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USSR-CHINA: Striving for a Successful Summit

*General Secretary Gorbachev's visit to Beijing begins today with both countries having differences on key issues, but Moscow and Beijing are working to ensure that the summit lives up to its billing as a major international event marking a new stage in relations.* [REDACTED]

A variety of reports indicate that the two sides are still trying to work out differences on communicate language especially dealing with a Cambodian settlement and that Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Rogachev may have arrived early to iron out a compromise. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] So far, Moscow has pledged to withdraw 75 percent of its troops from Mongolia by the end of next year. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] expressed concern recently that Chinese student demonstrations would distract attention from the summit and that Chinese officials may even partially blame Moscow for exacerbating the problem because students view Gorbachev as a hero of political reform. The Soviets are skirting student requests to meet with Gorbachev and allowed the Chinese to cancel a speech by him to Beijing University students, [REDACTED] Meanwhile, [REDACTED] says Moscow and Beijing will announce the opening of consulates in Khabarovsk and Shenyang during the summit. [REDACTED]

**Comment:** An important measure of the actual success of Gorbachev's meetings will be the nature of the joint communique. Moscow may hope that its rapid moves on border force reductions will ensure Beijing's agreement to a formal, signed communique of principles similar to the China-US communique of 1972, possibly including party ties. If an informal press communique is issued instead, it will indicate key unreconciled differences. Wrangling over communique language may continue until the summit ends on Thursday; in February disagreements over terms of a Sino-Soviet press communique on Cambodia delayed its release until after Foreign Minister Shevardnadze's departure from Beijing. [REDACTED]

Moscow's decision to allow a permanent Chinese presence in Khabarovsk—its Far East Military District headquarters—is a major sign of reduced tensions and may lead to progress on settling the border demarcation dispute over the islands opposite the city. [REDACTED]  
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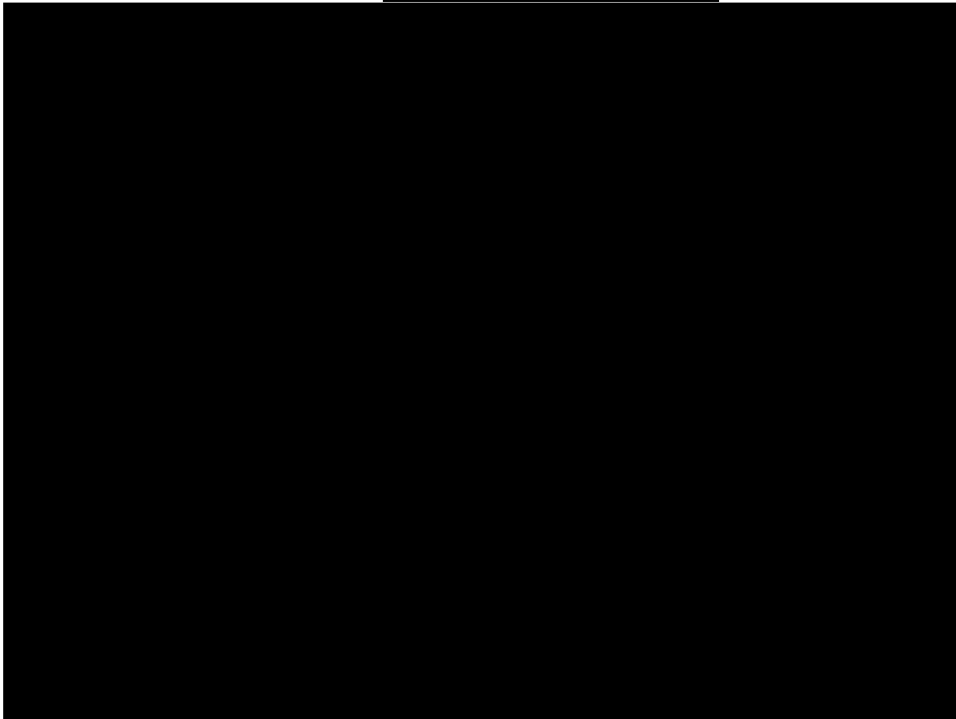
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### CHINA: Demonstrations Sharpen Leadership Tensions

The government's decision to move the location of welcoming ceremonies for General Secretary Gorbachev rather than remove the tens of thousands of student demonstrators from Tiananmen Square today represents, at best, a temporary consensus within the Chinese leadership. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] late last week several hardliners within the Politburo as well as middle-ranking cadres in Beijing and Shanghai oppose General Secretary Zhao's conciliatory approach. [REDACTED] also said Zhao's most powerful opponents among the party elders have not become involved in the debate over how to handle the students because they see no way to turn the unrest to their advantage. Meanwhile, [REDACTED] Deng Xiaoping has become increasingly disengaged from the debate. [REDACTED]

**Comment:** Although Zhao can claim some success for his approach—the protests this weekend attracted smaller crowds than on 4 May—the refusal of more militant students to heed his appeals to halt the unrest poses a serious dilemma. Zhao must find a way to accommodate some student demands without giving his opponents an opening to attack him. He, moreover, must still find a way to turn his temporary gains into concrete achievements at the coming Central Committee party plenum. [REDACTED]



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