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I. MAJOR PROBLEMS

MIDDLE EAST

The need to placate Moshe Dayan and to give Labor Party campaigners something to talk about before the October national elections may push Golda Meir into an awkward corner. By allowing the party to adopt Dayan's hawkish formula for retention or control of key sections of the occupied territories, Mrs. Meir will make it all the more difficult for any future government to settle for anything less.

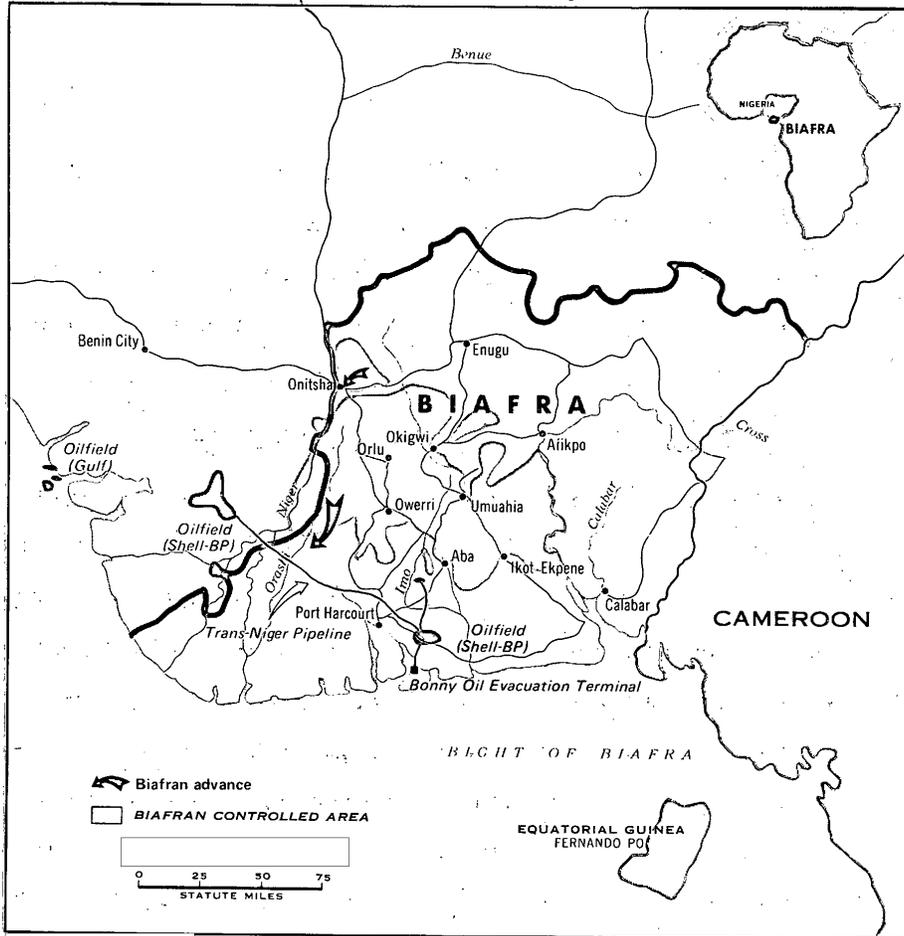
SOVIET AFFAIRS

The large-scale air exercise, involving Soviet, Polish, and Czechoslovak units, ended on 2 August. As it turned out, this exercise was the largest and most complex of its kind ever held in Eastern Europe.

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[redacted] the maneuvers had been in the works for several months.

Biafrans Advance Toward Main Federal Oil Pipeline



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II. OTHER IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS

NIGERIA

Last June the Biafrans vowed to disrupt federal petroleum production, but in the ensuing months achieved only limited success toward that goal. On Saturday, however, an infantry unit thrust to within 15 miles of the Trans-Niger Pipeline and now has a good chance of intersecting it. If the Biafrans cut the line, Nigeria's total petroleum output could be reduced from its present 500,000 barrels per day to about 300,000.

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