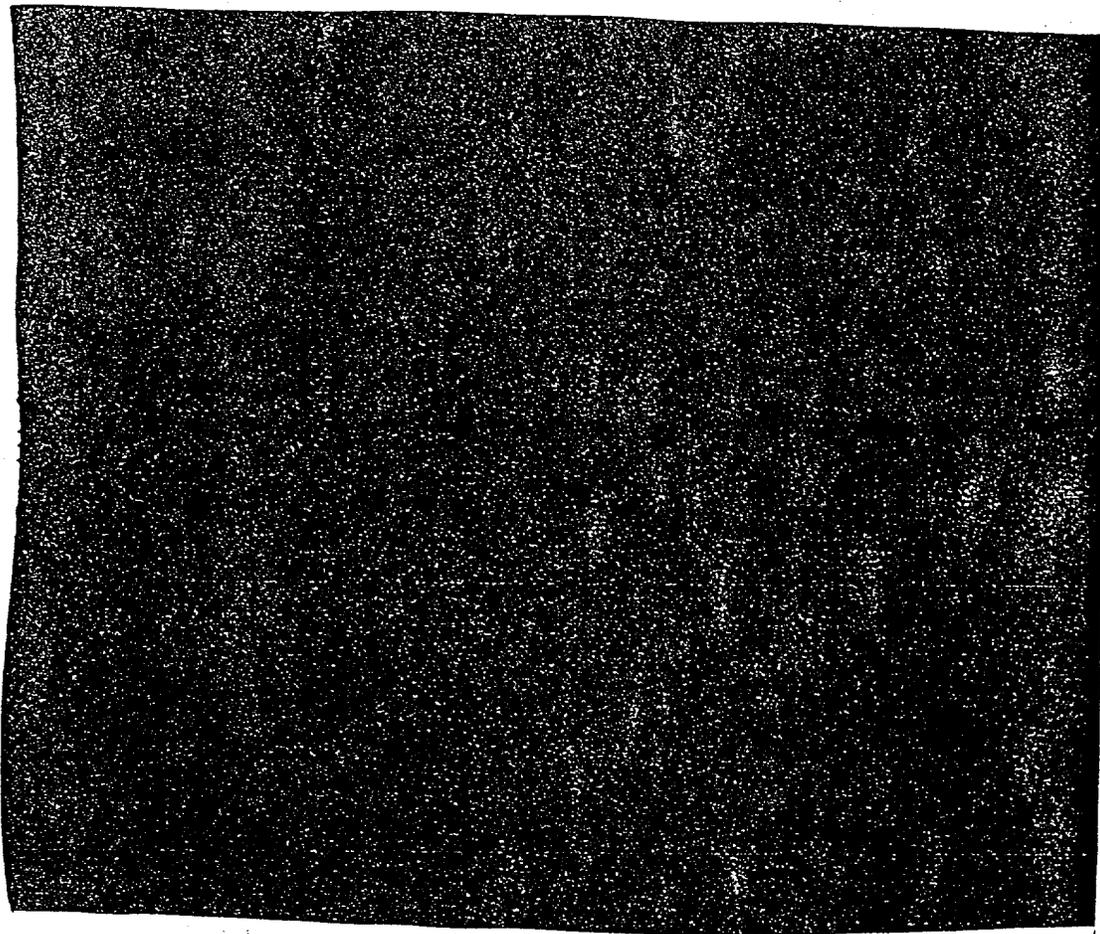




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Other Reactions to Iraqi Missile Attack

Kuwait: Fearful that Iraq's attack against Israel could threaten the coalition against Baghdad, Kuwait's UN ambassador expressed hope that the United States "will take care of that and control the Israeli reaction."



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Egypt: Although Cairo's official news agency carried news of the attack there has been no official reaction yet. [REDACTED]

Jordan: Amman radio at 1945 EST 17 January broadcast information documenting the missile attack on Tel Aviv, citing Western press sources. [REDACTED]

Iraq: Iraq's Ambassador to Belgium stated that the overnight missile strikes on Israel were "only the beginning." [REDACTED]

Iran: Tehran radio, quoting American news sources, reported sirens and explosions in Tel Aviv but did not mention the Iraqi strike. [REDACTED]

United Kingdom: A spokesman for the British Government said Prime Minister Major was "appalled by these unprovoked and unforgiveable attacks." [REDACTED]

France: Paris condemned "with utmost firmness" the Iraqi attack and expressed France's "solidarity with the Israeli people." [REDACTED]

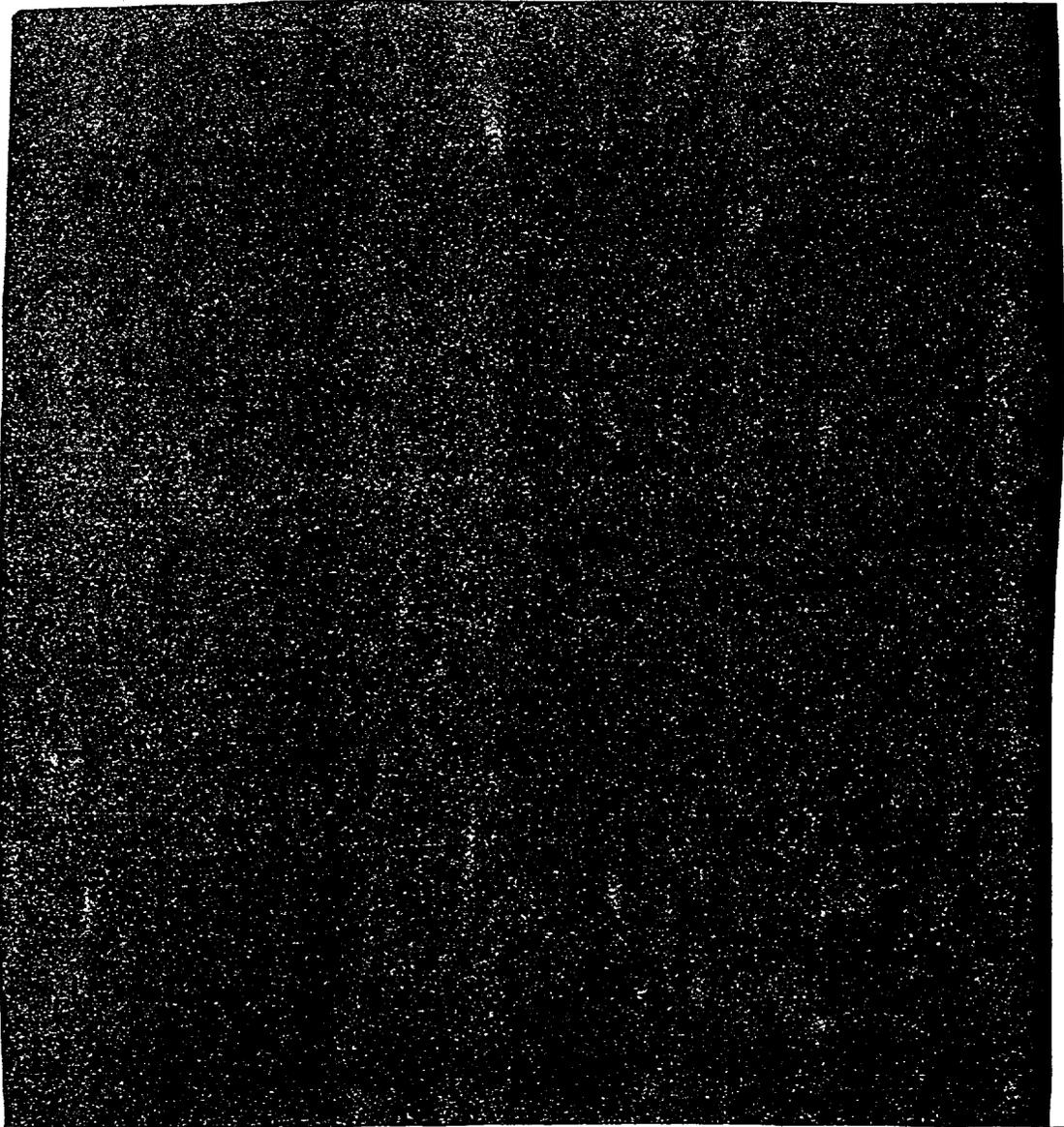
Japan: Prime Minister Kaifu called the Iraqi attack on Israel "very regrettable" and said that "the Iraqi invasion should not be linked with the Palestinian issue." [REDACTED]

Soviet Union: Tass, quoting US news sources, carried the story without an official statement from the Kremlin. [REDACTED]

EC Ministers Back Peace Conference

At an emergency meeting in Paris, European Community foreign ministers appealed to Iraq to withdraw immediately from Kuwait to spare the Iraqi people further destruction and suffering. At the same time, the ministers renewed their "total commitment" to the calling of an international conference on peace in the Middle East. They pledged to work for social justice and regional economic solidarity once "international legality" was restored. [REDACTED]

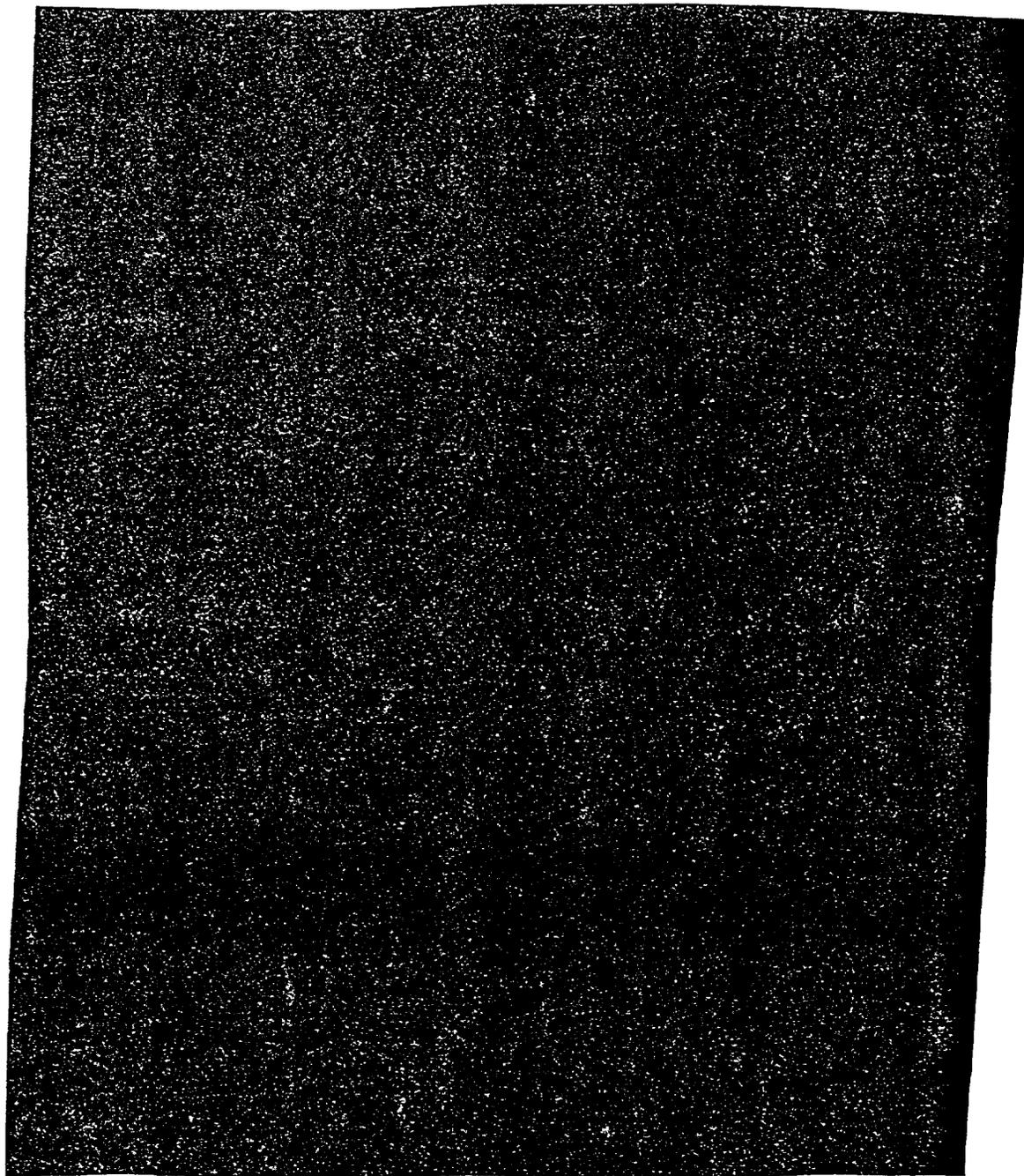
[REDACTED]



Italian Aircraft Missing in Gulf

An Italian Tornado fighter failed to return from a Thursday evening mission over the Arabian Peninsula, according to the Italian Air Force. The fate of the two-man crew is unknown. [REDACTED]

Comment: The Italian Parliament only hours before had authorized Italian forces to participate in Desert Storm under US command. [REDACTED]



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