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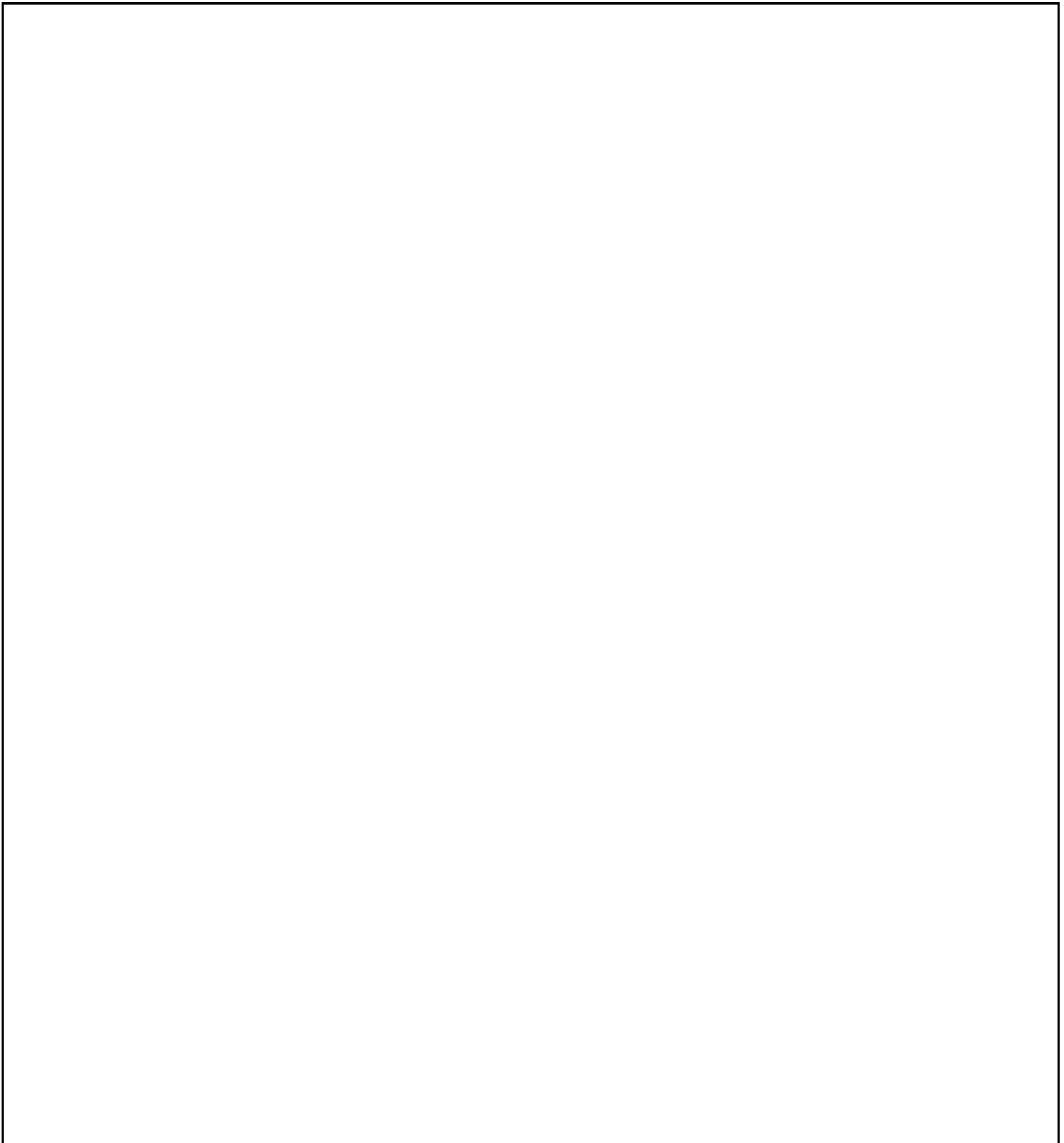
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Yugoslav-Soviet Economic Ties Draw Closer

Yugoslav Vice Premier Jakov Sirotkovic returned from Moscow Wednesday, concluding a twelve day official visit to the Soviet Union. Speaking at Belgrade's Surcin Airport, Sirotkovic said his talks with Soviet economic officials resulted in a long-term agreement on cooperation, including cooperation between the Soviet Gosplan and the Yugoslav Federal Institute for Economic Planning. Sirotkovic also announced that negotiations for \$1.3 billion in Soviet development credits will open in Moscow sometime between 15 and 20 September.

The Embassy Belgrade reports, in connection with the credits, that some 60 projects are envisioned--mainly in the fields of power supply, ferrous and non-ferrous metallurgy and the chemical industry. Yugoslav enterprises will negotiate directly with Soviet organizations for specific projects under the credit agreement, and repayment will be primarily in commodities.

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Albanian Nationalism Scored

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Kosovo party boss Mahmud Bakali has called for increased vigilance against Albanian nationalism. Speaking to local officials in Kosovska Kamenica on 7 September, Bakali wasted no time echoing Tito's criticism of nationalists. Kosovo was the one region in Yugoslavia where there was obvious support for the Croatian position last December. Bakali's quick response, therefore, may be intended as a signal to Tito that the message has been received, and the party is on guard against new outbursts of Albanian nationalism.

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