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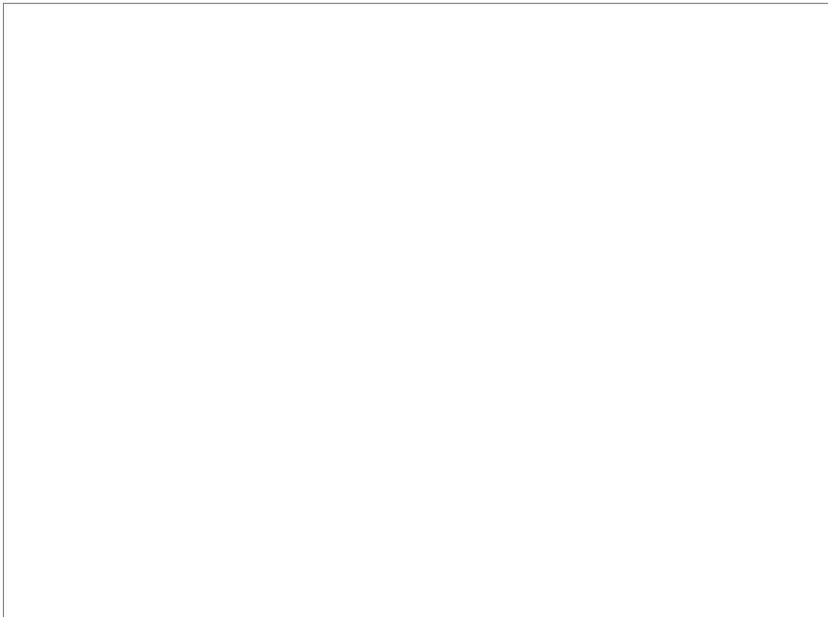
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CAMBODIA

A ten-day program of public festivities designed to "awaken the country's fighting spirit" began in Phnom Penh on 3 September. Students and civil servants paraded through the streets chanting slogans of national unity, putting up banners supporting the government and army, and condemning the Communists. The program is the brainchild of an intergovernmental committee for the coordination of political and psychological warfare.



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USSR - MIDDLE EAST

On 2 September, Pravda accused Washington of encouraging Israeli intransigence by continuing to supply weapons during the cease-fire. It quoted US officials on their determination to maintain a military balance favorable to Israel.

Moscow has leveled steady criticism at Israel for "stalling" in the Middle East negotiations and has charged Tel Aviv with using threats to improve its position. Since the cease-fire began, however, criticism of US support for Israel has been muted. The Soviets may now be laying the groundwork to blame both the US and Israel if the cease-fire should suddenly break down.

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USSR-BERLIN

At his luncheon meeting on 2 September with Ambassador Rush, Soviet Ambassador Abrasimov came armed with procedural suggestions aimed at having something "concrete" to discuss at the next Four Power meeting on Berlin. Out of the discussion came a proposal--strongly supported by Abrasimov--that the US and USSR exchange draft papers on a "strictly confidential" bilateral level which should contain realistic proposals on Berlin "responsive to the views of both sides." He said the US paper should include a statement of Washington's desires and "to put it bluntly, the US price." He suggested that the draft papers could form the basis for an "interim agreement," and noted that such agreements can last many years. Abrasimov did not respond to the Allied paper presented at the formal Four Power meeting on 21 July.

Abrasimov's approach suggests that Moscow may be weighing the advantages of an early limited agreement containing enough progress to satisfy Bonn and thus to permit early ratification of the Soviet - West German treaty. Moscow may also believe that bilateral consultations with the US can get the Berlin talks off dead center, although the approach to the US alone could be calculated to sow dissension in Allied ranks.

Moscow clearly wants to probe for Allied concessions on Bonn's role in West Berlin. The Soviets may be aware that the Allied paper given them on 21 July was not as forthcoming as a separate draft which the West Germans had formulated earlier this summer and suggested to the Western three.

The failure of the Soviets to respond to the Allied paper of 21 July suggests that the Soviets are not yet ready to display any give in their own position.

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THE UN AND CHINESE REPRESENTATION

For more than a year Belgian Foreign Minister Harmel has advocated a proposal to seat both Chinas in the UN General Assembly, with Peking getting Taiwan's seat on the Security Council.

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Soviet diplomats have come down hard against the Belgian proposal [redacted]

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[redacted] The USSR has threatened to campaign against Belgium's candidacy for a Security Council seat if Brussels offers its proposal.

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The Belgians realize their proposal has little chance of being adopted, and they probably will not risk the wrath of the Soviets and others by pushing it. Harmel claims his scheme is necessary to save Taiwan from being ousted completely in favor of Peking, but the outlook for Chinese representation this year is no more favorable to Peking than in the past.

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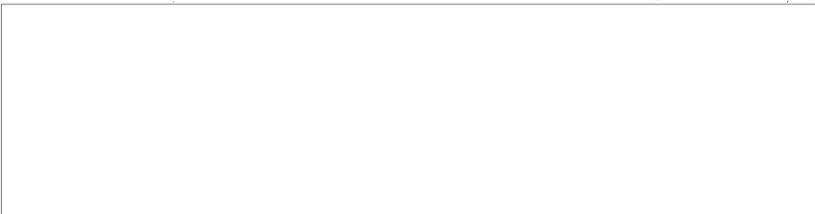
COMMUNIST CHINA

In satellite photography  21 to 25 Sino-A jet fighters were seen at the Nan-chang airframe plant in southeast China. Ten more were observed at Wei-fang Airfield where a ground attack unit is based.

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Greece:

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Chile: Marxist presidential candidate Salvador Allende told a rally of more than 200,000 people on Wednesday that although he was confident the armed forces would "respect" his victory, he was "reserving the right on the evening of 4 September to call the people to defend their legitimate majority." The Communist and Socialist parties, which support Allende, will have members standing by for possible demonstrations when the polls close at 4:00 P.M. EDT today.

Various groups of far left terrorists already have plans to attempt a campaign of violence and provocation if Allende is defeated.

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