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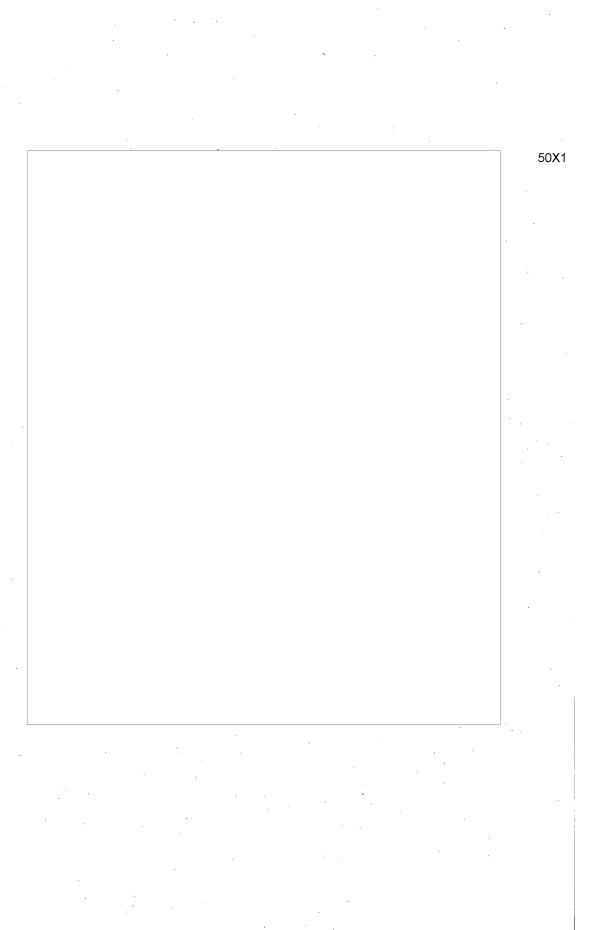
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USSR

The latest satellite photograph shows new construction under way at two incomplete ABM launch complexes near Moscow. This activity, begun since mid-1970, is in each case in the immediate area of a partially completed "Try Add" ABM radar on which construction had been suspended for several years. One complex is located southeast of Moscow in the direction of China and some possible Polaris launch areas; the other is southwest of the city toward the Mediterranean.

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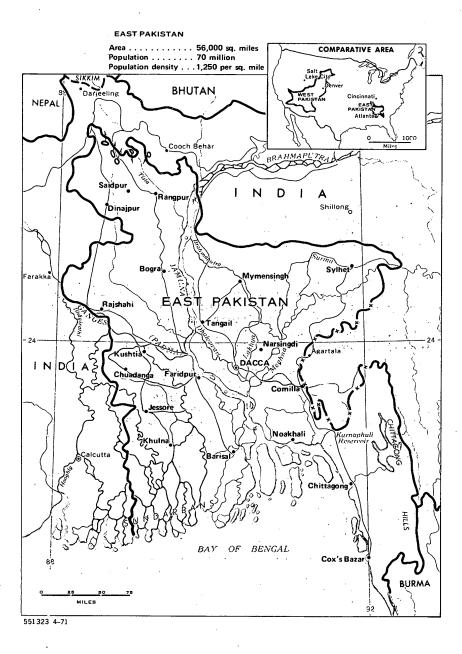
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PAKISTAN-INDIA

The Pakistani press, under strict government censorship, is sharpening its attacks on India. Previously, in reporting action by the armed forces in East Pakistan, the press focused attention on the actions of "miscreants" and "anti-state elements"--synonyms for the Bengali separatists--but in recent days these terms have been accompanied by the words "Indian infiltrators." Western observers have occasionally reported seeing individuals who appeared to be Indian soldiers in mufti well inside East Pakistan.

Pakistan's campaign to raise the Indian threat once again is having some impact in West Pakistan, where Indian intervention is seen increasingly as the cause of the difficulties the armed forces are having in rapidly re-establishing control over the eastern province.

New Delhi, for its part, has accused Pakistani troops of "unprovoked firing" into Indian territory on at least three occasions in recent days. The Indian protest, described as "strong," contained the usual warning that if these actions do not stop, the Pakistani Government will be "solely responsible for any consequences."

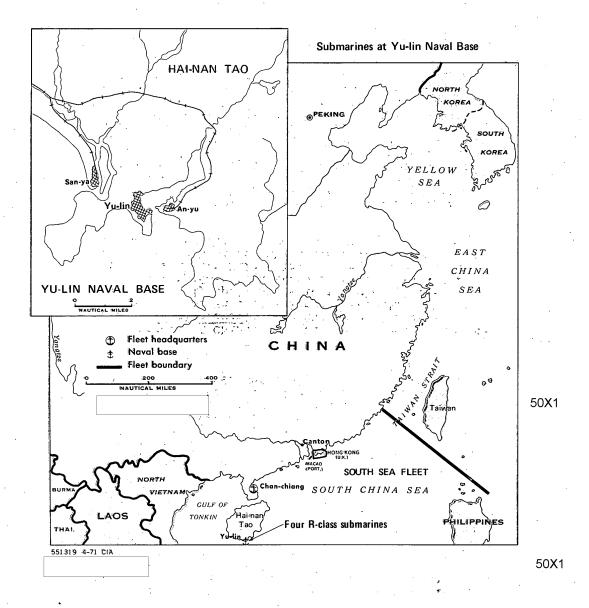
As West Pakistani troops continue to advance into border areas previously held by Bengali secessionists, the chances of new and possibly more serious incidents will increase.

YUGOSLAVIA

Speaking to a political gathering Wednesday in the autonomous province of Kosovo, Tito lashed out at the narrow self-interest of republic officials who undermine national unity, balk at financial assistance to underdeveloped regions, and resist the idea of a unified internal economic market. He said that those who continue this behavior will be expelled from the party.

Tito has been on a country-wide speaking tour to promote support for his reform programs, which will delegate further economic and political power to the republics and autonomous areas. His words were aimed primarily at Croatian officials who have recently been linked with separatist extremists abroad and who have also strongly opposed diversion of their resources to areas outside their republic. Other republics, however, have also vigorously pressed their own specific objectives and goals. Having become frustrated over the lack of cooperation in implementing his programs, Tito apparently decided to un-burden himself in Kosovo, the most under-developed region in Yugoslavia, and one which has been earmarked for massive assistance from the wealthier republics.

Tito has said that the Communist party will be reorganized after pending constitutional changes go into effect on 31 August. His concluding remarks in Kosovo that a party presidium meeting will be called shortly and remain in session until full unanimity is reached are a clear indication that he is determined to make regional interests subordinate to the Yugoslav federation.



NOTES

Eqypt-USSR: We now have satellite photography confirming the presence of Foxbat aircraft in Egypt. Three of the aircraft were seen at Cairo West airfield.

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Jordan: The fedayeen withdrawal from Amman has left the army in a position of commanding advantage, and the chance of serious armed resistance grows less every day. Thorough house-to-house searches, which may continue for weeks, are enabling the army to secure areas formerly considered irretrievable. As many as 1,500 to 1,700 commandos and 150 trucks carrying personnel and equipment already have left Amman.

Communist China: The Chinese recently have expanded naval operations in the area of southern Hainan and the Paracel Islands. Satellite photography shows four R-class dieselpowered torpedo-attack submarines at Yulin Naval Base on southern Hainan Island. We believe that a total of six R-class submarines have been produced at Canton and assigned to the South Sea Fleet.

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Haiti: Duvalier's failure to appear at his public birthday observance Wednesday is the clearest evidence to date that he is seriously ill. In mid-March he collapsed for the third time in five months, and he has not been seen in public since then. Early this week Haitian officials sought to scotch rumors of his incapacity by predicting that he would appear on his birthday. Highly placed Haitians are doubtless planning for various contingencies, but no signs of general alarm or uneasiness have yet appeared.