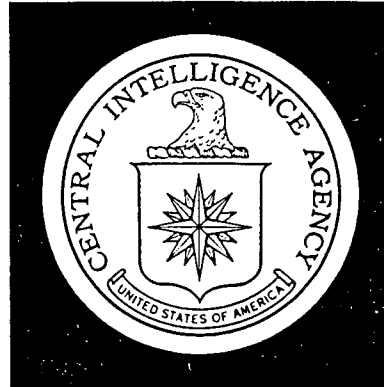


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The weak administration of Okinawa's Chief Executive is beginning to lead to strains within the leftist coalition government. Militant leftists may as a result be freer to raise more of a fuss over the issues of US base rights, reversion to Japan, and nuclear weapons.



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The US and the USSR have presented their draft seabeds treaty at the Geneva arms control conference, where enthusiasm for a substantive UN General Assembly resolution on chemical and biological warfare appears to be diminishing.



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Speeches by Soviet leader Brezhnev and East German boss Ulbricht served to pinpoint strains caused by differences in their attitude toward West Germany.

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Infighting between party chief Husak's "realist" faction and the rival pro-Soviet group will intensify as a result of the campaign by the ultraconservatives to shift the balance of power in their favor.

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Olof Palme, elected party chairman to succeed Tage Erlander and also likely to be named prime minister on 14 October, is cultivating a moderate image and may attempt to improve Swedish-American relations.

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Unprecedented investment allocations for the motor vehicle industry and attempts to secure Western technology underscore the urgent Soviet desire to produce more trucks.

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Egypt and Israel recently used night air strikes against each other for the first time.

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Foreign workers are increasingly in conflict with unemployed Ivorians. Repressive force has returned an uneasy calm, but further clashes seem inevitable because of student and labor discontent.

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Sudan may have the option of turning to the USSR for assistance on a large-scale irrigation scheme if the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development does not provide financing.

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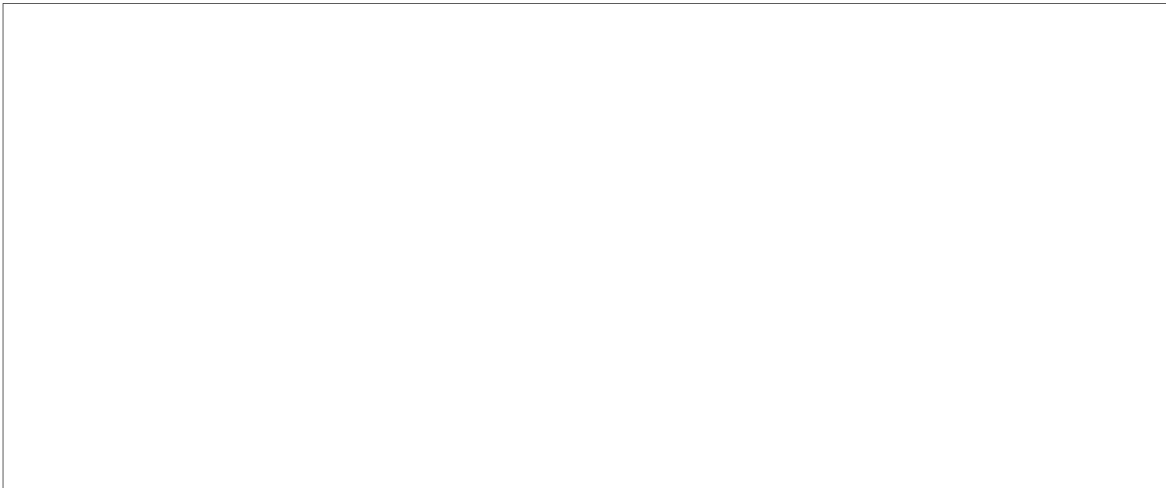
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PEKING AND MOSCOW TO HOLD BORDER TALKS

China's announcement on 7 October that it would enter talks with the USSR is the first fruit of the Kosygin-Chou meeting last month and reflects recent efforts by both sides to reduce tensions along the border. The two sides have agreed on a meeting of deputyministers in Peking, and Western news reports, quoting Soviet sources, state that the talks will begin later this month. This has not been officially confirmed, however.

The Chinese announcement, while it obviously attempted

to enhance China's case in the dispute with Moscow, represented a noticeable retreat from Peking's border statement last May. At that time the Chinese indicated that discussions to ease the border conflict would require Moscow's prior recognition that the present boundary is based on "unequal treaties," and the negotiation of a new comprehensive settlement. Peking's announcement of 7 October, however, omitted this demand and stated that the "status quo" along the frontier

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would be acceptable for the time being.

China's more flexible approach was dictated by Peking's concern over the current border crisis. The Chinese statement pointed to what it termed "nuclear war threats" by Moscow and disavowed any Chinese intention to launch an atomic attack. China's anxiety over the dangerous frontier situation is evident from pointed references in recent Chinese propaganda to "surprise nuclear attack," as well as indications that Peking is preparing contingency plans for extended conflict with Moscow.

The Soviet Union has been pressing China to hold border talks for some time, and the two may have already reached a limited understanding regarding steps to quiet the border before Peking released its statement.

[redacted] during the Kosygin-Chou meeting both sides reached a tentative agreement to talk on border problems and have since had several contacts on an official level. China's announcement on 7 October mentioned two earlier Chinese communications to Moscow--on 18 September and 6 October. [redacted]

Both sides have already taken limited steps to lessen outward signs of hostility apparently in anticipation of the

negotiations. Although Peking at first did not reciprocate Moscow's near halt on anti-Chinese propaganda following the Kosygin-Chou meeting, the Chinese softened their polemics against the USSR during national day ceremonies and reduced domestic anti-Soviet propaganda. The Soviets sent unusually cordial anniversary greetings to China this year, and Soviet ambassadors attended Chinese National day receptions in a number of foreign capitals for the first time in several years.

Nevertheless, the Chinese statement clearly implies that the proposed border talks will be only a tactical move designed to ease border tensions and will not resolve fundamental differences between the two states. A lengthy Chinese release of 8 October refuted in detail the USSR's most recent major statement on the border conflict and indicated Peking's intention to continue debate on its fundamental differences with Moscow. It also contained a five-point plan that established China's stand for the upcoming talks. Apparently to mask its retreat on the question of border talks with the Russians, Peking maintained that a final over-all settlement will still require Moscow to recognize the "unequal" treaties and conclude a new "equal" treaty with China. The statement emphasized, however, that pending such a development, both sides should maintain the status quo along the border and take steps, including troop withdrawals from disputed areas, to avert further conflict along the frontier. [redacted]

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