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ETHIOPIA

The Ethiopians have taken the removal of Emperor Haile Selassie quietly. So far, the military's take-over has triggered no disorders. Ethiopia's leading military figure, General Aman, has emerged as head of the provisional government; he is now prime minister as well as minister of defense.

US Chargé Wyman was summoned to Aman's office late yesterday to receive the general's personal assurance that "the armed forces desire to maintain a strong and friendly relationship with the US."

The new military government says it will rule until a popularly approved constitution comes into effect. The military, however, gave no timetable for a return to barracks. A special military tribunal will try former and present government officials charged with corruption and abuse of power.

General Aman is in his early fifties. He has reportedly been working closely with moderate members of the Armed Forces Coordinating Committee. The committee was the moving force behind the Emperor's removal. It is made up of some 100 middle-grade officers and enlisted men from all the armed forces and the police, and has dominated the political scene for months.

The military is still pressing Haile Selassie to yield money he is believed to have banked overseas. He has thus far refused, saying that he has already given the bulk of his fortune to his children and grandchildren. If he continues to resist, the military may bring him to trial. If he yields the money, they may let him go into exile.

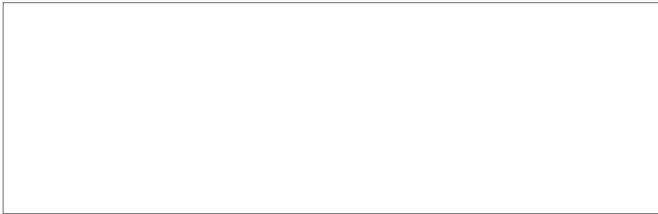
The committee has stated that Haile Selassie's sickly son, 57-year-old Crown Prince Asfa Wossen, would be a "figurehead" and would carry the title of "king," rather than emperor. The Crown Prince, who has been in Europe since early 1973, has been slowly recovering from a stroke that left him incapacitated. He was unassertive even before he became ill, and he would be easily manipulated by the committee.

Should the military be unable to get Asfa Wossen or someone else to become monarch, they may switch to a republic with General Aman as Ethiopia's first president.

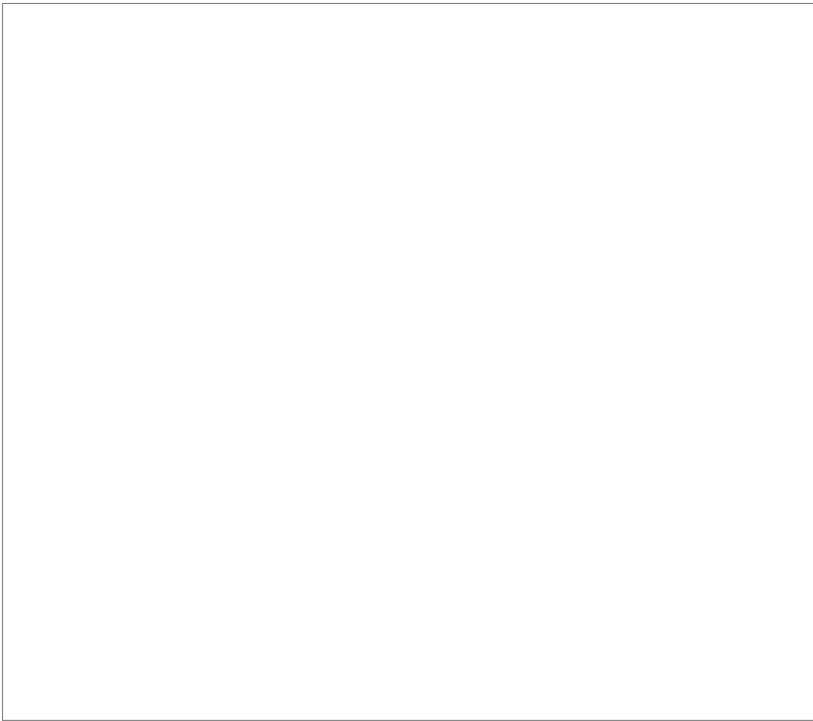
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YUGOSLAVIA

President Tito confirmed in a speech yesterday that a small group of pro-Soviet "cominformists" has been put on trial for anti-party activity. His description of the plotters as Stalinists who were supported from abroad will lead almost all Yugoslavs to believe that Moscow has been meddling in Yugoslav affairs.

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[redacted] the group is made up of aging Serbs who sided with Moscow when Stalin expelled Tito from the Cominform in 1948. They tried to form a second, pro-Soviet communist party in Yugoslavia last June, but were promptly arrested. Some members have evidently admitted under interrogation that they still have ties to like-minded Yugoslav emigres in the Soviet Union.

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Tito told the same story, but added that the plotters had held a "party congress" and elected "someone who is outside our country" as party chief. He mentioned no names [redacted]

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[redacted] Tito left no doubt, however, that the results of the trials will be published, even at the risk of embarrassing the Soviets. He demanded that the group be condemned as an example to all those tempted to engage in factionalism.

Tito's speech marks the first time in several years that he has publicly stressed the threat of subversion from the Soviet Union. He had worked with Brezhnev since 1971 to bury the legacy of suspicion and mistrust stemming from the break with Stalin. Only last April he defended his rapprochement with Moscow by flatly rejecting rumors of any threat from the East.

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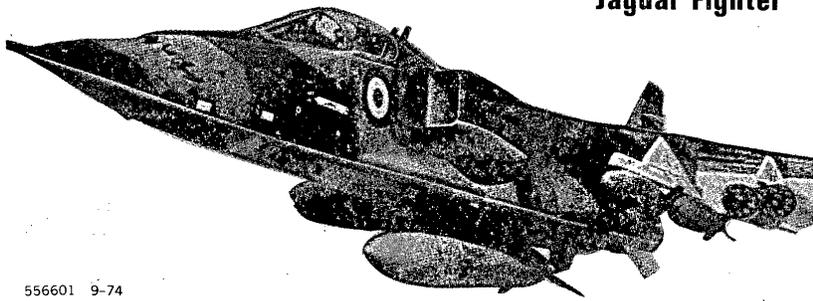
In a recent interview with the Spanish news agency, Prime Minister Arias defended the gradual liberalization program that he announced last February. Publication of the interview leaves no doubt that Arias' proposals have the backing of General Franco.

The airing of Arias' views may have been timed to quell rumors that Franco is displeased with Arias and the cabinet, and is considering replacing them with extreme rightists. Franco reassumed power as chief of state on September 2 after an illness that forced him to appoint Prince Juan Carlos acting chief of state in mid-July.

Arias denied that resistance by rightists to the idea of allowing political associations (limited political parties) has prevented progress toward liberalization. He expressed the hope that a government bill setting up such associations will be ready before the end of the year.

The Prime Minister cited the significance of the political changes ahead in explaining that he expects little political tranquility over the coming months. Arias expressed confidence, however, that the government will be able to foster and guide these changes without being swept away by them.

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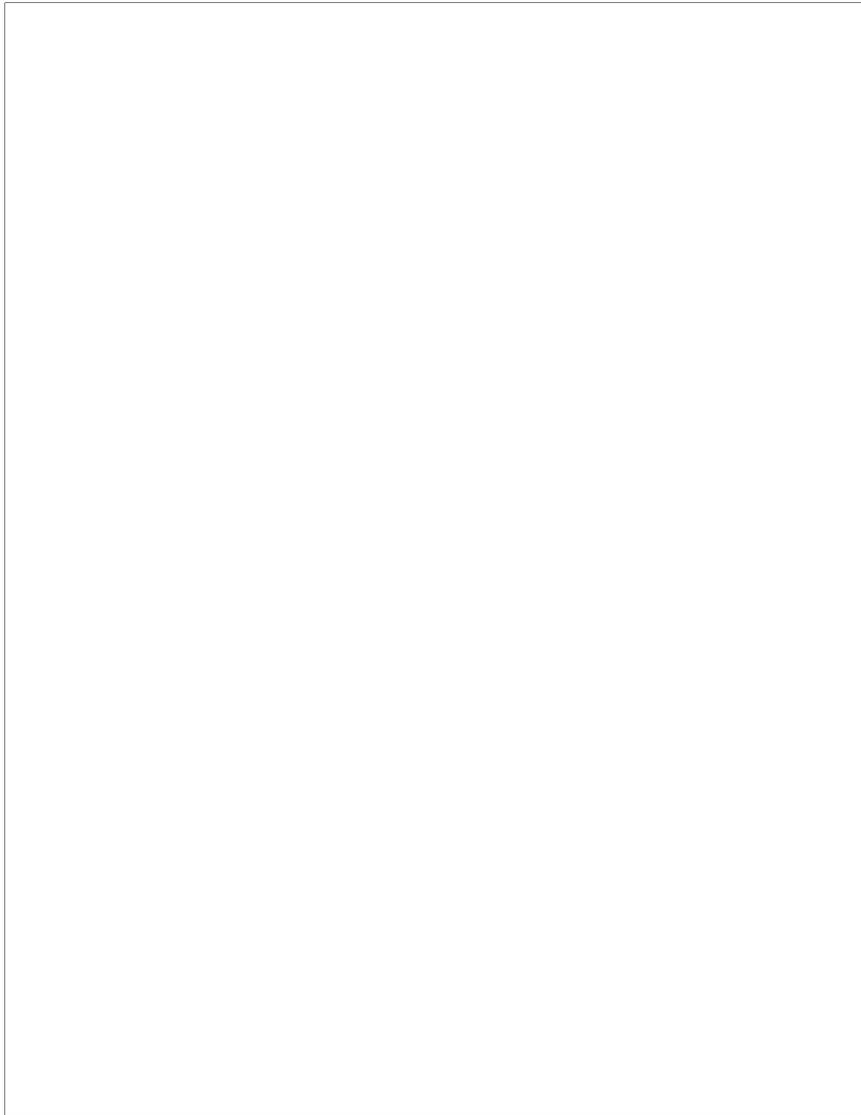
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Meanwhile, Oman has ordered 12 Jaguar tactical fighter aircraft and 28 Rapier surface-to-air missile units from the UK at a cost of about \$200 million. The Jaguars are scheduled for delivery over a period of two and a half years. Apparently no schedule has been arranged for Rapier deliveries. Oman wants these weapons to increase its capabilities against South Yemen, Oman's principal external threat and backer of the guerrillas in Dhofar.

US observers contend that Oman's need for the sophisticated air defense system is highly debatable. The decision of the Sultan of Oman to make the purchase may retard the country's civil development plan. In August, a revised government budget projected a deficit of \$26 million, largely due to increased defense spending.

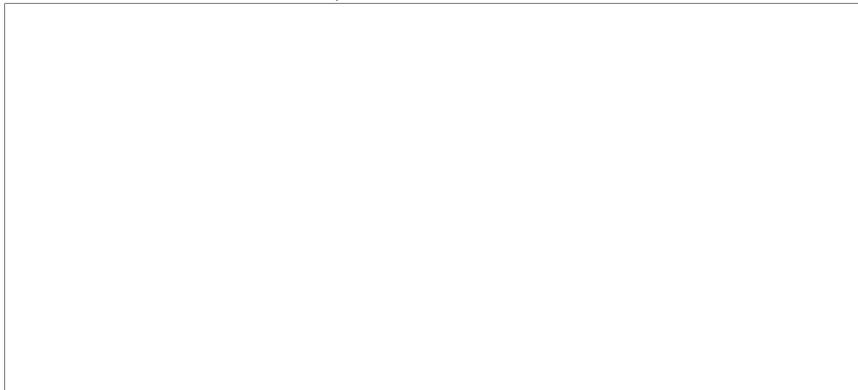
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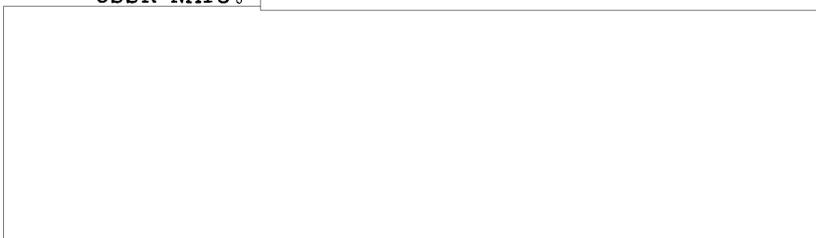
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South Vietnam: Signals intelligence shows that headquarters units of the North Vietnamese 304th Division and subordinate regiments have moved to an area extending from the South Vietnam - Laos border into eastern Laos. The division has been operating in the northern province of Quang Tri. This is the first sign that it may be preparing to move to a new battlefield. There is no indication as to when it may move or its possible destination. Before moving, the division probably would establish communications with the logistic headquarters responsible for transporting units through the infiltration system. By intercepting such communications, we may detect any movement and learn the destination.

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Brazil - Middle East: The Brazilians used the recent visit of the Saudi foreign minister to stress their pro-Arab shift on Middle East issues. At a reception for the Saudi visitor, Foreign Minister Silveira declared that peace in the Middle East requires "withdrawal from all territories conquered by force and recognition of the rights of the Palestinians." Silveira's remarks cap a period of unprecedented Brazilian diplomatic activity in the Middle East, and underscore Brazil's continuing preoccupation with retaining access to crucial oil supplies. Seventy-five percent of the oil Brazil uses comes from abroad, most of it from the Middle East.

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