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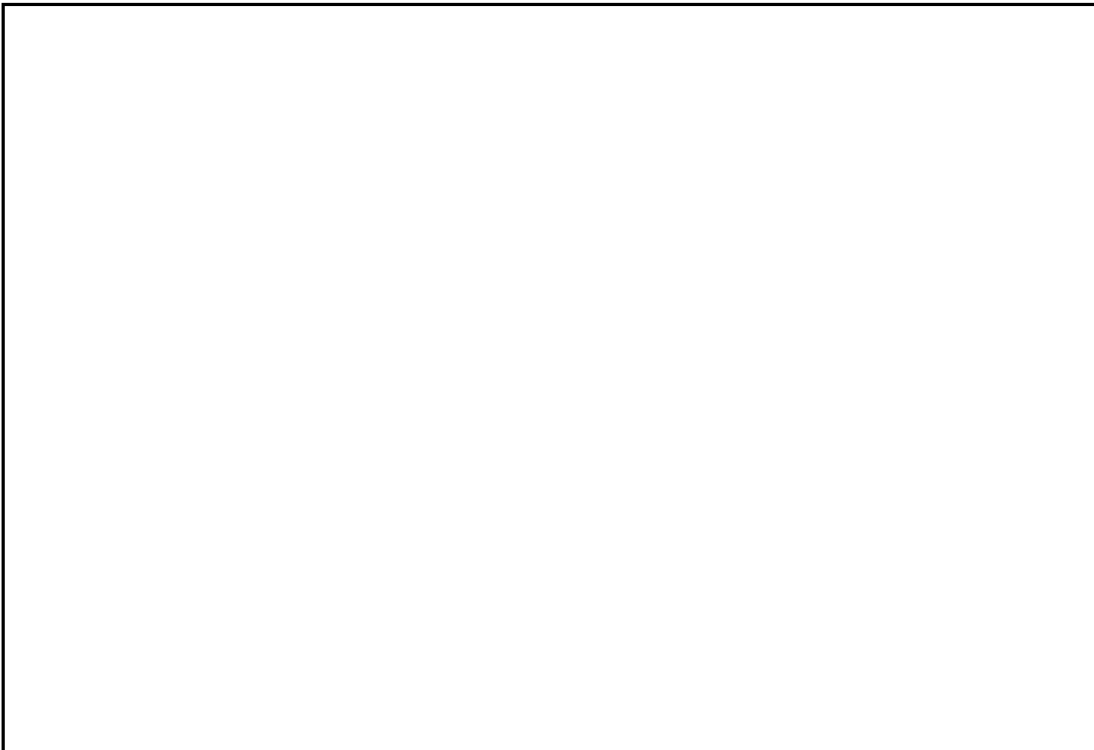
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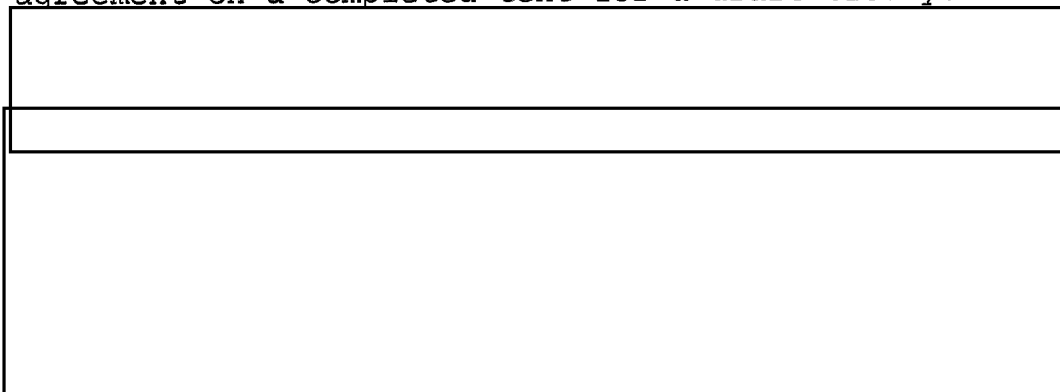
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Arms Control - USSR: The Soviets are continuing to press the US for a prompt agreement on terms of the treaty limiting the use of the seabeds for military purposes.

Moscow took exception to only a few points in the new US draft, but there is still a difference of opinion on the extent of the zone in which a party to the treaty would have freedom of action. The Soviets have stated that they are ready to present the text of the treaty to the Geneva disarmament participants at the earliest possible moment. The Geneva conferees have shown increasing dissatisfaction and impatience during the course of the bilateral negotiations, and time is growing short for adequate consultations in Geneva before the UN General Assembly tackles the subject.

Meanwhile, the NATO members have reiterated their concern regarding the treaty at a meeting of Alliance disarmament experts. The Belgian representative made the most comprehensive objections to the US draft, and Ottawa's representative stated that the American text does not meet Canadian security requirements. Despite the wide range of expressed objections, the NATO members will probably take a more positive attitude when confronted with US-USSR agreement on a completed text for a draft treaty.

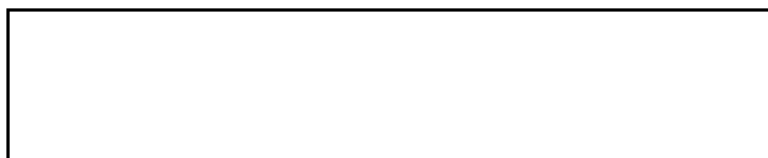


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