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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Israeli Prime Minister Meir allegedly has met with Soviet representatives in a remote area of Finland. (Page 1)

The military situation in Laos is reported on Page 2.

The increased Communist military activity in South Vietnam during the last few days has been focused on the northern provinces and the central highlands. (Page 3)

The recent fighting between the army and the fedayeen in northern Jordan is provoking new charges by Fatah against King Husayn. (Page 4)

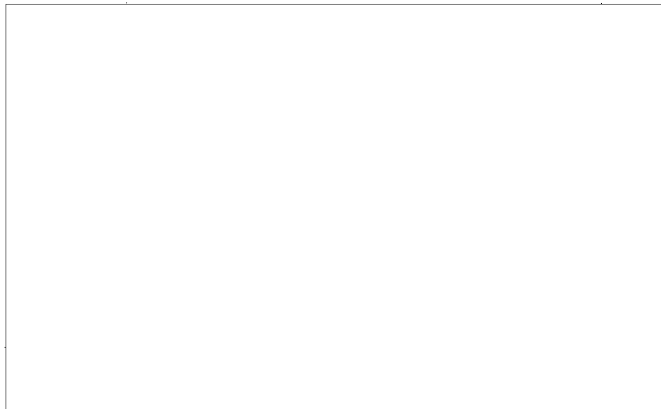
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**ISRAEL-USSR**

Press sources in Stockholm report that Prime Minister Meir has met secretly with two Soviet officials at a lodge near the northern Finnish town of Rovaniemi. The press story claims that Mrs. Meir made the trip unannounced after leaving Stockholm on Saturday.

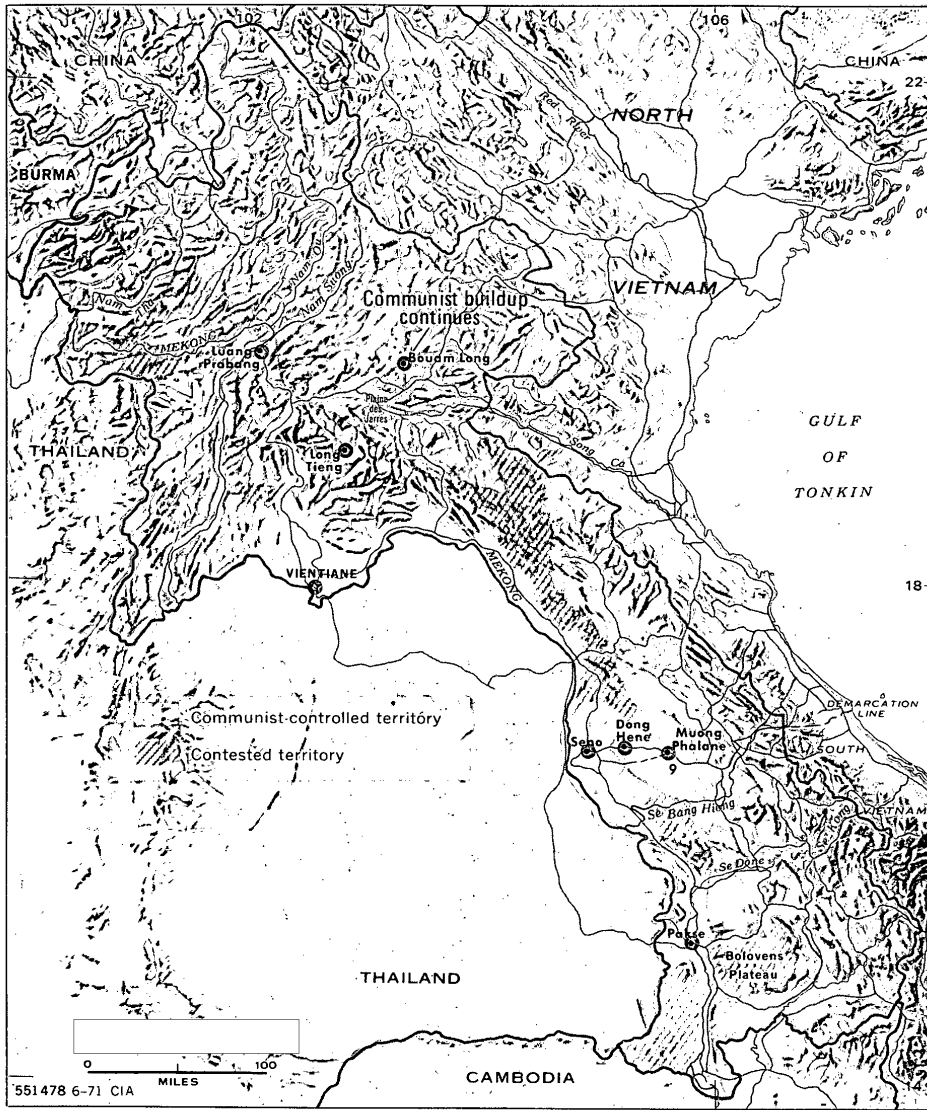
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*If such a meeting has taken place, the question of emigration to Israel by Soviet Jews and the extent of Soviet military support to Egypt would certainly have been discussed. It is also very likely that talks would touch on the subject of an interim cease-fire agreement involving the reopening of the Suez Canal.*

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LAOS

Communist forces on the Bolovens Plateau appear to be moving to oust elements of a government irregular task force operating north and east of Paksong, but the North Vietnamese have not yet launched any major ground attacks against government blocking positions protecting the approaches to Pakse. Conditions in the town have improved substantially; the civilian administration is functioning again, and a new military command has been set up under the control of the armed forces' chief of operations.

Clashes have continued in the Dong Hene area near Route 9. So far, no major Communist drive on Seno has developed, although an intercepted message of 26 May indicates that the Communists intend to shell the town. There are indications that North Vietnamese units in the Route 9 area may now be planning to consolidate their gains around Muong Phalane and that any further attacks toward Seno would be intended primarily to tie down government forces well west of the infiltration corridor during the rainy season.

In the north, enemy forces apparently are continuing to pull from the Long Tieng complex, but at least some of the North Vietnamese units may intend to join the concentration of Communist forces around the irregular base at Bouam Long north of the Plaine des Jarres. There were several ground assaults and shelling attacks on irregular positions in the Bouam Long area over the weekend but no positions changed hands.

*Communist strength in the Bouam Long area suggests that the North Vietnamese will make a serious effort to overrun this base or at least to forestall its use to support possible harassing raids on Communist supply lines near the Plaine. Its capture or neutralization would serve to boost the morale of North Vietnamese troops who have taken heavy losses during their prolonged dry-season offensive around Long Tieng.*

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SOUTH VIETNAM

The intensified Communist military activity of the past few days follows the pattern set in late March and late April, with the brunt of attacks falling on South Vietnamese forces in the northern part of the country. Most of the Communist shellings have been light, but a number of determined enemy ground assaults in the central highlands and along the northern coast--particularly in Quang Nam Province--have put additional strains on the government's already hard-pressed pacification program in those areas.

*It is likely that the Communists will continue a higher level of activity for at least a few more days. Although intelligence is sparse concerning enemy military plans once their spring campaign is ended, there are some indications that, in contrast to recent years, the Communists intend to maintain pressure in the highlands well into the summer.*

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JORDAN

Fighting between the army and the fedayeen in northern Jordan continued for the third day yesterday. [redacted] some of the incidents of the past few days originated in the deteriorating relations between the fedayeen and the local villagers who are now agitating for the army to drive the fedayeen from their locales. Sentiment is also growing among some army officers for a final push against the fedayeen in northern Jordan as well as for a foray into Syria to attack the Palestinians' Yarmuk Brigade which was formed largely of deserters from the Jordanian Army.

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Broadcasts by the Voice of Fatah in Cairo are charging, meanwhile, that King Husayn is personally supervising the army's operations against the fedayeen in an effort to eradicate the movement.

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