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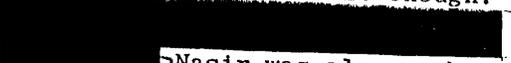
With the victory of UAR forces in Yemen nearly assured and with the Saudi Government nevertheless persisting in supporting the Yemeni royalists, Nasir is stepping up pressure on the Faysal regime itself.

Egyptian radio transmitters in Cairo and Sana have begun to jam the relatively weak Mecca radio.

On 12 March Egyptian aircraft resumed the bombing of Saudi territory near the Yemeni border.



Nasir on 4 March had agreed to a temporary suspension of such attacks in order to give new mediation efforts a chance to show some signs of progress. He now may feel that these delicate negotiations have not been moving forward fast enough.

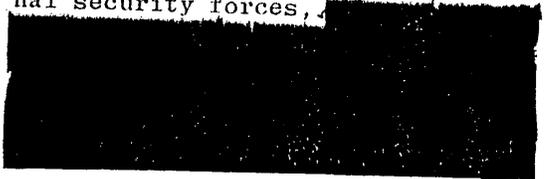


Nasir was also probably aware that the Saudi Government has been using the respite from Egyptian bombings to build up stockpiles of arms and ammunition near the border for the Yemeni royalists.

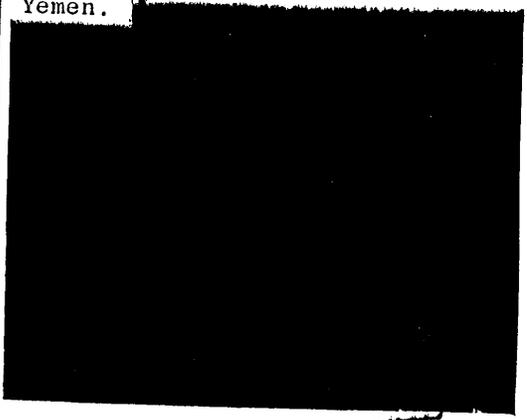
In any case, both the UAR and Saudi Arabia have been continuing their contingency military preparations. Egyptian naval units, including submarines and motor torpedo boats, as well as destroyers, remain in an advanced state of readiness. The UAR is also continuing to move military equipment and personnel to Yemen. The UAR military command may be preparing for air and naval attacks on towns in the central and northern sector of the Saudi Red Sea coast as well as for intensified military action against the Saudi border area. The new Egyptian airfield at Ras Banas,

less than 300 miles across the Red Sea from Jidda, has now been developed to accommodate MIGs and IL-28s.

The Saudis have ordered troop units to positions along the Red Sea coast, have tried to improve anti-aircraft defenses for towns and airfields, and have ordered national guard reinforcements to be ready to move to the southern border area. Saudi officials have planned an expansion of internal security forces,



A small amount of additional military equipment from the Soviet Union has arrived in Yemen.



Czechoslovakian officials have been visiting Yemen this week, reportedly to survey the Yemeni Government's requirements for military equipment.

With Egyptian and Yemeni military units now back in control of the towns of Marib and Harib and operating in territory near the undefined border with Aden Federation,

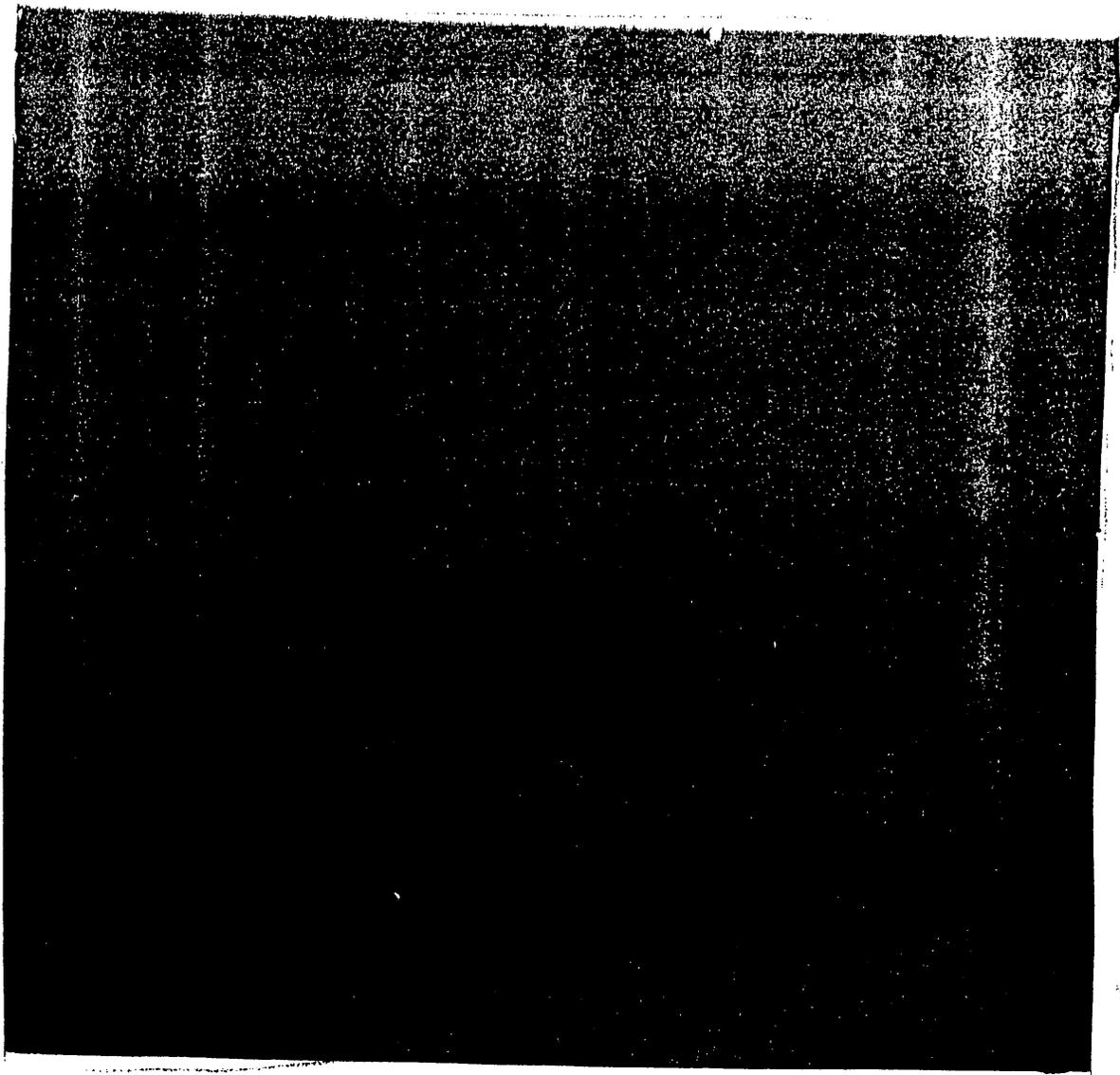


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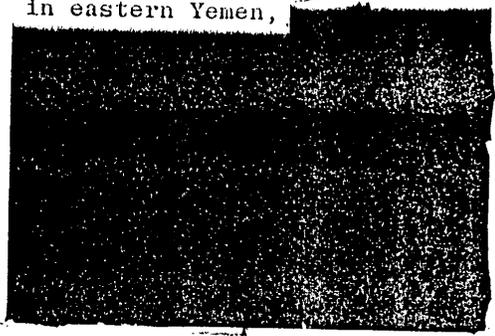
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At the same time, in view of the severe royalist setbacks

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