

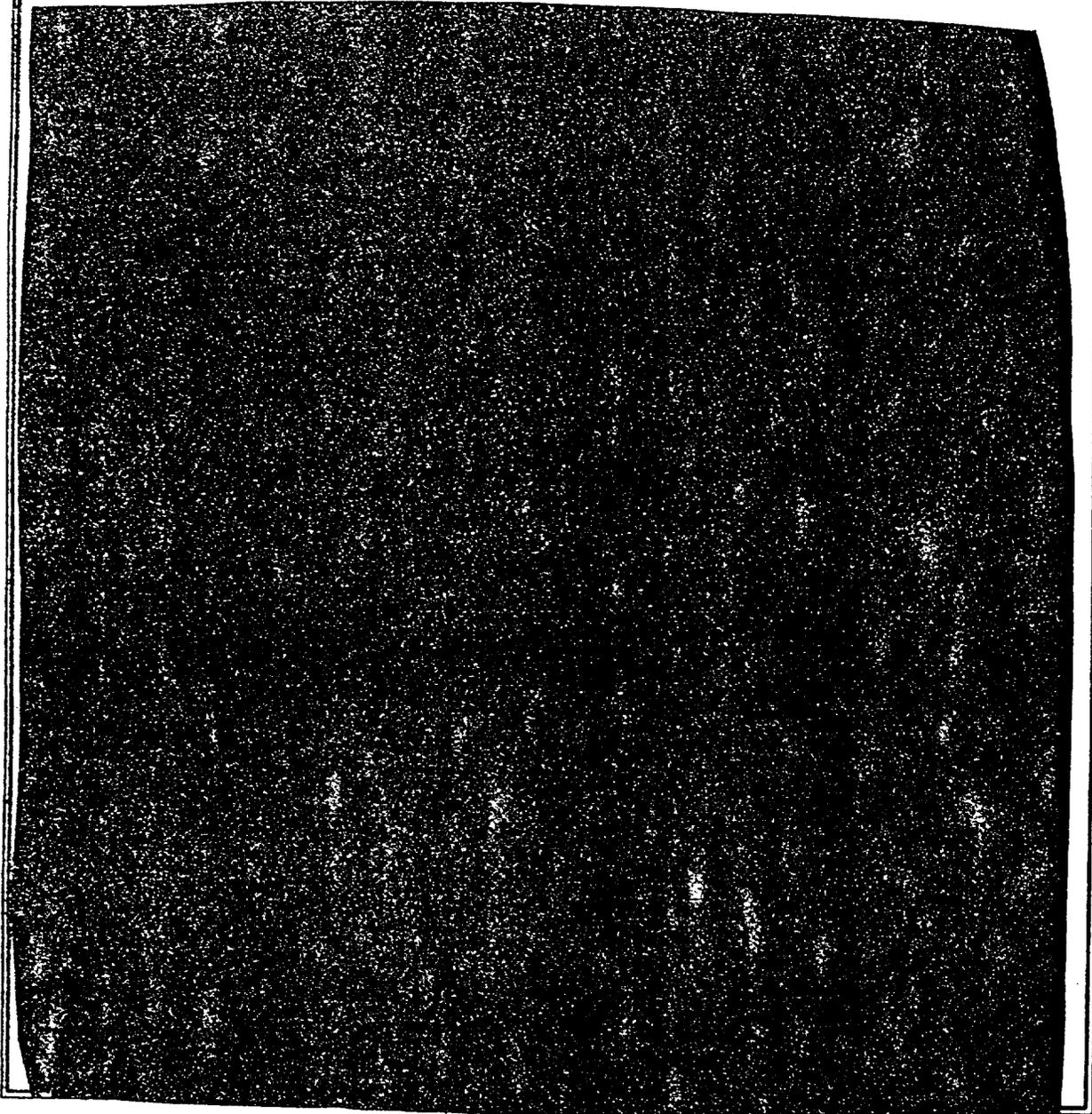
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Political Developments

President Salih Blasts the US

Yemen's President Salih blasted the United States repeatedly at a press conference yesterday, charging it with:

- dominating the UNSC.
- plotting against Iraq well before the Kuwaiti problem.
- destroying Iraq not liberating Kuwait, as has become clear by "the savage American aggression against Iraq."
- following in the footsteps of French and British imperialists who strove to master the world.

Comment: Salih's denunciation of the United States yesterday--his most contentious and shrill criticism since the Gulf crisis began--belies Sanaa's claim of neutrality in this conflict.

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