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USSR-UN: Soviet Peace Propaganda

The Soviets are pressing their peace themes at the General Assembly session, intensely criticizing US arms control proposals. They have spoken more than five times longer than any other delegation. Some representatives of the Nonaligned Movement have privately expressed displeasure at this performance, but some Soviet proposals, particularly the draft treaty on outer space arms control, have received favorable responses. [REDACTED]

Comment: The Soviets are attempting to seize the propaganda initiative on peace issues during the current session to maintain the momentum of the West European peace movement despite the beginning of INF deployments. They probably believe the peace movement will be valuable in attempting to limit the number of missiles deployed. The favorable response to the Soviet proposal for an outer space arms control agreement reflects hope that it could reduce new arms spending and thereby make more funds available for economic development. [REDACTED]

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