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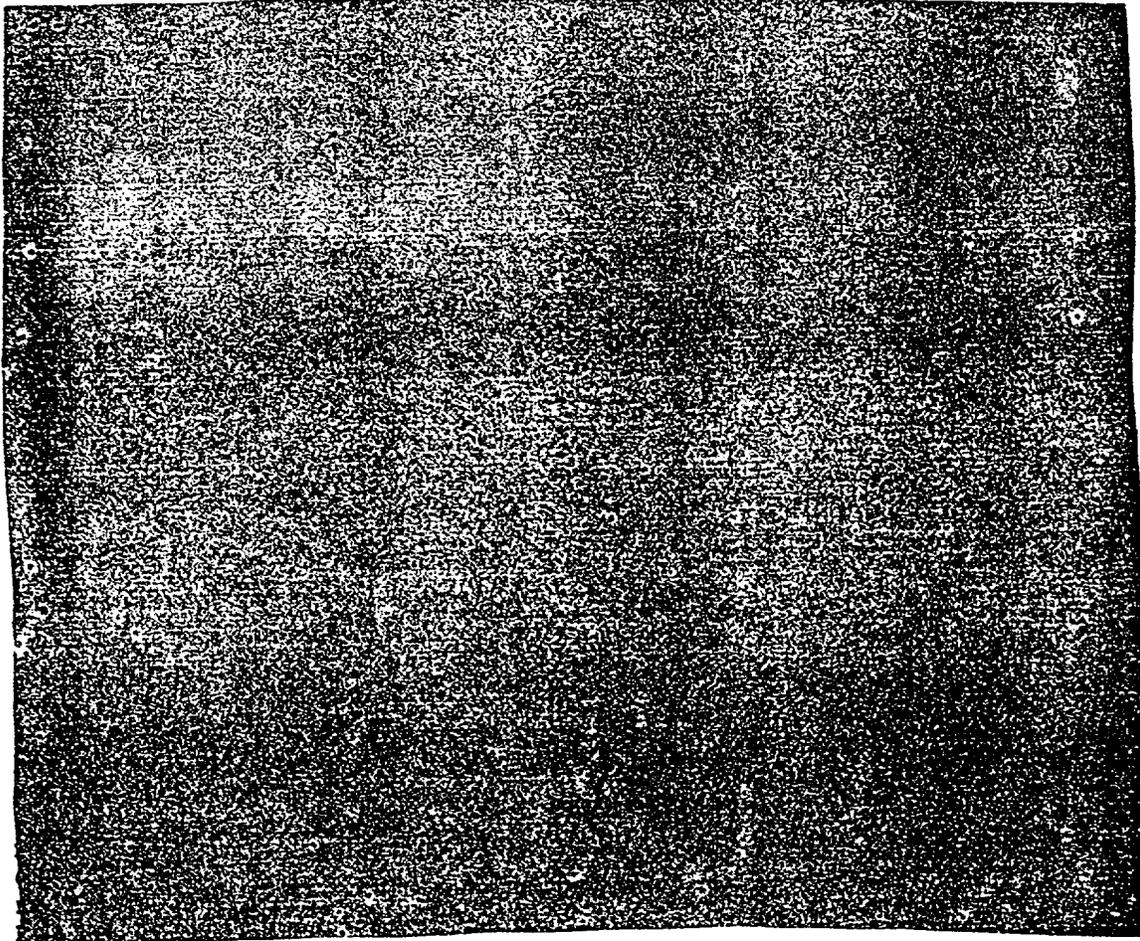
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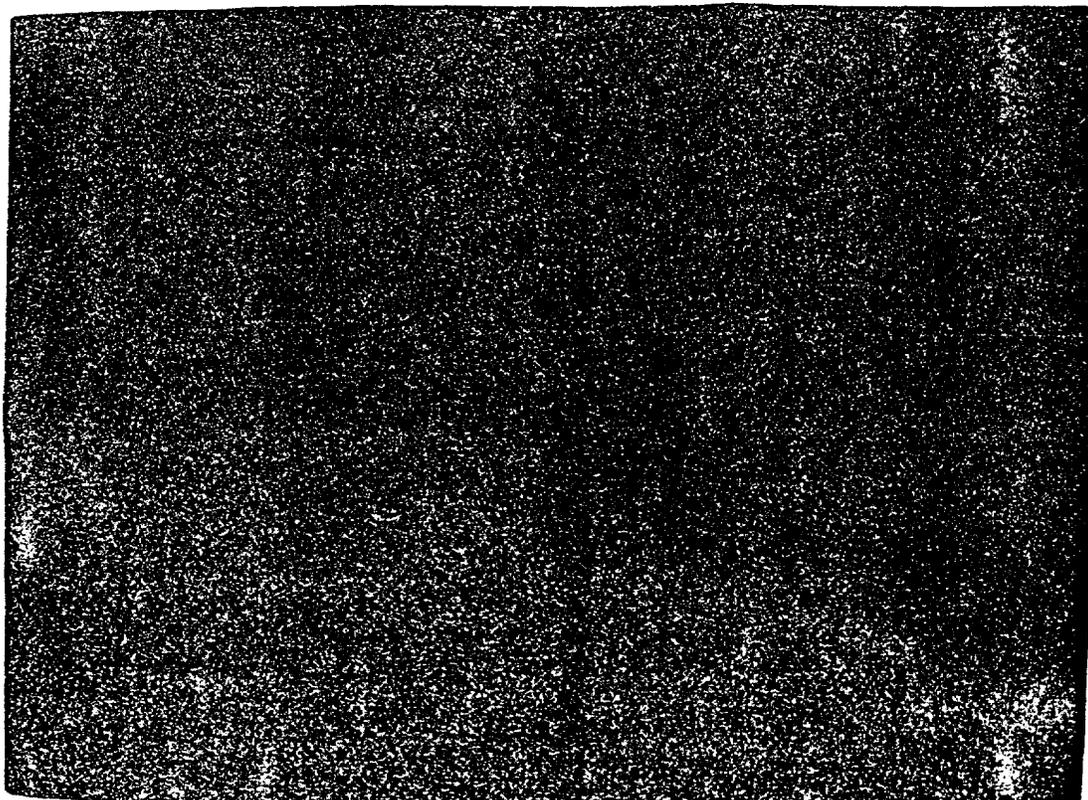
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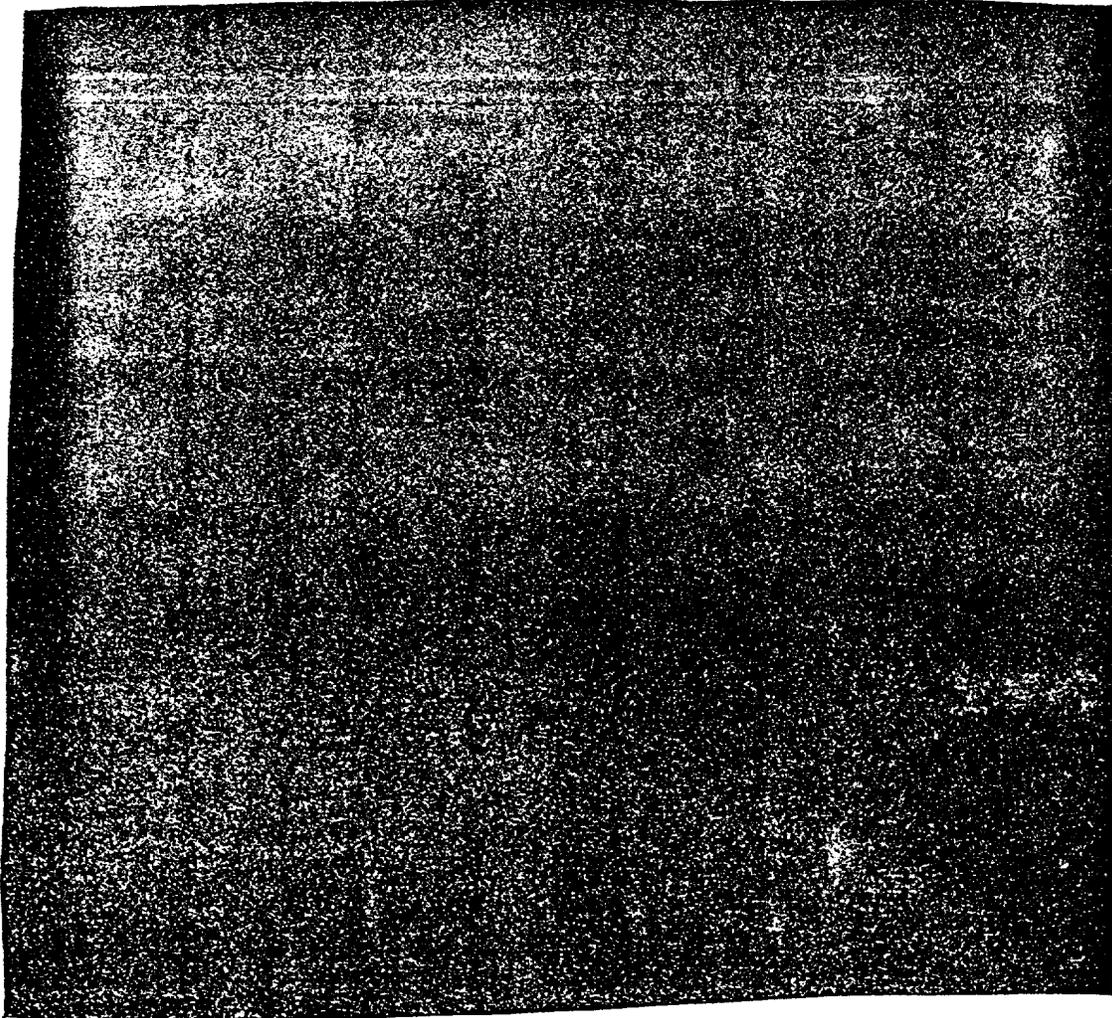
The Slick Continues to Move

The leading edge of the oil slick originating from the Mina al Ahmadi terminal in Kuwait has passed the tip of Ra's as Ghar in Saudi Arabia, [REDACTED] and is within 35 miles of the desalination plant at Al Jubayl. Winds from the north will speed its advance Thursday [REDACTED]

In the north, the new spill from Mina al Bakr and the nearby burning tanker already exceeds two million barrels. Even with the loss of all pumping capacity, another 2.5 million barrels could drain from all pipes in the system feeding the terminal. The spill's path is still unclear because of tricky currents at the head of the Gulf, [REDACTED]

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Algeria's Ruling Party Urges Sanctions Breaking

The Central Committee of Algeria's ruling National Liberation Front Party (FLN) appealed today to Arab and Islamic nations to break the international embargo of Iraq, according to press. The FLN reportedly urged the Arab nations taking part in the allied coalition to withdraw their troops and "not to compromise themselves in military operation" against Iraq "until the real objectives of the aggression has been clarified." The FLN also called on political parties and organizations in the Maghreb Arab nation to coordinate a conference with "a view toward tackling the dangers of the destructive war threatening Iraq." [REDACTED]

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