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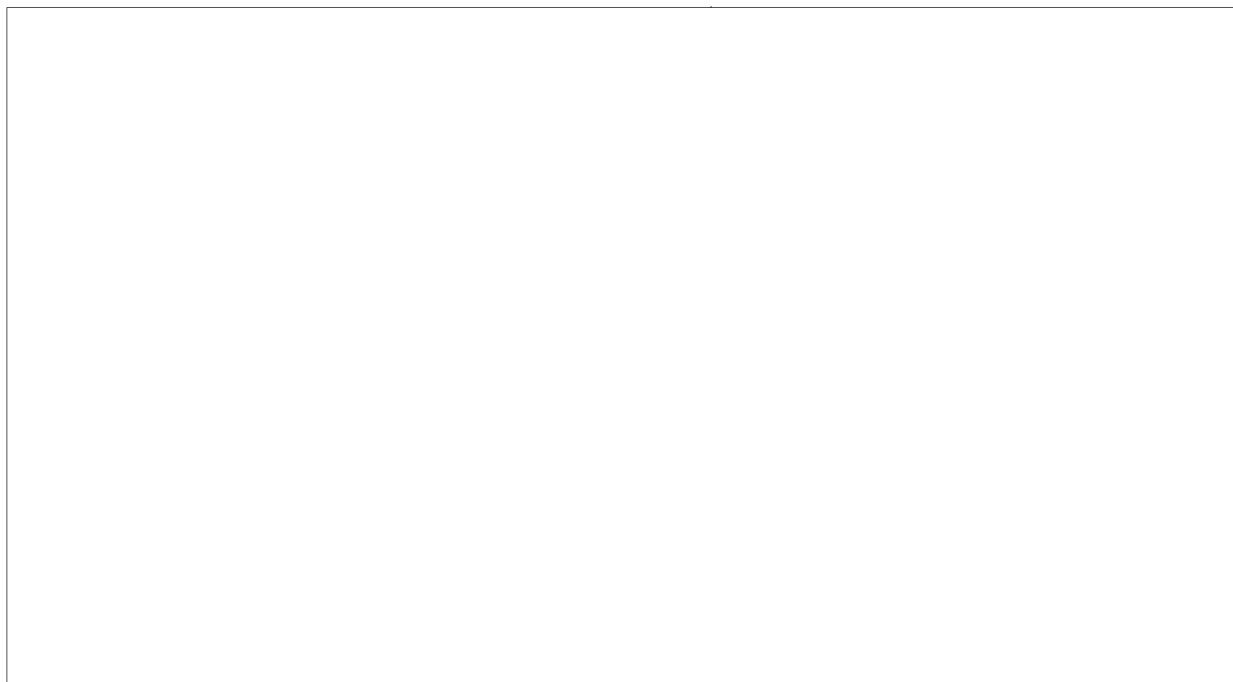
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USSR-Egypt-Libya: The USSR for the first time publicly acknowledged increased tension between Libya and Egypt. In a broadcast on Tuesday, the Soviets replayed Libyan denials of complicity in the hijacking of an Egyptian aircraft earlier this week. The broadcast charged that Israel and its backers were seeking to use such incidents to divide the Arab world. The broadcast commented positively about alleged efforts to improve relations between Libya and Egypt and reproached Cairo for not doing more in this regard. This reproach, by Soviet standards, is mild given the USSR's poor state of relations with Egypt and its relatively better relations with Libya. Egypt late last night accused Libya of kidnaping on Tuesday two Egyptian security men from an Egyptian-chartered airliner at Tripoli airport. According to an Egyptian statement the plane was chartered from a U.S. company and carried an American crew. Egypt called the incident an "act of air piracy" and warned it would take appropriate but unspecified countermeasures.

Soviet Naval Air Force TU-95 Standdown Ends: The Soviet naval air force TU-95 standdown in effect since August 5 was terminated on August 24. This standdown was about one week shorter than those of 27 and 26 days imposed following Soviet naval TU-95 crashes in July 1967 and May 1971, respectively.

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