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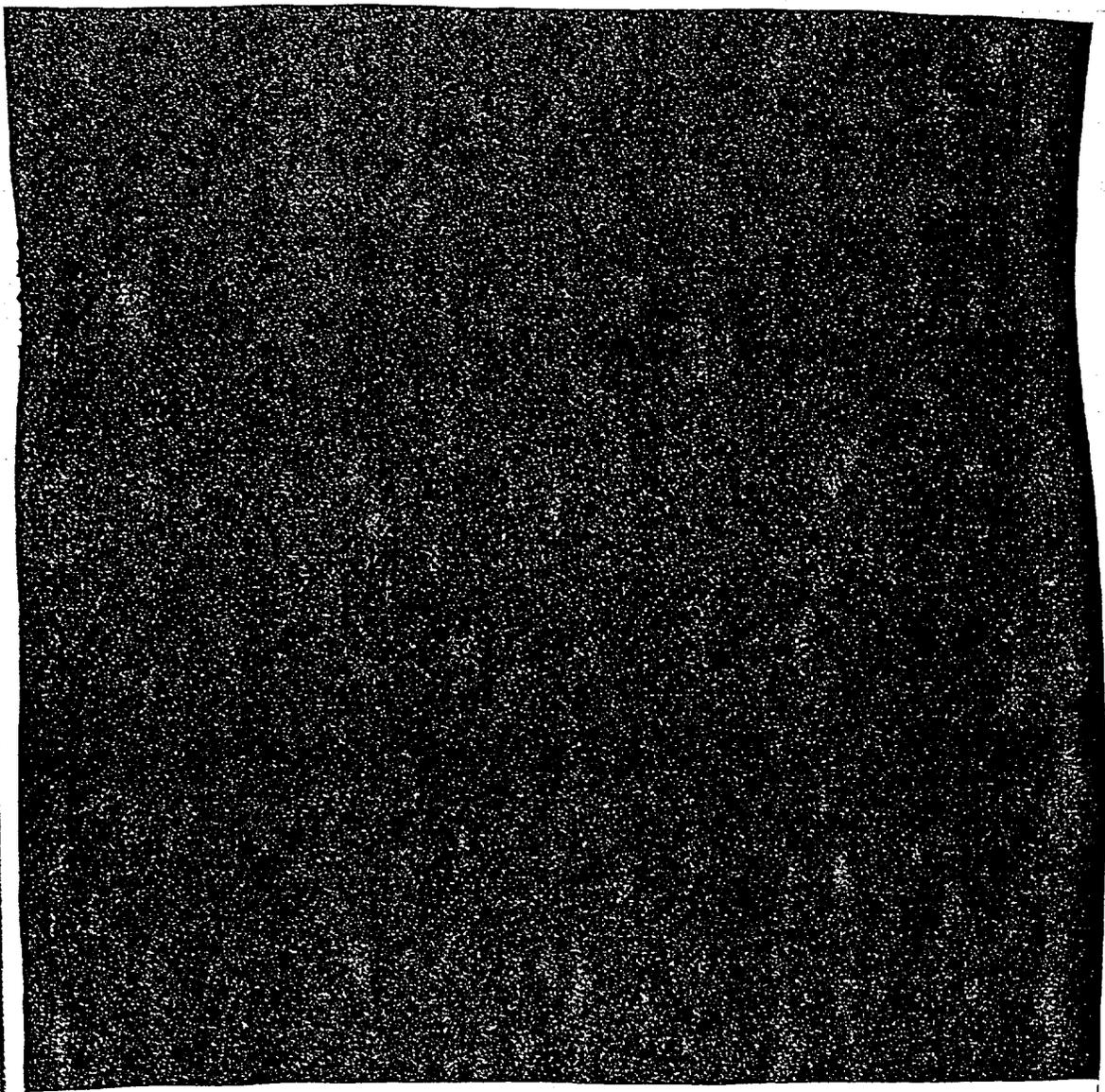


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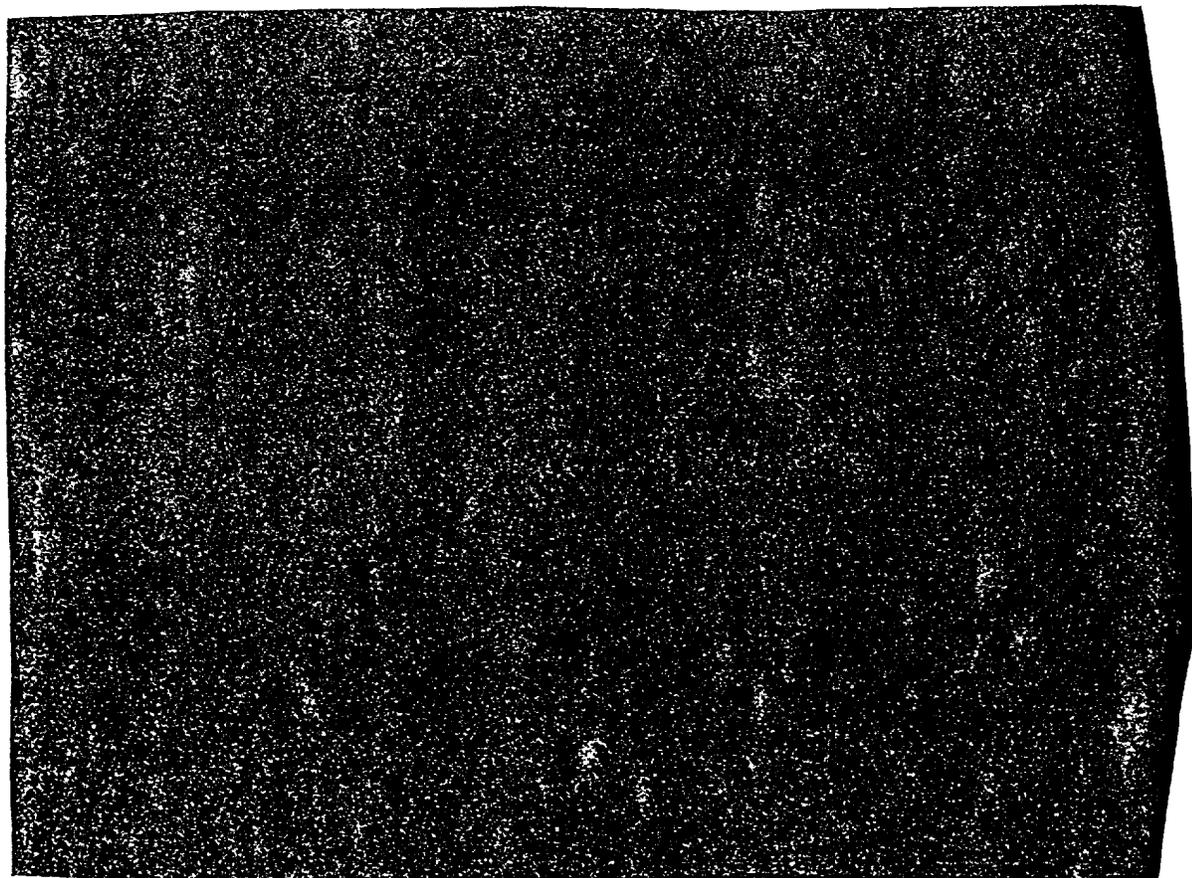
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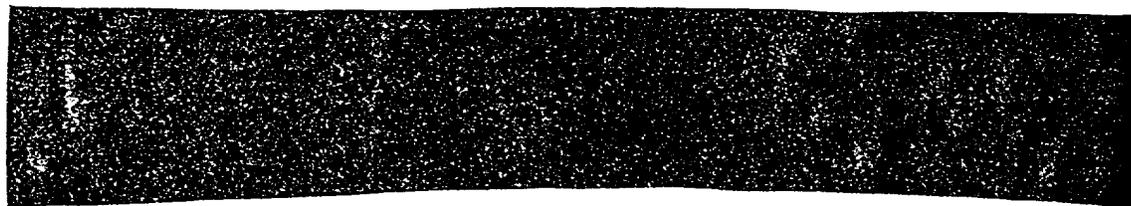
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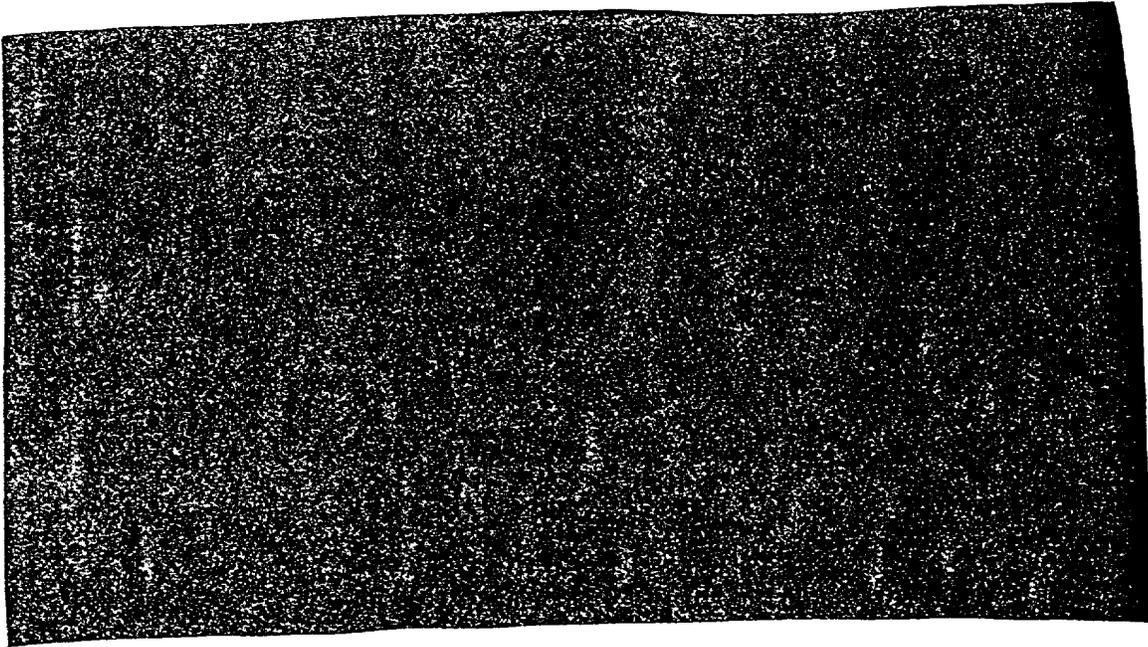
**Moscow Denies Military Advisers in Iraq**

A Soviet Defense Ministry spokesman yesterday denied Western media reports that the USSR still has 100 to 150 military advisers in Iraq. A Foreign Ministry official stated that the last group of military advisers left Iraq on 9 January and only about 40 Embassy personnel remain in country. Defense Ministry officials also publicly denied press reports that the Soviets were continuing to send arms to Iraq or that they were giving Baghdad satellite photography. [REDACTED]



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#### Japanese Feuding over Gulf Aid

Press reports indicate Tokyo pledged \$9 billion in additional financial support for the coalition forces today but postponed a decision on additional economic aid to frontline Arab states because of political infighting. Finance Minister Hashimoto reportedly opposes plans by his political rival Mutsuki Kato--head of the ruling party's policy planning staff--to pledge additional economic assistance before Tokyo's original \$2 billion commitment is disbursed.

#### Mufti Declares a Jihad

The Mufti of Jerusalem called for a holy war or "jihad" against the United States and its allies in the Gulf yesterday, according to the US Consulate in Jerusalem. In a statement issued in Jerusalem, the Mufti termed the United States "enemy number one for Islam and Muslims."



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