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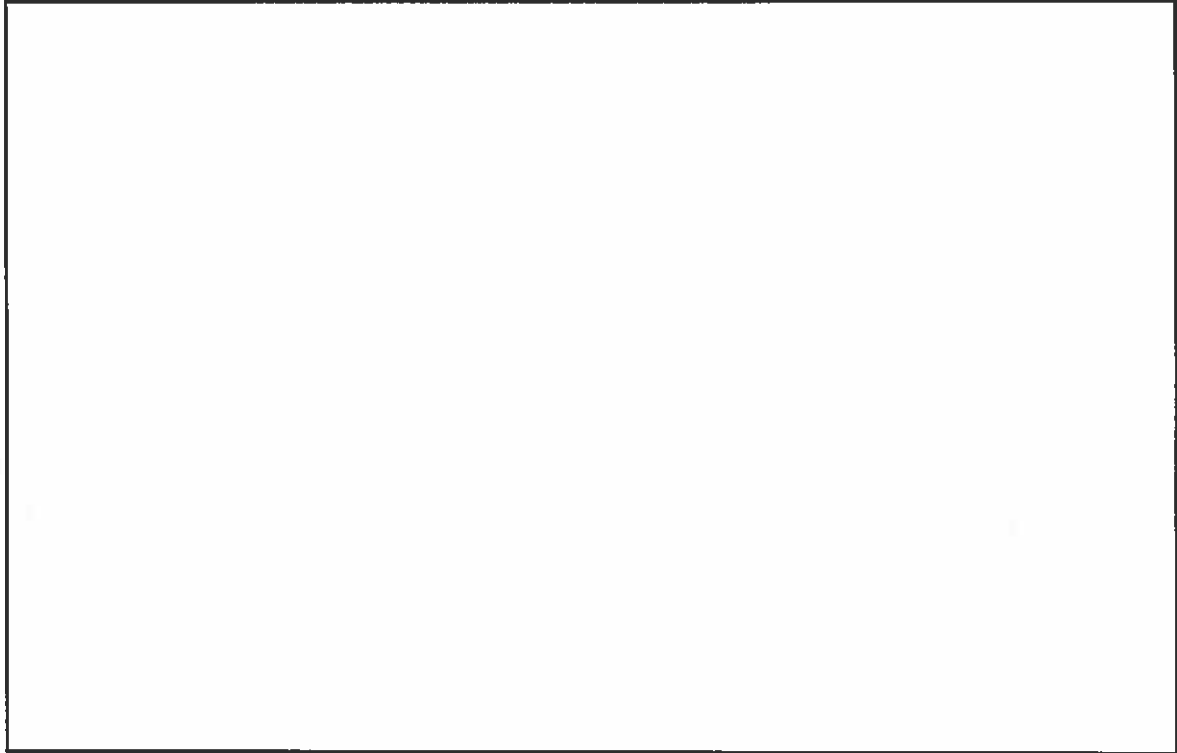


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Communist China: Chinese Chief of Staff Lo Jui-ching has reaffirmed China's determination to become a nuclear power. Speaking in late September [redacted]

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[redacted] Lo repeated several times that China "will not be cheated" by a test ban aimed at preventing the emergence of new nuclear powers. He admitted that Peiping does not have nuclear weapons at present but declared that China, like France, will conduct tests "as necessary";

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since an army without nuclear weapons cannot be considered modern

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China's determination to become a nuclear power has met with Soviet reluctance to help China achieve this status, and the issue has been a point of friction between Peiping and Moscow. In contrast to the Soviet line that the spread of nuclear weapons will increase the danger of war, Communist China's foreign minister maintained in a recent press interview that the danger of war would lessen as more countries obtained nuclear weapons.

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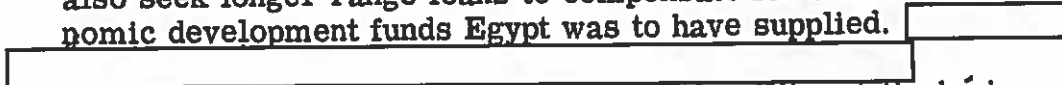
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Syria: The former governor of Syria's central bank, Izzat Tarabulsi, who is chairman of a special government committee considering Syrian economic affairs, has approached a West German commercial attaché for a \$25,000,000 two-year loan to cover short-term Syrian obligations. Tarabulsi said the loan was urgently needed to permit convertibility of Syrian currency and thus to encourage confidence in the economy; the new regime has announced its hope of attracting foreign private investment capital. President of the Executive Council Kuzbari last week asked for quick supply of PL-480 grain from the United States. The Syrian Government will probably also seek longer range loans to compensate for the loss of economic development funds Egypt was to have supplied.

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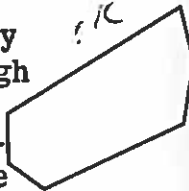
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Mali-USSR: According to the French military attaché in Bamako, 15 Soviet military personnel now are stationed in Mali. Most of the members of this military mission apparently are operating at Malian Army headquarters in Bamako, although some are said to be supervising construction of an "antitank range" outside Bamako at one of four military installations recently evacuated by France. The attaché also reported that the intelligence chief of the Malian Army is scheduled to leave shortly for a three-year training tour at the USSR military academy. Mali has in recent months continued to receive from



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