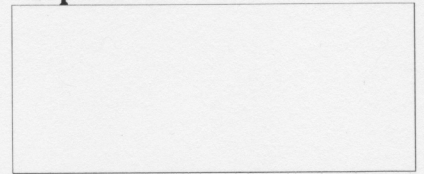




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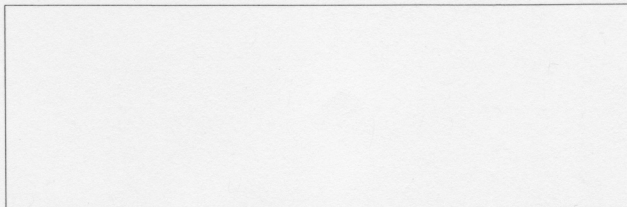
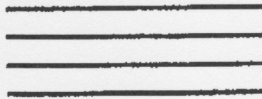


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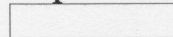
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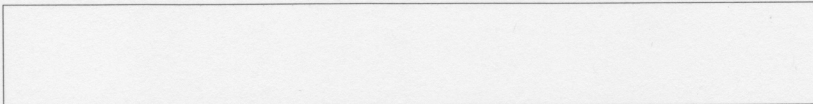


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RUSSIA:

Settling Into Chechnya for the Long Haul

Moscow continues to publicize the withdrawal of battleworn units while it quietly replaces them with fresh contingents. On Sunday, for example, the 81st Motorized Rifle Regiment, decimated in the failed New Year's Eve attack on Grozny, returned to its base in Samara, press reports say.



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— Later this month, three battalions of naval infantry from the Pacific Fleet will be replaced by fresh battalions from the other fleets according to press reports.

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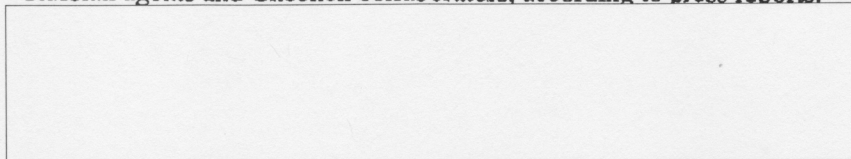
The seizure of Samashki over the weekend appears to continue the effort Russia began last month to seize major rebel strongholds, consolidate rear areas, and expand control over low-lying territory.

— *The timing of these operations suggests the Russians are trying to push Chechen rebels into the mountains quickly enough to claim early next month, when President Clinton visits Moscow, that they have won the war in Chechnya.*

— *By mid-May, approach routes will have dried enough to let the Russians attempt moves against rebels in the mountains.*

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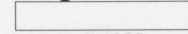
Meanwhile, rebel leader Dudayev has set up a department to round up Russian agents and Chechen collaborators, according to press reports.



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