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## THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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4. Soviet Union

The government newspaper, Izvestia, claims that the Soviets are preparing a manned space "spectacular" which will beat US endurance records.

The paper alleges that crews have been training for a flight lasting nearly a month. The new spacecraft is said to be maneuverable and able to carry from three to eight men.

This disclosure may mean that the Soviet Union is involved in early preparations for a space operation utilizing its new multimillion-pound-thrust Proton booster.

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there are no indications that a manned launch is planned for the near future.

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5. Soviet Union

Soviet officials have advised Ambassador Kohler that Newcomb Mott, a US citizen under sentence for violating the Russian border, committed suicide yesterday.

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