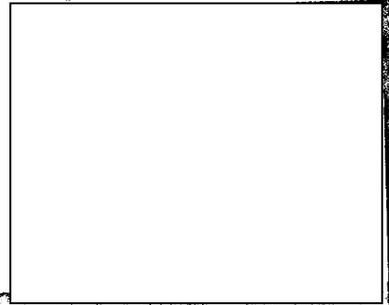


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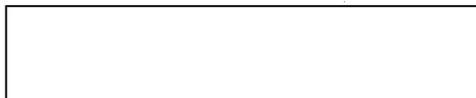


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IRAN

For the first time since the hostage crisis began, Moscow has indicated that foreign intervention in Iran could affect the security of the USSR. []

A TASS commentary on Tuesday cited part of a statement made by President Brezhnev in November 1978 that warned that military intervention in Iran could affect Soviet "security interests." All previous commentary has avoided any explicit reference to that portion of Brezhnev's statement. []

The commentary conveys a low-level warning to the US not to intervene in Iran. It also lays the groundwork for the Soviets to claim credit with Iran and other countries for deterring any US intervention. []

Moscow has been aggravated by recent Iranian statements equating US and Soviet policies and criticizing Soviet actions in Afghanistan. []

The USSR's irritation has increasingly focused on President Bani-Sadr. Twice this month, the Soviets complained that his remarks "distorted" the history of Soviet-Iranian relations and declared that the USSR opposed any outside interference in Iran's internal affairs. The Soviets, however, continue to be circumspect with regard to Ayatollah Khomeini. []

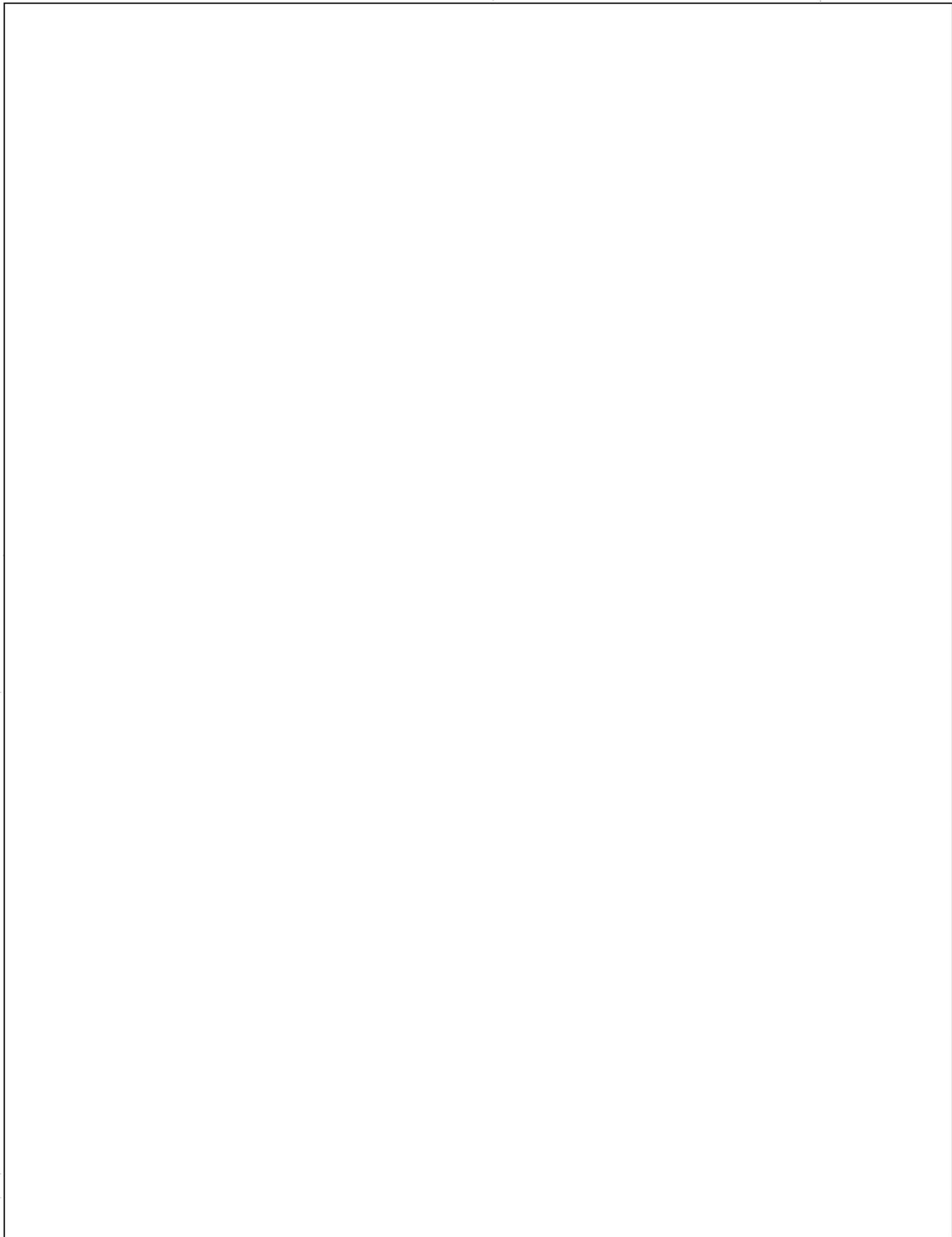
Elections

The Revolutionary Council decided last night to postpone indefinitely the second round of runoff elections for the National Assembly. Bani-Sadr said that it may take a month for investigations of alleged fraud in the first round to be completed before the second round is held. Our latest count of the results for the 270-member Assembly shows the Islamic Republic Party in the lead with from 36 to 52 seats. Independents have won about 20 seats, and Bani-Sadr's followers have 15.

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EGYPT: Reactions to Shah's Presence

Limited anti-Shah disturbances broke out yesterday at Cairo University and the University of Alexandria. The protests, which were started by fundamentalist Muslim students, apparently did not spread to other areas of the cities.

Except for extremists, most Egyptians continue to view the Shah's admittance to Egypt in humanitarian terms. Future attitudes toward his presence are likely to be governed in part by the state of his health, the level of his activity in Egypt, and President Sadat's public handling of the issue.

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