between Africa and South America. The normal operating area for such submarines is the Mediterranean.



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ITALY

Aldo Moro has apparently been able to circumvent resistance in his Christian Democratic Party to forming a one-party minority government.

Moro will probably report back to President Leone today and begin drawing up a cabinet list.

It will be a fragile government at best, and may not last beyond the Christian Democratic and Socialist party congresses tentatively set for next month.

The Communists will see some advantages in the situation. They will now have more time before a national election to build on the regional and local election gains they won last summer. The weakness of the new government will give the Communists more opportunity to exert behind-the-scenes influence in parliament.

NOTES

The Indonesians have thwarted the UN fact-finding team's efforts to visit Fretilin-held areas of East Timor.

Secretary General Waldheim's special representative left Australia for Geneva on February 8 after a week of unsuccessful efforts to arrange safe passage to consult Fretilin leaders in East Timor. Jakarta will attempt to delay the raising of the Timor issue at the UN as long as possible. The Indonesians hope that by the time the topic does come up for consideration they will be in a position to argue that Timor's integration into Indonesia is an accomplished fact and that the UN no longer has a role to play.

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Yugoslav President Tito's brief appearance on television Saturday and staff preparations for his foreign travel next month suggest that his latest health problems are not so serious as to immobilize him.

Several brief film clips showed Tito walking slowly but steadily and waving his right arm as he left Belgrade for a rest. He has decided to recuperate at his normal Brioni retreat. He is expected to convalesce there until the end of the month. Should he need more extensive treatment, there are complete facilities in nearby Zagreb and Ljubljana.

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Kenyan President Kenyatta, who is in his middle eighties, is reported to have suffered a major stroke on Sunday night.

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The Kenyan constitution provides that in the event of the death or incapacity of the president, the vice president becomes acting president for 90 days, during which time a new president is elected. The eventual successor is likely to be selected by Kenyatta's southern Kikuyu inner circle after negotiations with politicians who head other politically significant tribal groups.

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