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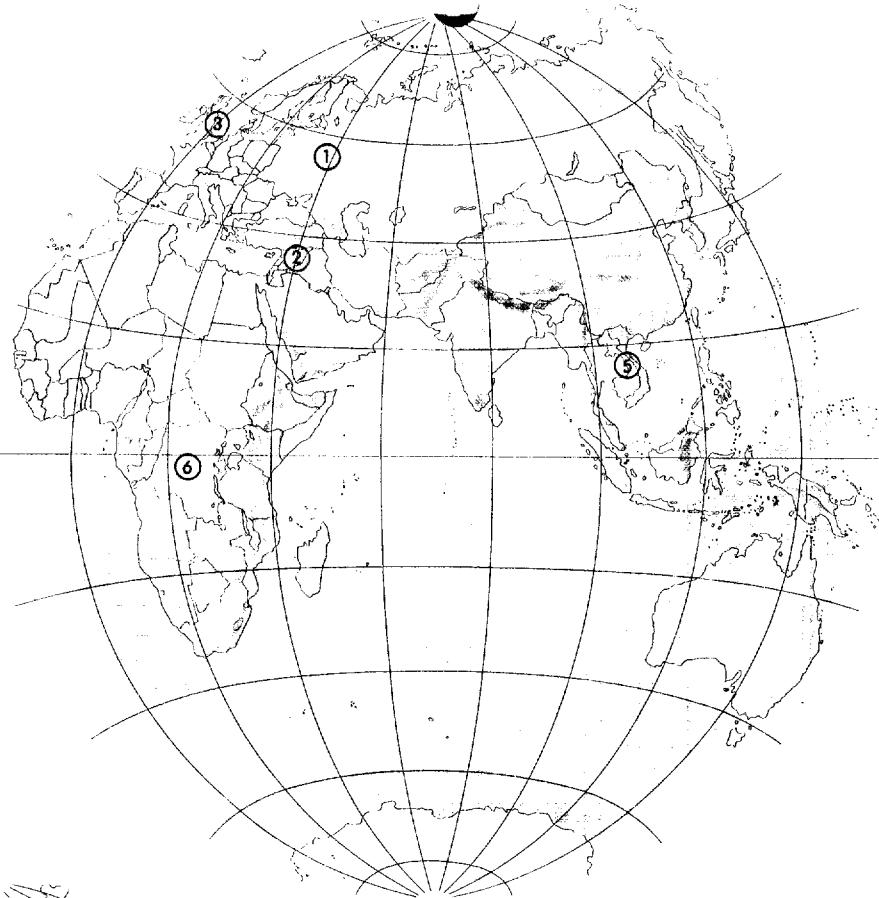
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I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

US Embassy in Moscow may be target of demonstrations if Soviet UN delegation gets "unfriendly" treatment.



II. ASIA-AFRICA

Reshuffling of UAR ministries appears to be effort by Nasir to settle differences within Syrian Executive Council and satisfy Syrian desires for more representation in Cairo.

III. THE WEST

London may propose customs union between Britain and Common Market.

Cubans reportedly planning reprisals against US Embassy in Havana in event of any "aggressive act" against Castro in New York.



LATE ITEMS

⑤ Situation in Laos.

⑥ Situation in the Congo.

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DAILY BRIEF

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I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

USSR: Soviet officials.

[redacted] indicated that preparations were being made to stage demonstrations against the American Embassy in Moscow and possibly elsewhere in retaliation for possible "unfriendly" treatment of the Soviet UN delegation in New York. [redacted]

[redacted] citizens there were "very stirred up by the preparatory provocations," and that the wave of indignation would be "very large" and might involve damage to the American Embassy in Moscow if "they receive our delegation in an unfriendly manner." He also stated that the retaliatory actions might take place in "many countries of the world." [redacted]

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II. ASIA-AFRICA

UAR: The reshuffling of the UAR central and regional government ministries announced yesterday appears to have been an effort by Nasir to settle differences within the Syrian region Executive Council as well as to appease Syrian desires for more representation in Cairo. Five Syrians were named to central government ministries. Syrian Interior Minister Sarraj was named chairman of the Syrian Executive Council, while two of his principal antagonists in the council were assigned new posts. Nasir apparently continues to feel Sarraj is the only one who can handle the problem of the growing dissension in Syria, which could threaten Cairo's control there.

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III. THE WEST

Britain: Far-reaching proposals for a customs union between Britain and the European Common Market (EEC) may be made by the British during the meeting of Commonwealth finance ministers which opened in London yesterday. London fears the political consequences of economic integration on the Continent, and probably expects a customs union plan would be favorably received in the EEC at this time.

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*Cuba: Cuban militia units have been ordered to prepare to take reprisals against Ambassador Bonsal in the event of any aggressive act against Fidel Castro while he is in New York,

Plans reportedly call for "storming" of the US Embassy in Havana and an attempt to seize any embassy files implicating Cubans in "subversive activities."

LATE ITEMS

*Laos: King Savang has invited Laos' military leaders to meet in Luang Prabang in an effort to find a solution to the country's continuing crisis. While the meeting will deal ostensibly with the split in the army, the King reportedly will insist that the participants present their ideas regarding the closely related political situation. Most of the participants in such a meeting would probably side with Phoumi and could be expected to ask for Premier Phouma's resignation, a "solution" the King himself desires but apparently has been reluctant to impose on his own initiative. The prospective participants have not yet responded to the King's invitation, but presumably they will feel constrained to heed his call. Meanwhile, troops loyal to Phoumi apparently have clashed with Vientiane troops about sixty miles east of the capital.

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*Congo (as of 0400): Colonel Mobutu, implementing his plan to place the Congo's administration in the hands of technicians and students, on 20 September announced the appointment of Congolese foreign minister Justin Bomboko as head of the technical commission. Meanwhile, President Kasavubu has denounced reports that he has reached an agreement with Lumumba.

[President Tshombé has informed the American consul in Elisabethville that Katanga will not join in any political association with the other Congolese provinces--even under a non-Lumumba administration--but is interested merely in an economic union. He foresees at least five years of political instability in the Congo. Tshombé believes that during this period of time, Katanga's economic union with the Congo would be paralleled by similar economic ties with surrounding central African states which would reduce the importance of the political question.]

The UAR's representative in Leopoldville is continuing his efforts in behalf of Lumumba. [redacted] *Wb*

[redacted] he had been able to postpone the transfer of the UAR contingent from the Leopoldville airport for two days. He considered the airport to be a key position if Ghana and Guinea agree with Nasir's plan for the three states to put pressure on the UN command in behalf of Lumumba. He has cautioned Cairo against disregarding Morocco in view of the reported cooperation of the Moroccan minister in Leopoldville and the key role played by the Moroccan forces of 3,000 in the Leopoldville area.

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~~SECRET~~Nasir Reshuffles UAR Ministries

Cairo on 20 September announced the reshuffling of the posts of ten members of the UAR central and regional ministries. The changes suggest an effort by President Nasir to settle growing differences in the Syrian region executive council, involving opposition by some members to the heavy-handed tactics of Syrian Interior Minister Sarraj. In addition, a concession to Syrian resentment over Egyptian domination of the central government was made by the appointment of five Syrians to central ministries in Cairo.

[Nasir seems to have reaffirmed his confidence in Sarraj, handing him the chairmanship of the Syrian executive council, vacated by UAR Vice President Kahhalah. At the same time, two of Sarraj's severest critics in the council were assigned to duties which should tend to decrease opportunities for conflict. Syrian Minister of State Jadu Izz al-Din, who had clashed with Sarraj over control of internal security and censorship affairs, apparently has been shunted aside by appointment to the post of Syrian public works minister. Sarraj, besides the chairmanship of the council, obtained the minister of state portfolio. Syrian Minister of Municipal and Village Affairs Tuma al-Awadatallah, who reportedly had violently opposed and insulted Sarraj, received the additional post of central minister of municipal and village affairs, which should keep him in Cairo much of the time.]

Sarraj's accumulation of authority apparently reflects Nasir's continued reliance on him to keep widespread Syrian dissatisfaction with the UAR under control. UAR Vice President Marshal Amir, whom Nasir sent to oversee Syrian affairs last October, has spent the past summer in Egypt and reportedly has no desire to remain involved in the Syrian "mess."

[] if Amir did not return, the job of Syrian executive council chairman would go to Sarraj. [] although Nasir was aware of Sarraj's unpopularity in Syria, he felt "it is better to accept the devil he knows than one he doesn't know." []

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Britain May Propose Customs Union With European Common Market

[Britain may make far-reaching proposals for a customs union with the European Common Market during the meeting of Commonwealth finance ministers which opened in London on 20 September. [REDACTED] Britain's plan provides for certain exceptions for agricultural products and other items of special interest to the Commonwealth and attempts to avoid the issue of what institutions would be required. Heretofore this issue has been a major obstacle to London's close association with the Common Market. After the finance ministers' meeting, the plan reportedly is to be discussed with Britain's partners in the Outer Seven and explored with the French during a visit to Paris in early October by the government's chief spokesman on European affairs.]

[For some weeks, when the idea of a looser, all-European free trade association was virtually abandoned, Britain has been thinking in terms of a customs union between the Common Market and Outer Seven. Other members of the Outer Seven have already moved in this direction, and early in September high Swedish officials suggested that "harmonization of tariffs" (i. e., a customs union) might be an "interim solution" to the differences between the two groupings.]

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~~TOP SECRET~~Congo (as of 0430 EDT)

Colonel Mobutu on 20 September announced the appointment of Congolese foreign minister Justin Bomboko to head the newly-instituted Technical Commission which is to run the Congo until the end of the year. A spokesman stated that the commission should not be taken as a new government, but merely represented the elite which had come to the support of the elected delegates to lead the country's affairs pending an agreement between the politicians. Mobutu used troops to turn out scores of civil servants from government buildings that would be needed by the new commission. The commission will consist of university graduates and students, many recruited from among technical students abroad whom Mobutu has asked to return.

President Kasavubu's office announced on 20 September that no reconciliation or agreement existed between himself and Lumumba. Nevertheless, Lumumba, at a press conference in Leopoldville on 20 September, showed reporters an original document, apparently signed by Kasavubu, which the premier termed an agreement between himself and Kasavubu worked out by the parliamentary reconciliation commission. It strengthened the position of the chief of state and called for cooperation with the UN.

[Katangan President Tshombé on 19 September told the American consul in Elisabethville that his congratulatory telegram to the Katanga delegation, which had just concluded satisfactory discussions with Congo premier-designate Ileo, did not mean a political rapprochement with the central government. Tshombé ruled out any association with the Congo which would impinge upon Katanga's separate political identity. He described his desired economic relationship as analogous to the Belgo-Luxembourg economic union or common market community. He added that if Kasavubu and Ileo expected some form of political association or federation, he would disillusion them when the time]

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[redacted] came to hold a conference of Congolese leaders. He believes that for about five years Leopoldville will be subject to political instability. By the end of this time, Tshombé expects Katanga's economic union with the Congo will be paralleled by similar economic ties with Tanganyika, Ruanda-Urundi and other central African states which would minimize the political problem.

The UAR's representative in Leopoldville is continuing his efforts in behalf of Lumumba. [redacted]

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