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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Khmer Communist forces may follow up yesterday's shelling of Pochentong Airfield with other attacks on Phnom Penh. Meanwhile, General Lon Non reportedly now plans to leave Cambodia for France on April 28. (Page 1)

Fedayeen commandos are being infiltrated into Israel

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The Yemen (Aden) Government has strengthened its military capability on Perim Island at the entrance to the Red Sea. (Page 3)

Mexican President Echeverria is ending his world tour with few tangible gains and professed support only from Moscow and Peking for his pretensions to Third World leadership. (Page 4)

Panamanian Foreign Ministry officials are preparing a new statement on the canal issue, thus indicating a desire to continue talking. (Page 5)

The EC Commission has prepared new proposals for a common industrial policy that would aid the establishment of larger firms capable of competing with the US. (Page 6)

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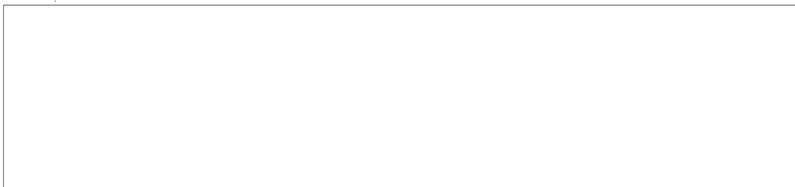
Moscow appears to have resumed supplying military aid to Morocco after a hiatus of six years. (Page 7)

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**CAMBODIA**

Communist forces may follow up yesterday's shelling of Pochentong Airfield with other attacks on the capital. According to an intercept of April 23, Communist units south of Phnom Penh intend to shell the capital with 105-mm. howitzers and "cross the river to the Phnom Penh suburbs to attack and destroy some areas." The message did not give a date for the attacks, but stated that the weapons were not yet in place. Khmer Communists yesterday gained control over a section of the east bank of the Mekong River opposite the capital after over-running a small government outpost. Unless the insurgents are dislodged from this area, they will be able to shell downtown Phnom Penh with medium-range weapons.

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FEDAYEEN-ISRAEL

Fatah commando teams are being infiltrated into Israel from southern Lebanon to assassinate prominent Israelis and to disrupt the independence celebrations on May 7.

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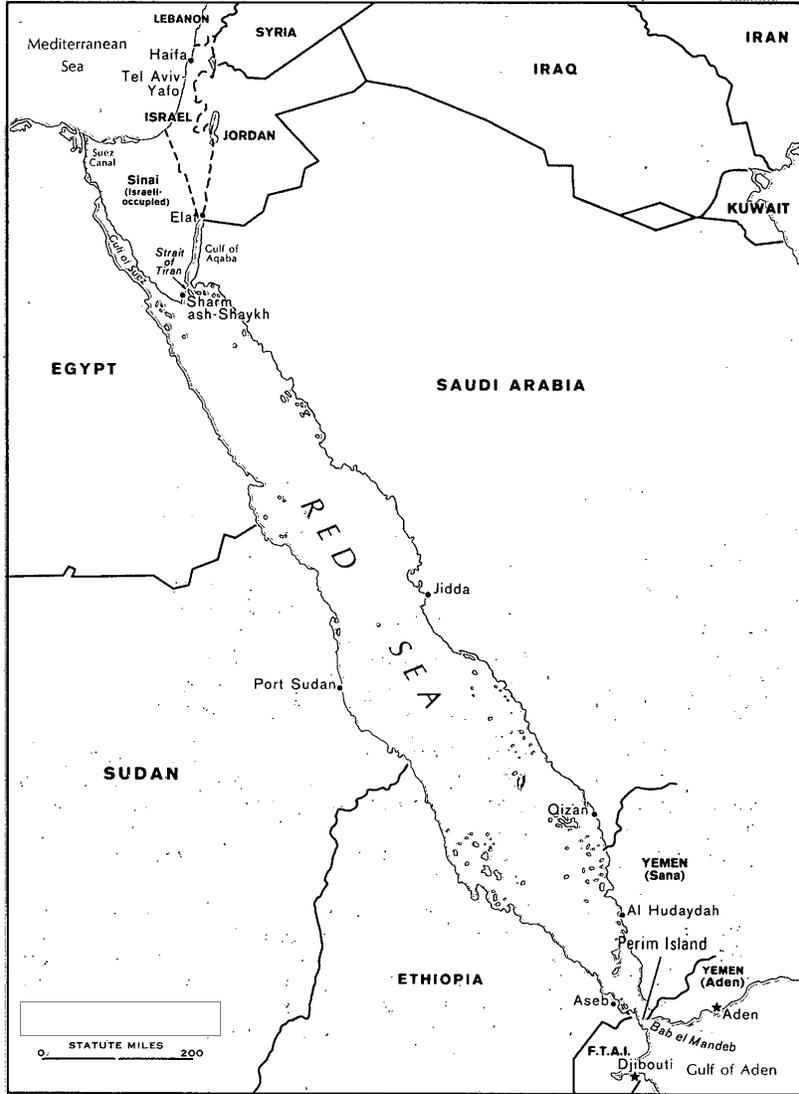
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### Aden Moves Military Forces to Perim Island



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**YEMEN (ADEN)**

The government has strengthened its military capability on Perim Island at the entrance to the Red Sea.



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MEXICO

President Echeverria is ending his world tour with few tangible gains and professed support only from Moscow and Peking for his pretensions to Third World leadership. The big diplomatic prizes were promises from France and China to sign Protocol II of the Treaty of Tlatelolco (banning nuclear weapons in Latin America), though even these were hedged by conditions.

Elsewhere, his ideas and projects were less well received. In Canada he drew a flat no from Prime Minister Trudeau to his suggestion that the UN should set aside a Security Council seat for a Third World nation. The Canadians also were cool to the proposed "charter of economic rights and duties for nations" that he has been pushing. Only when Echeverria referred to the need for controls over foreign investment and multinational companies was Ottawa in full agreement.

Echeverria's main pitch in Britain, France and to the EC Commission concerned trade and foreign investment. The hosts were less than enthusiastic, however, and trade is likely to remain small. UK and Belgian leaders also expressed reservations about the economic rights and duties charter.

The Moscow visit produced a modest trade agreement, a pledge to revive an old scientific and cultural exchange, and an endorsement of the concept of Echeverria's rights and duties charter. But the two sides could not agree on the denuclearization treaty.

The week in China was probably the most successful. Echeverria talked with Mao for 90 minutes and met four times with Chou. Besides the statement on the Tlatelolco Treaty, China agreed to promote the rights and duties charter, signed a trade agreement, and agreed to cultural, scientific, and technical exchanges.

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PANAMA

Foreign Ministry officials are preparing a new statement on the canal issue that they hope to present to the US before the end of the month.

*The text is likely to consist of detailed criticism of the US position rather than new substantive offers. Panama's controlled press is accusing US officials of attempting to bribe General Torrijos and Foreign Minister Tack into softening their stand. The press also charges that the US is storing nuclear and bacteriological weapons in the Canal Zone.*

*Torrijos' current resort to wild accusations may in part reflect his frustration over the limited results obtained from the recent Security Council meeting in Panama. Nevertheless, by replying to the US paper delivered in February, Panama seeks to demonstrate a desire to continue talking.*

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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

The EC Commission has prepared new proposals for a common industrial policy. The proposals, which probably will be presented to the Council of Ministers for discussion in June, call for:

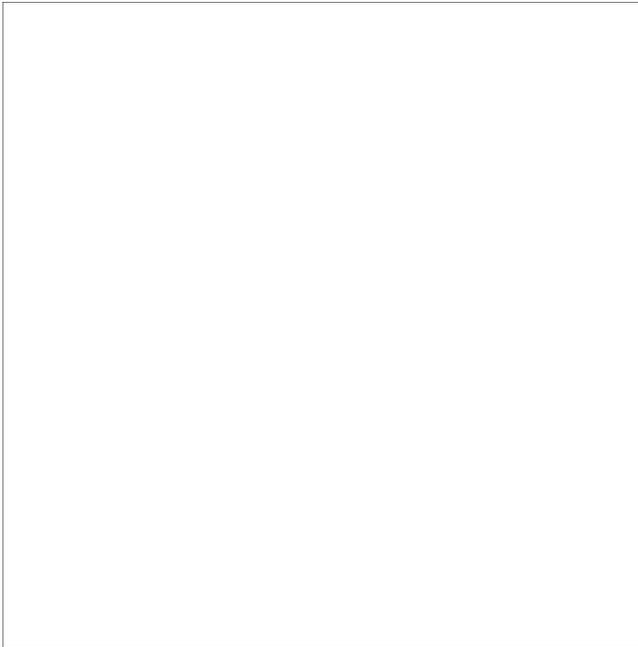
--harmonizing company laws and product standards,

--establishing non-discriminatory government purchasing procedures and,

--coordinating the activities of important high-technology industries, such as aircraft and computers.

*If approved, these changes will remove obstacles to free trade within the community and aid the establishment of larger firms capable of competing with the US. Satisfying all the special interests involved will make implementation of specific measures a long and formidable task, however.*

*One factor in the EC's desire to act in this area is its concern over the power of multinational corporations--many of which are US-based. US companies in Europe, however, presumably would receive equal treatment.*



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Iraq-Egypt:

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USSR-Morocco: Moscow appears to have resumed supplying military aid to Morocco after a hiatus of six years. Military delegations exchanged visits last winter

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aid comes at a time when Moscow seems also to be helping the Moroccans transport military equipment to Syria.

Lebanon: The cabinet formed yesterday by Prime Minister Amin al-Hafiz will act much like its predecessor. The men appointed to the key ministries of interior and defense are said to support President Franjiah's policy of trying to keep a tight rein on the fedayeen while avoiding a showdown with them. The retention of Foreign Minister Khali Abu Hamad reflects a decision for continuity in foreign affairs.

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