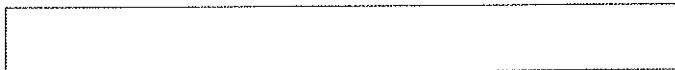




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4. Communist China

Peking now seems to be trying to keep the "cultural purification" drive from getting further out of hand and to reduce the confusion and fear it has created in recent months.

Yesterday, the party Central Committee issued a directive saying that students should not be treated "severely" and that scientists and technicians should receive special protection from political harassment. Although the "cultural revolution" is to continue, it will be kept under direct party control.

Mao has sometimes in the past overridden the Central Committee, and there have been some increasingly tough pronouncements on domestic affairs in the past few days.

5. Soviet Union

The latest satellite photography, the first from the new very high resolution camera system, has provided the best coverage to date of the Tyuratam Missile Test Center. Construction continues rapidly at the two pads that are to support very large space boosters. Detailed study of the new pictures will provide new insights into this important new system, which probably is associated with a Soviet manned lunar program.

6. East Germany

The regime is showing increased concern over public unrest, which was growing even before a set of unpopular price increases was decreed last month. This is apparently the explanation for a big parade planned for East Berlin this Saturday, the fifth anniversary of the erection of the Berlin Wall. It seems intended to discourage the kind of antiregime demonstrations that have occurred on other recent anniversaries.