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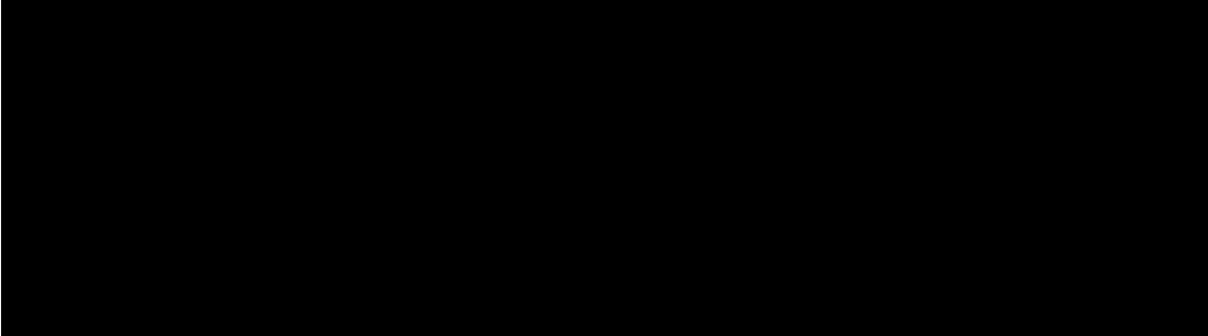
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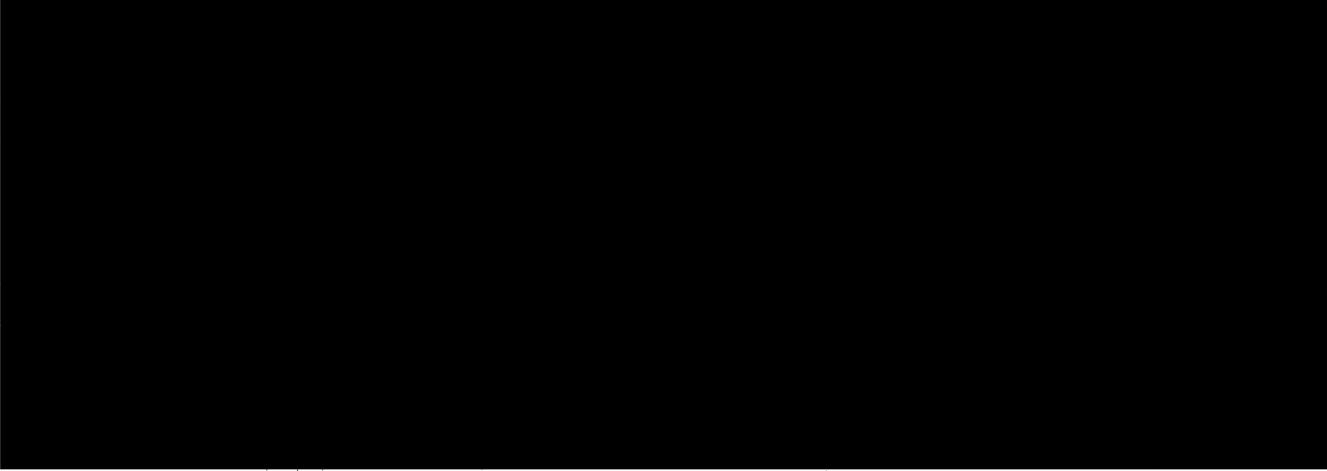
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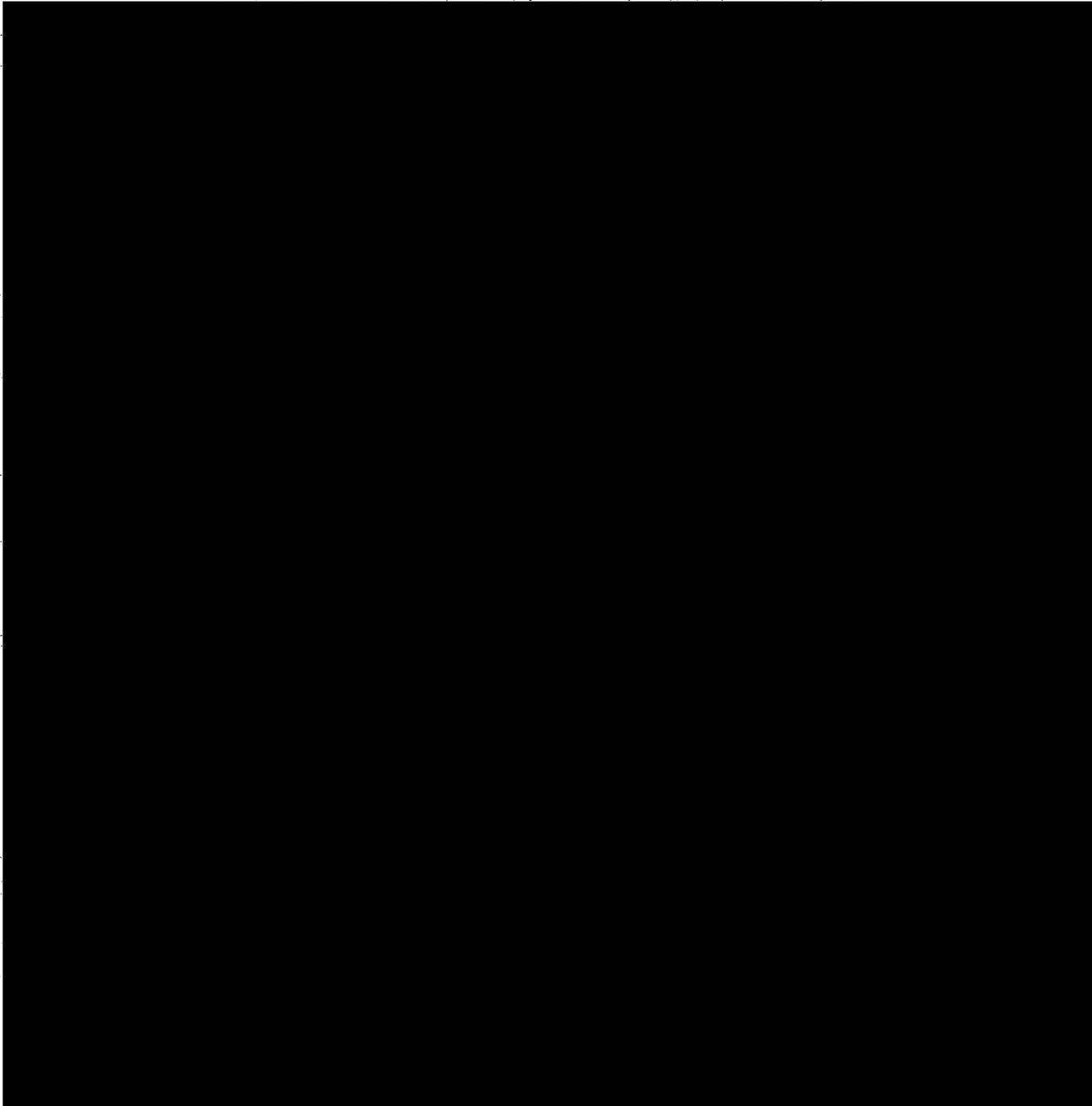


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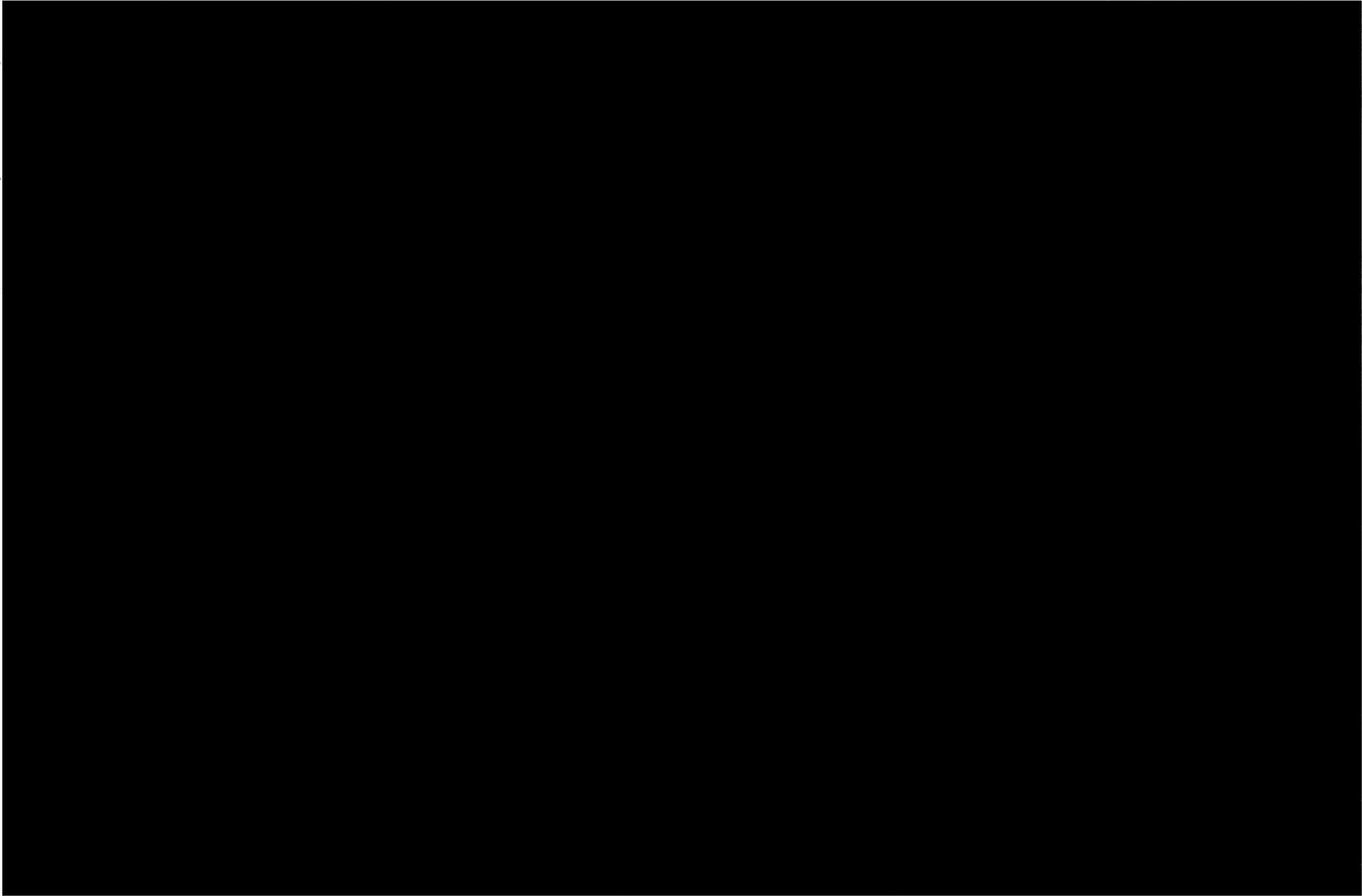
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## SINO-SOVIET TALKS YIELD ONLY WORDS, WORD, WORDS

Peking has made its most harsh and direct attacks against Moscow since the Kosygin - Chou En-lai meeting on 11 September. A congratulatory message to Tirana on Albania's 25th National Day directly condemned the "Soviet revisionist ruling clique" and Chinese public commentary has weighed in heavily against Moscow's "counterrevolutionary collusion" with the US. This attack and the subsequent Soviet response, is the most dramatic indication to date that the border talks are not going well.

The new round of Chinese polemics was capped by Chou En-lai at a reception the Albanians gave in their embassy on 29 November. Chou refrained from attacking the Soviets by name but, using the well-understood euphemism of "social-imperialism," condemned Moscow for its "aggressive ambitions" and called for full "psychological and material preparations" for war. His remarks were then eagerly amplified by the Albanian ambassador, who accused the "Brezhnev-Kosygin clique" of "bloody provocations" and military buildup along the Chinese frontier. The uninhibited attack caused the Soviet bloc diplomats in attendance to walk out in Chou's presence. The Albanian ambassador's blunt remarks obviously had Peking's approval and Moscow will rightfully interpret them as a deliberate Chinese effort to resume open propaganda exploitation of the border conflict.

Moscow is already edging close to resuming polemics. A stinging Radio Moscow commentary to China on 2 December avoided direct mention of the Chinese but was transparently aimed at recent Chinese propaganda attacks. Vividly conjuring up the horrors of nuclear war, it condemned "modern adventurists" who generate "war frenzies" in their own countries and criticize measures taken by others to ease international tensions.

The Chinese apparently hope to place the onus on Moscow by charging that the Soviets are using military pressure to force a new "unequal" settlement on them. Peking is genuinely nervous about the border situation, however, and seems to have little to gain by breaking off the talks.

Meanwhile, the Chinese are broadening the scope of their "war preparations" campaign. [REDACTED]

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This activity demonstrates to the Soviets that China is maintaining at least a minimum level of readiness for an attack. Fundamentally, however, most of what is currently billed as "war preparations" continues to be used to promote nationwide unity and unpopular domestic programs. [REDACTED]

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