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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

In return for postponing their appeal to the Security Council, Egyptian leaders apparently hope to receive additional assurances that Israel will be more forthcoming in the peace talks. (Page 1)

The Soviets continue to be unyielding at the four-power ambassadorial talks on Berlin. (Page 2)

[redacted] Venezuela [redacted]  
[redacted] Cuba.  
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Philippine authorities are preparing for student violence next week. (Page 4)

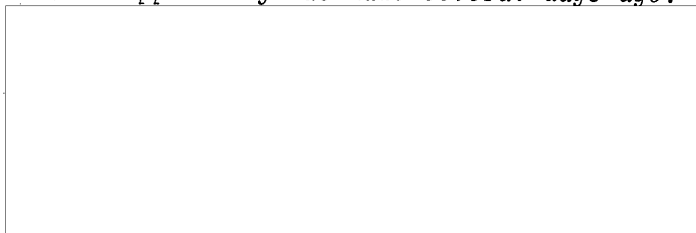
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MIDDLE EAST

Foreign Minister Riad told Minister Bergus in Cairo Tuesday that President Sadat and he had decided to postpone their planned call for a Security Council meeting. According to Riad, the decision was taken as a response to the letter from Secretary Rogers which the Egyptians claim indicates that the US "must have something in mind or intends to do something." Riad said that Soviet President Podgorny had been informed of their decision and had concurred in it.

*The Egyptians obviously are trying to trade their decision to back off from an immediate Security Council meeting in return for increased US pressure on Israel. Cairo's decision apparently was made several days ago.*

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Jarring told Ambassador Yost on 19 January that he was working on a "third paper" containing his own ideas. An object of the paper--which he planned to have in the parties' hands by yesterday--was to obtain a more explicit statement from Israel on withdrawal.

*Jarring believes he needs something more forthcoming from Israel on withdrawal to avoid a Security Council meeting and to obtain an extension of the cease-fire. Israeli Ambassador Tekoah has told Jarring, however, that Israel cannot be more specific on withdrawal at this time. He claimed this was Israel's most difficult domestic issue and could break up the government.*

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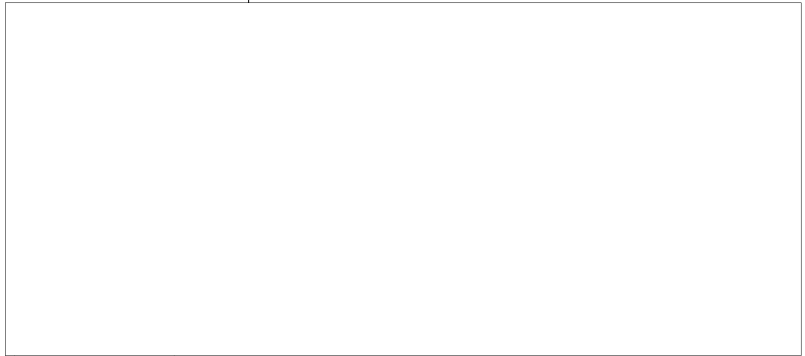
USSR-BERLIN

At the four-power ambassadorial meeting on Tuesday, Abrasimov reiterated that Moscow is not prepared to negotiate any substantive improvement in existing access procedures. He also warned that "illegal" West German activities in West Berlin--where an FDP party conclave is scheduled for 29-30 January--would bring retaliation, presumably a resumption of East German harassment of autobahn traffic.

*Moscow's rigidity seems directly related to its long-held position that Berlin's problems should be solved in direct talks between Bonn and Pankow. Thus, the Kremlin wishes to deflect as many substantive issues as possible to that bilateral forum.*

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NOTES

Philippines: Manila is bracing for student demonstrations early next week. Marcos gives his state of the nation address on Monday, and the following day is the anniversary of last year's student disruptions. Military forces in the city, recently augmented, now number over 6,000, and Marcos is considering the imposition of martial law. [redacted] the radicals' plans include a march on the American Embassy.

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Ecuador: The Foreign Ministry reacted to the announced curtailment of US military aid by issuing a communiqué yesterday accusing the US of violating the sentiment of the OAS charter. Ambassador Burns met with the foreign minister yesterday, however, and was left with the impression that the government would like to avoid any further incidents. The government's restraint does not necessarily apply to President Velasco, who has acted without advice and consent before [redacted] and in a moment of pique he might go so far as to request the withdrawal of some US personnel or expropriate a public utility owned by US interests.

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