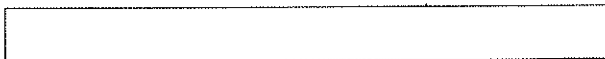




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6. Soviet Union

The Soviets show a rather unusual interest in the Atlantic around the Canary Islands. They have sent expeditions to the area almost yearly since 1963--the latest one was there in the last half of May. This activity is definitely related to submarine operations; this year a nuclear-powered submarine worked with a group of research ships.

This part of the Atlantic is generally calm, has good conditions for sonar work, and is off the beaten path. Just what the Russians are up to is not certain. One good possibility is that they have in mind eventually setting up a mobile support base for submarine operations. The position would be a good staging point between home ports and the US coast.

7. Soviet Union

Satellite photography shows that the new space launch complex at Tyuratam is nearing the end of construction. This is the launch center for the Soviet programs to land a man on the moon and to place a large manned space station into orbit around the earth.

We do not, however, expect an attempt at a manned lunar landing before mid-1971, nor the orbiting of the space station before the mid-1970s.

8. Communist China -
Burma

There are signs that Peking is trying to make up with Rangoon. Relations have been at a low ebb since last summer, when the Chinese Communist embassy in Rangoon sponsored Maoist "revolutionary" activity that led to anti-Chinese rioting.

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