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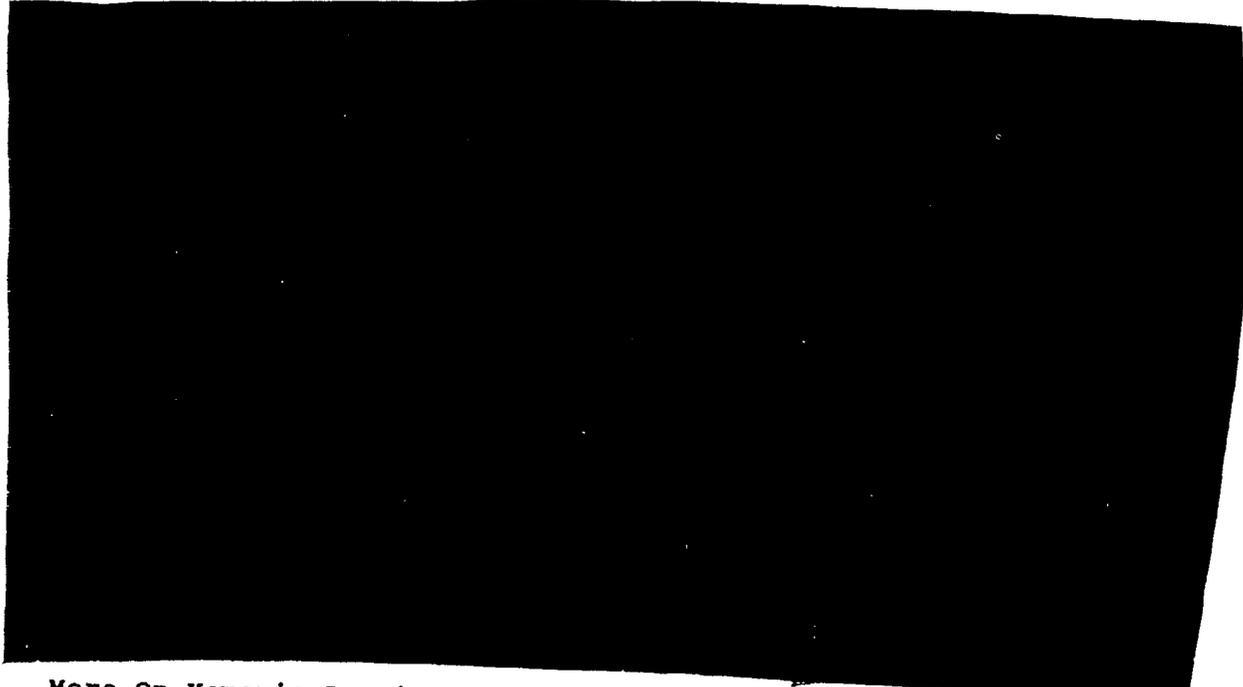
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More On Yemenis Leaving Saudi Arabia

[REDACTED] 230,000-250,000 Yemenis have departed the kingdom since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. [REDACTED] departures were increasing and 13,000-15,000 Yemenis had exited the kingdom on Wednesday alone. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Riyadh last month revoked exemptions long enjoyed by Yemeni workers [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Many Yemenis now have until late October to find Saudi sponsors or face possible deportation. Sanaa's fragile economy may briefly benefit from the large numbers of Yemenis liquidating and repatriating their assets. If the exodus continues, however, Yemen could lose over \$1 billion in annual remittances and would be hard pressed to absorb returning Yemenis in the domestic labor market. [REDACTED]