

For Kobscop ^①
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Soviet Union

- 1) Going at a time of uncertainty in our relations -
- 2) Salt is key: We are ~~now~~ down to a handful of issues, but they are hard. We are not working agst any deadline but would like to see progress.
- 3) If there is progress in Salt this would lead to a Summit - which would open broad discussion on bilateral and other issues
- 4) Slow but steady progress in other arms control talks.

5) Still ~~some~~ rough spots in our bilateral relations -

Problems of summer have largely abated - (Crawford case, journalists.)

However, dissident trade have left bad after taste -

Soviets extremely displeased over ~~particular~~ part of N.T.2 - Could speak some action eg. American Trade Council House
 In trade US-USSR Trade, is necessary to proceed with some 28 projects (10-20 billion)

Council will meet in Dec just after US-Soviet Joint Commission meeting attended by Blumenthal & Krep.

Trade grew about fourfold in 72-76 dropped in 1977 - climbing trade in 1978

7) There has been substantial increase in Jewish emigration -

1975 - 13,300
 1976 - 14,300
 1977 - 16,700
 1978 - 22,300 (10 months)

(over)

Subcopy of separate group - K.B. F Affair 6/

542-2,306,

1972 31,500
 1973 33,500

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Global.

- 1) Looking out from Moscow - They have many problems - about which they have strong apprehensions.
 - a) Eastern Europe - Poland, EG: Czech, Hungary, Rumania (worried about nationalistic tendencies)
 - b) China - Obsessed with dangers of a more vigorous China -
Japan - drawing closer
- 2) Moving out to the next ring of circles
 - a) Europe - growing stronger - NATO attempts at improving relations w/ FR, Greece
 - b) M.E. :-
Feel they have lost ground in Arab area -
Arab - Israeli
Possible - coalition Iraq - Iran - Syria -
(Baathists - similar nationalistic views)
- 3) Africa.
Mixed bag - gained some ground - lost elsewhere - i.e. Egypt - Sudan, Somalia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau -
 - a) How - calmer than yr ago. - Cubans & Soviets still present -
Local factors such as Arab support for Eritreans & uncertainties in Ogaden - constrain Sov. behavior.
 - b) Central
Zaire - Angola -
 - a) Southern - remains big question
(i) Soviets have not sought to actually block in Namibia - but have been actively helping
(ii) Rhodesia - supplying arms ^{than expected}
Being more cautious but remains potential danger - important area in terms of future relations