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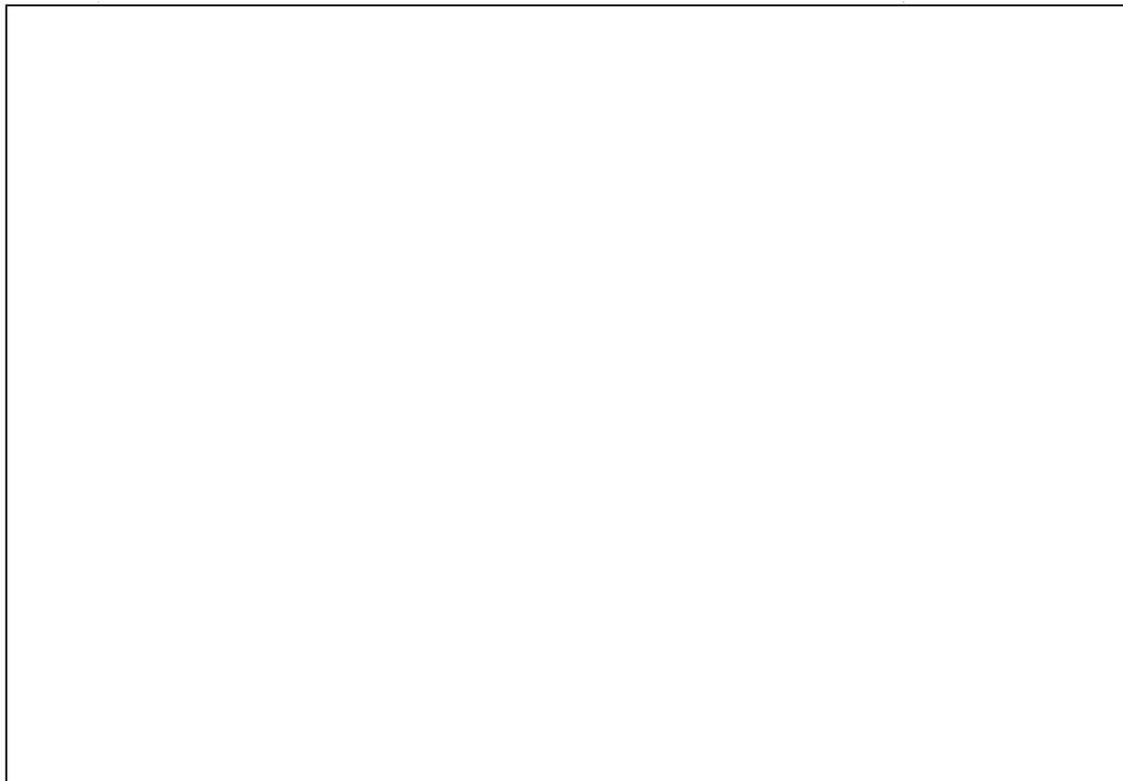
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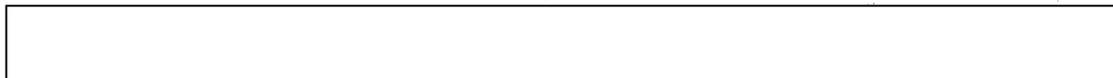
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President Bani-Sadr apparently hopes to persuade the militants occupying the US Embassy to allow Revolutionary Guards to join them in the compound as the first step in transferring the hostages to government control. [redacted]

The militants probably will not accept this arrangement. Even if they do go along, the militants and the Guards would be rivals, and the danger of an incident would be significant. [redacted]

Bani-Sadr has only limited control over the Guards. Many owe their loyalty to various radical ayatollahs, and there is no assurance that a Guard force sent into the compound would remain loyal to the President. [redacted]

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Militants' Spiritual Leader Elected

The militants' spiritual leader, Hojatoleslam Khoeni, was among those elected to the legislature from Tehran. He is likely to advocate the militants' hardline views when the Assembly begins its debate on the hostage issue. Khoeni's close relations with Khomeini and his successful manipulation of Khomeini's anti-US views have given him political influence far beyond his abilities. [redacted]

Oil Worker Protests

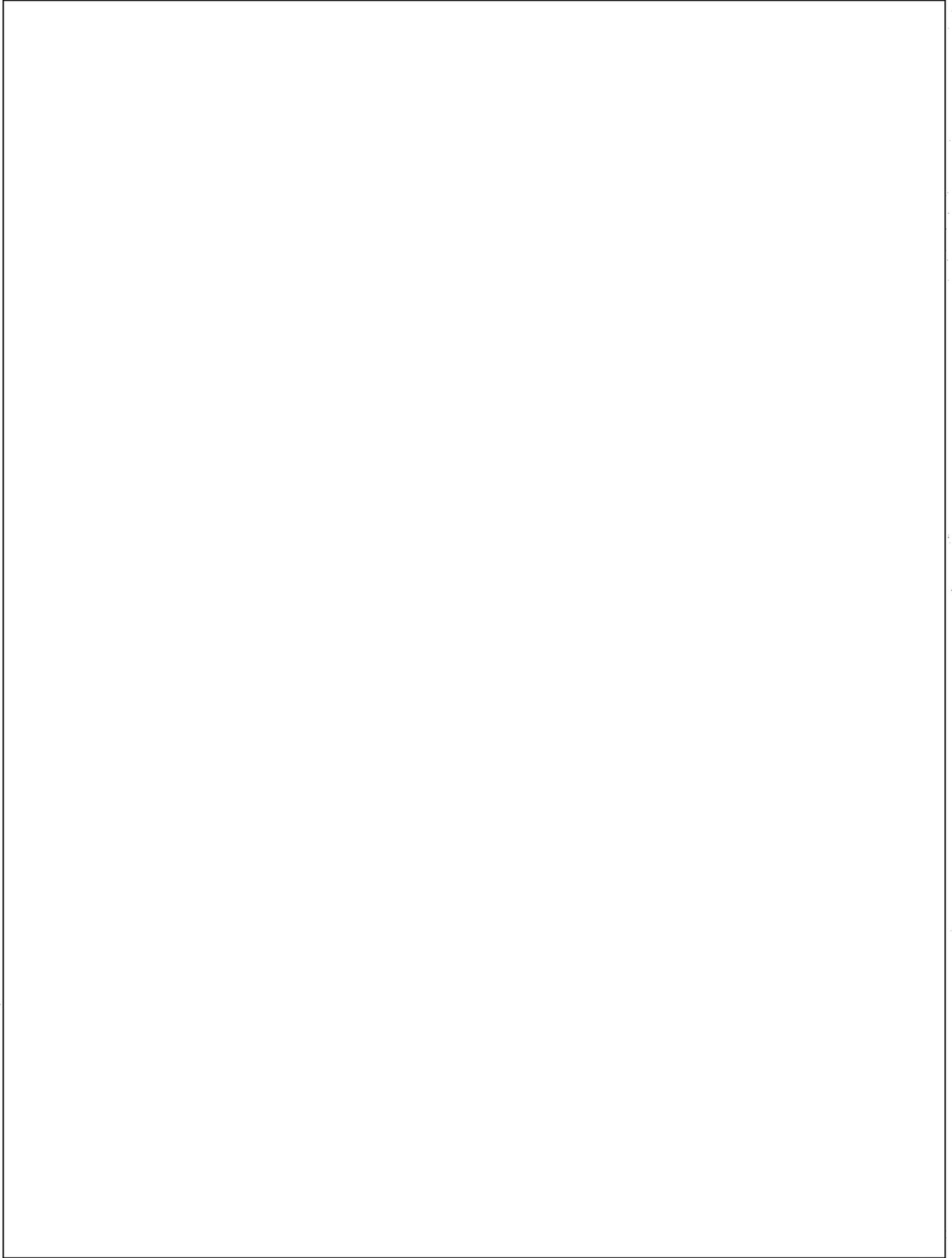
In a meeting with Bani-Sadr on Tuesday, oil workers and members of the Islamic Council of the National Iranian Oil Company demanded that Oil Minister Moinfar be dismissed for reducing salaries by 20 percent and freezing pension eligibilities pending review of the system. Moinfar has been elected to the National Assembly and will have to resign his Oil Ministry post to take his seat, but the oil workers are demanding his dismissal before then.

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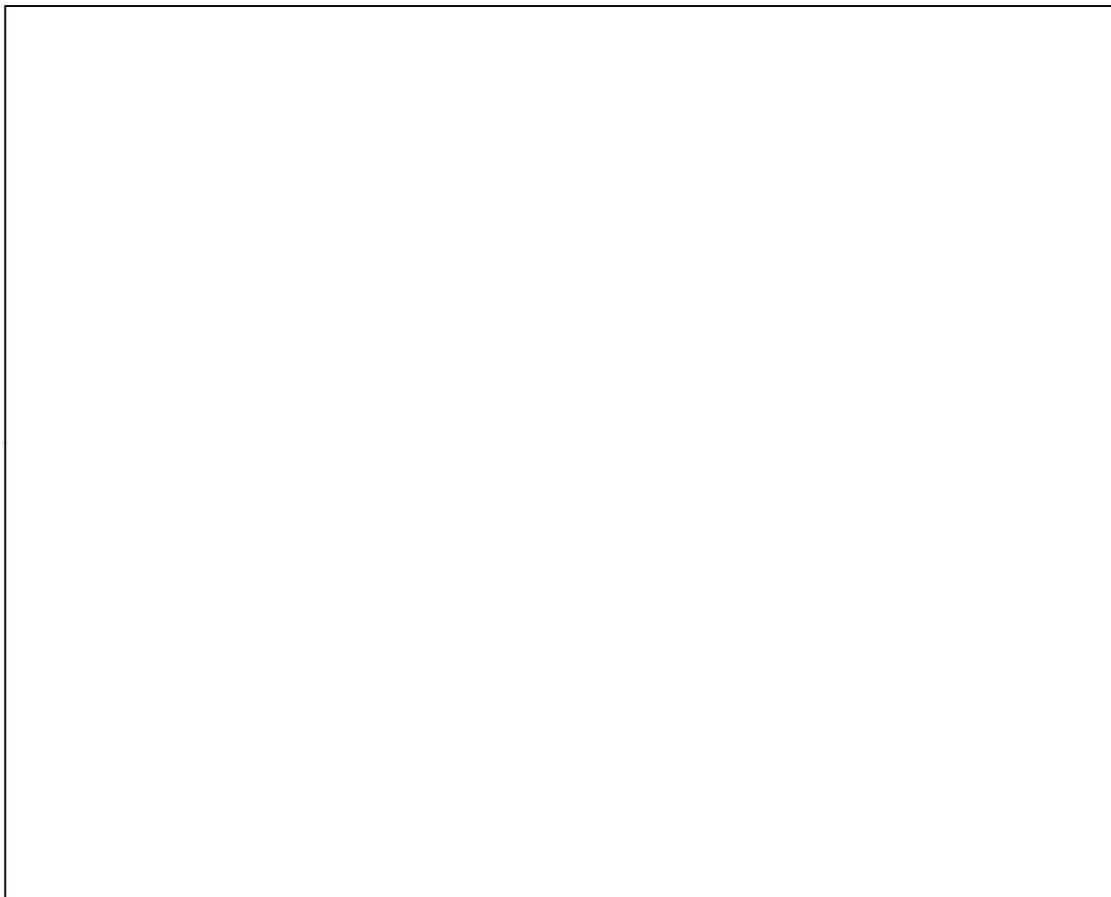
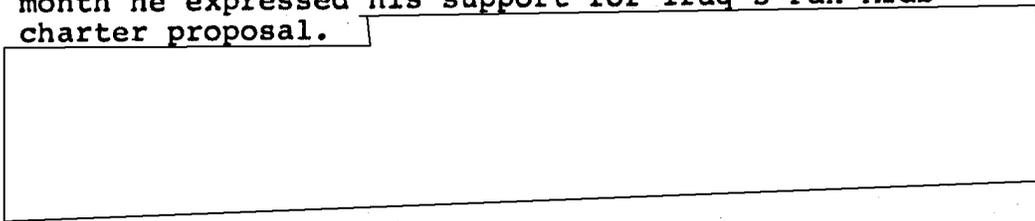


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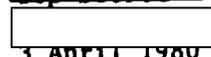


SUDAN-IRAQ: Relations Resumed

Iraq and Sudan yesterday agreed to resume diplomatic relations, broken a year ago as a result of Sudan's support for Egyptian President Sadat and the Camp David accords. In the intervening period, Sudanese President Nimeiri has qualified his backing for Egypt, and last month he expressed his support for Iraq's Pan-Arab charter proposal.



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