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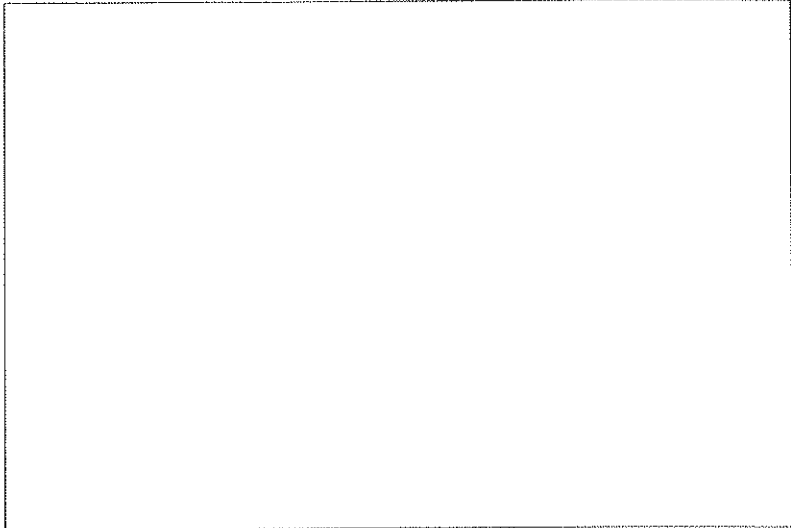


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5. Israel

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6. Soviet Union

The Soviets' first solid propellant intercontinental ballistic missile--the SS-13--probably will be operational in about six months. There are indications that testing is entering an advanced stage, and satellite photography shows that the first of the new single silos being built for it will be complete by early 1969. Only 31 of the new silos have been detected since construction began in mid-1967--a much slower deployment rate than noted in earlier Soviet intercontinental ballistic missile programs.

7. Guyana

Burnham appears to have won a clear majority in Monday's election and now, for the first time, can govern without the millstone of a coalition. The public, caught up in the traditional holiday revelries, is unlikely to care much about the charges of rigging from the opposition.

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