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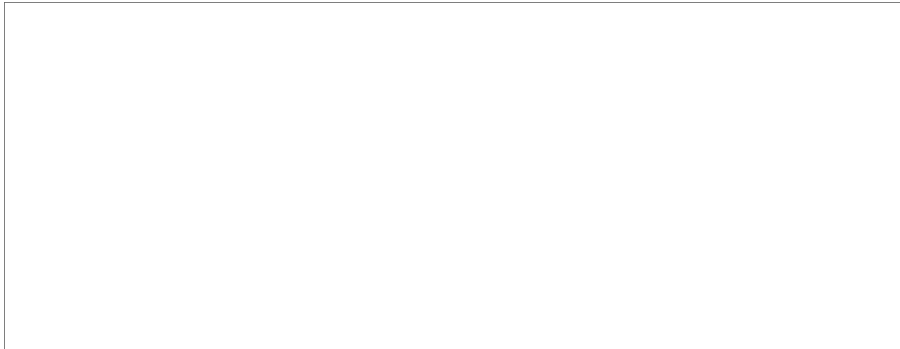


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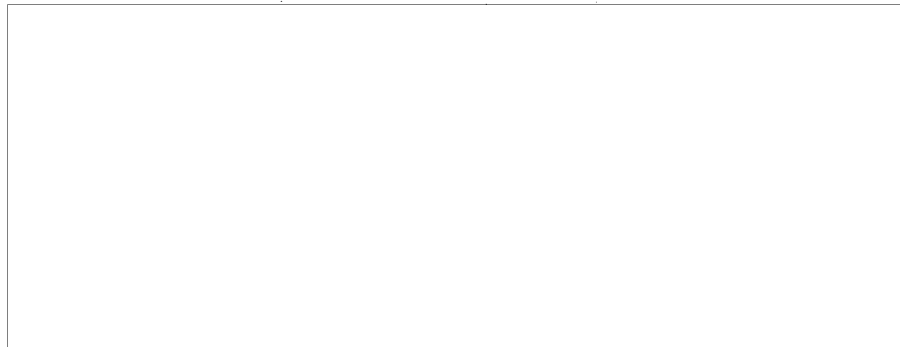
I. MAJOR PROBLEMS

EUROPE

Both Paris and London seem ready to begin low-keyed discussions on the UK's entry into the EEC, but they remain suspicious of each other's motives. The British are resolved to make no special arrangements with the French and say they intend to keep other EEC members informed of the results of talks with the French. For its part Paris, still suspicious of Ambassador Soames, is trying to conduct discussions with the "highest levels of the Wilson government."



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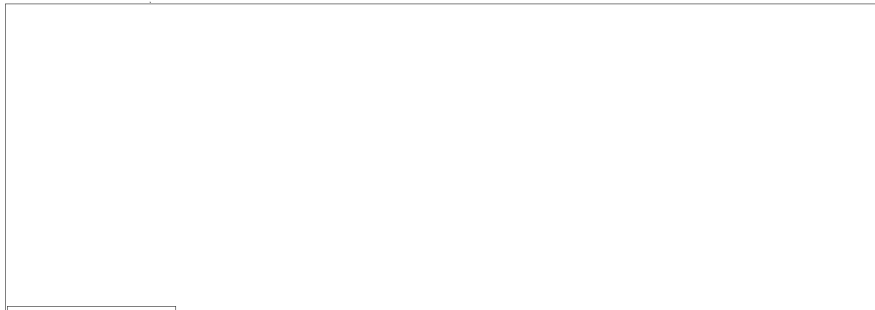


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II. OTHER IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS

COMMUNIST CHINA

Peking media so far have taken no notice of the US decision to relax restrictions on travel to Communist China. It may be no coincidence, however, that NCNA, two days after the Department's announcement, quoted an unnamed American at a Chinese exhibit in Copenhagen to the effect that the US "blockade" had kept him ignorant of the "new China."

Moscow is treating the subject with considerable circumspection. Such comment as there has been has been limited to scattered domestic and foreign radio broadcasts. These view the announcement with some foreboding as symptomatic of Sino-US collusion, with Peking courting Washington as part of its anti-Soviet course and Washington responding to a situation which "reactionary" US circles think exploitable.

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Salvadoran troops

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are removing everything of value and destroying much of what they can't carry. Even if these charges of pillage

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turn out to be false, other aspects of the cease-fire arrangements will continue to rankle the Hondurans. They are bitter that the Salvadorans got off without being declared aggressors or penalized in any way. Moreover, matters are not helped any by the Salvadoran radio's continued crowing about "diplomatic as well as military victory."



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