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I. MAJOR PROBLEMS

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SOVIET AFFAIRS

The international conference of Communist parties, in the planning stage for over five years, will convene in Moscow today with representatives from more than 70 parties in attendance. Several of the ruling parties will not be present,

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although the Soviets achieved a breakthrough of sorts in persuading the Cubans to send a delegation of observers.



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This conference, the first since 1960 when 81 parties unanimously approved a lengthy and largely ambiguous statement of principles, will probably produce a document which Moscow believes can serve as a source of doctrine suitable to the times and amenable to its purposes. This will certainly be loyally supported by the overwhelming majority of parties, if the central problem of China can be settled by the use of language interpretable as placing Peking beyond the pale without openly making Chinese apostasy an issue in the conference.

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## MIDDLE EAST

The terrorist group which blew up the oil pipeline running through Israeli-occupied Syrian territory last week now says that this action is the beginning of a campaign to destroy all US "interests" in the Arab world. This probably translates as a pledge to attack US-owned oil installations and perhaps commercial aircraft in the area. This group is one of the most active and the most irresponsible of the fedayeen organizations--it masterminded the various attacks on Israeli El Al airplanes last year--and it is apparently undeterred by the almost universal condemnation of its action against Tapline by Arab governments of all stripes. The fedayeen organization is a small one, but both the oil installations and commercial aircraft transiting the Middle East are highly vulnerable to hit-and-run attacks.

There is nothing significant to report on Europe.

## II. OTHER IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS

## LATIN AMERICA

Opposition forces in Brazil will be encouraged by the Chilean Government's decision to cancel the visit of Governor Rockefeller scheduled for later this month. Radical Brazilian students, according to a CIA report, are ready to try to stage demonstrations against the mission even if they bring down heavy government repression. The students not only want to harass the US but also show their opposition to the Costa e

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Silva administration, thus proving that they are as militant as students in other countries. While Brazilian security forces and public apathy will probably combine to make nationwide demonstrations unlikely, even limited agitation could encourage terrorist groups to act on their own.

Meanwhile, Chile's cancellation of the visit following two days of anti-Rockefeller student riots in Santiago and Venezuela's postponement of the scheduled visit to Caracas will probably cause other Latin American governments to take a harder look at their situation and perhaps also suggest cancellation or postponement of the Rockefeller mission.

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