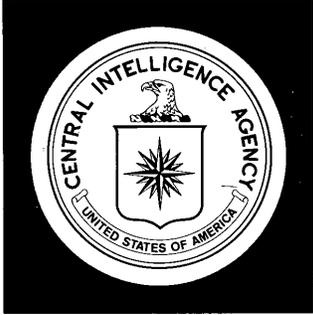


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*Elsewhere in Lebanon, Syrian forces show no sign of giving up strategic positions.*

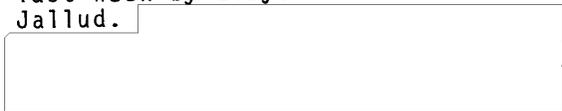
In eastern Lebanon, they are advancing on the leftist stronghold in Balabakk, and the Fatah commander in the area believes the town may fall by tomorrow.

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The Syrians have not withdrawn from Sidon and Ayn Sawfar as agreed under the truce arranged last week by Libyan Prime Minister Jallud.



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PORTUGAL: *Army chief Antonio Ramalho Eanes won a landslide victory over his three opponents in the presidential election yesterday. There will be no need for a run-off election.*

Eanes won more than 60 percent of the vote. Far left candidate Otelo de Carvalho placed second with about 17 percent and Prime Minister Azevedo won some 14 percent. Communist Party candidate Octavio Pato was fourth with 8 percent.

Eanes had the backing and organizational assistance of the three major political parties--the Socialist, the centrist Popular Democratic, and the conservative Social Democratic Center. Together, these parties accounted for 75 percent of the vote in the legislative election in April. Eanes received less than that in part because of the lower voter turnout yesterday; about 73 percent of the voters went to the polls as compared with 83 percent in April.

Some voters were unsure of Eanes' political views. The army chief has generally been considered conservative, and much of his campaign rhetoric advocated a return to law and order and solutions for Portugal's serious economic problems through hard work by all citizens.

At the same time, however, Eanes endorsed a Portuguese brand of socialism and agrarian reform policies that raised suspicions among more conservative party and military backers.

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The parties believe Eanes has the best chance to maintain discipline in the military during his five-year term and to ensure the support of the armed forces for Portugal's still fragile democratic institutions.

On the political left, Carvalho apparently picked up as much as half of the votes that had gone to the Communist Party in the election in April. Carvalho reportedly matched Eanes' vote in several leftist strongholds in the south, but Eanes pulled 70 to 90 percent of the votes in many districts in the more conservative north.

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*The Egyptian air force is having difficulty keeping its MIG-23 jet fighters operational.*

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Egypt's 26 MIG-23s are grounded because of maintenance problems or accidents. 25X1

The Soviets delivered the 26 planes in the first half of 1975 along with spare parts and a team responsible for maintenance and training through December 1976. The Soviets apparently delivered the aircraft with just enough spare parts to keep them flying during the time Moscow is obligated to maintain them with Soviet technicians. Although the technical team has ordered replacements delivered on a "rush" basis, supply of the items probably will stop entirely when the technicians complete their mission in December.

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*Yugoslav President Tito's decision to risk his prestige by attending the European communist party conference in East Berlin tomorrow and Wednesday suggests that he believes Moscow will not raise controversial issues.*

Soviet concessions on the questions of party equality and autonomy apparently encouraged Tito to believe that the conference would vindicate his once-heretical views on "separate roads" to communism. Several recent reports suggest that Moscow has abandoned its efforts to have its leading role in the movement endorsed at the conference.

Tito and General Secretary Brezhnev yesterday became the first foreign leaders to arrive in East Berlin for the conference. They reportedly will meet today.

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