



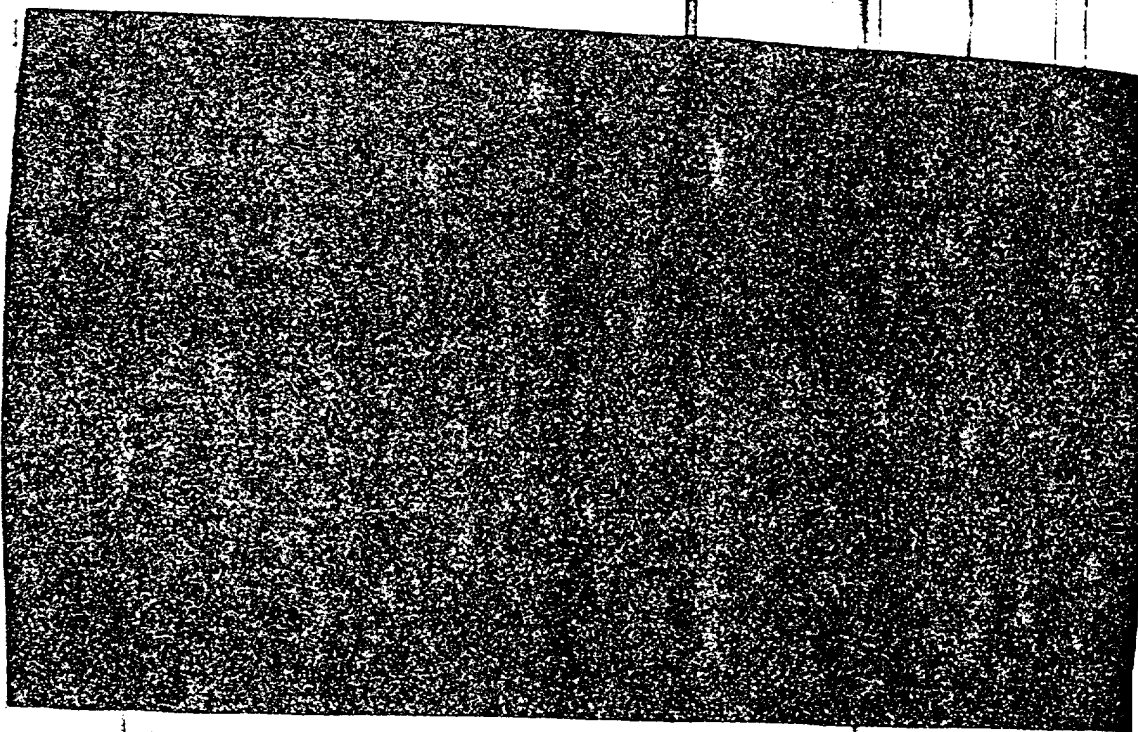
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European Views on a Postwar Middle East Settlement

The West Europeans are anxious to play a prominent role in longer-term planning for the postwar era in the Middle East. Discussions within the EC appear to be focusing on a debate between France--which wants Europe to assert itself in the postwar process but doubts the EC can play a more active role--and the UK--which wants to keep the EC in step with US policies.

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