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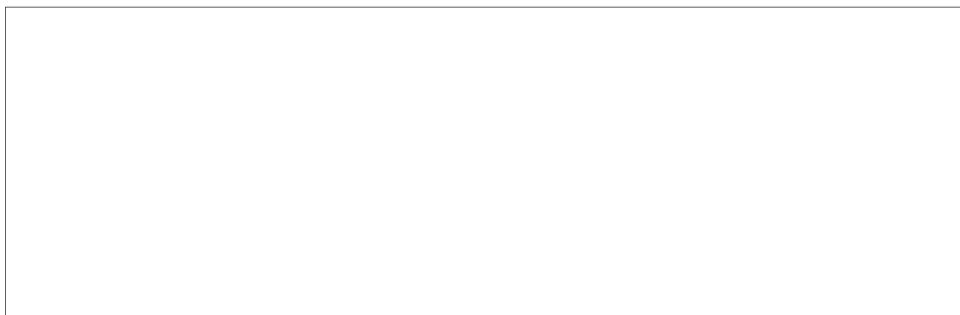
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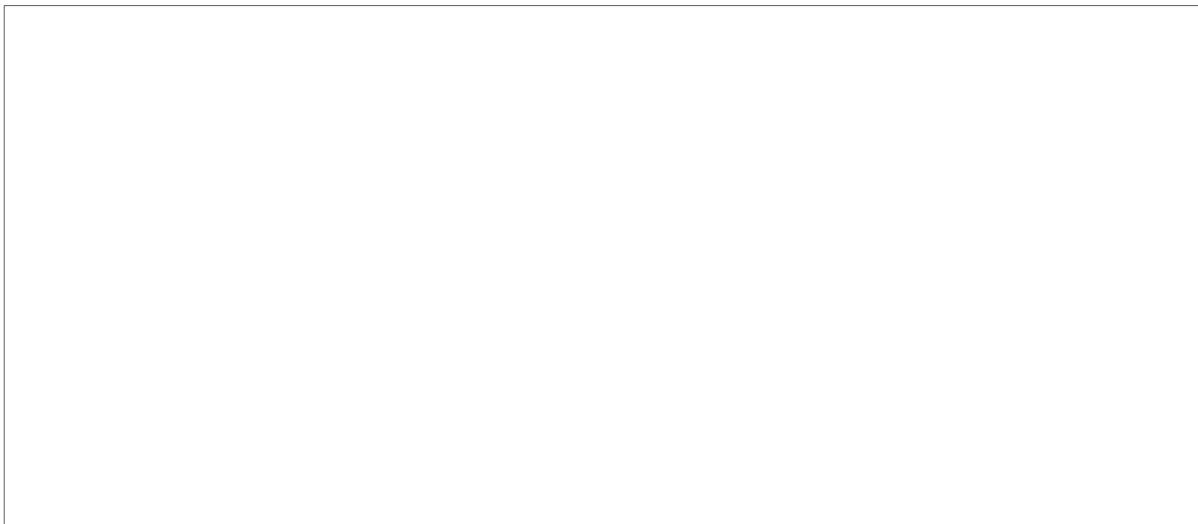
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1. CHIANG KAI-SHEK ORDERS VETO OF OUTER  
MONGOLIAN ADMISSION TO UN



Comment

[REDACTED] Yeh reportedly believes the Chinese Communists will probably be admitted to the UN next year and has been advising Chiang to use the Mongolian issue to make a dignified exit before this takes place.

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## 2. PATHET LAO ATTACK REPORTED

[Redacted]

According to information given the American embassy in Vientiane by the Laotian defense minister, approximately 1,000 Pathet Lao troops attacked government forces in southwestern Sam Neua Province on 5 December. The defense minister thinks this may be the start of the Pathet Lao offensive he has been expecting.

The Hanoi radio has already taken cognizance of military action in the area by quoting a Pathet Lao report that the royal government has launched "violent attacks."

Whether this action is only a continuation of the localized incidents which have occurred frequently over the past months or is actually the beginning of a Communist attempt to drive royal forces from the disputed northern provinces cannot now be determined. In the past, early reports on Pathet attacks have often exaggerated the numbers of troops involved.

The government may use an attack such as this as an excuse to launch an offensive of its own. The defense minister has favored a strong military response to any Pathet Lao action, and has been planning to take the offensive against the Communists after the 25 December national assembly elections. [Redacted]

### 3. BRITAIN TO PRESS JORDAN TO JOIN BAGHDAD PACT

General Sir Gerald Templer, chief of the British Imperial General Staff, was to arrive in Amman on 6 or 7 December to urge Jordan to join the Baghdad pact.

Templer is empowered to offer revision of the Anglo-Jordanian treaty and additional military aid as inducements.

**Comment**      The British regard adherence of another Arab state to the Baghdad pact as essential if Iraq is to remain an effective participant in "northern tier" defense. Their success in obtaining Iraqi adherence to the pact through simultaneous revision of the Anglo-Iraqi treaty has probably encouraged them to try the same formula with Jordan.

Jordan would probably join the pact if the West paid a substantial price. Domestic opinion, however, particularly among Jordan's large population of refugees from Palestine, appears to be vehemently opposed to any tie which might seem to distract the country from hostility toward Israel.

#### 4. URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE TO VISIT PEIPING



Uruguay's honorary consul in Hong Kong told American consul general Drumwright on 6 December that he had instructions from Montevideo to go to Peiping to discuss the question of "relations" with the Chinese Communist government. He said he was leaving that day for Peiping and would be there two or three weeks.

##### Comment



[redacted] Peiping was interested in establishing economic relations with Uruguay. [redacted] probably reflect Uruguayan interest in such overtures. The Uruguayans have been concerned over markets for their agricultural surplus.

No government in the western hemisphere maintains diplomatic relations with Communist China. Should Uruguay establish diplomatic relations, other Latin American governments might reassess the question of recognizing the Peiping regime. [redacted] Concurred in by ORR)

THE ARAB-ISRAELI SITUATION  
Information as of 1700, 6 December)

An exchange of mortar and automatic weapons fire across the Egyptian-Israeli border south of Gaza is the only military activity reported.

Four IL-28 jet bombers were observed at Cairo West military airport on 3 December. The attaché noted considerable construction activity at this airport, including what appeared to be the lengthening of a runway.

three IL-28's and at least eight MIG-15's were sighted at Dikheila airfield west of Alexandria, apparently an assembly area for the MIG's. The number of MIG-15's now in Egypt is not known,

that 34 would be delivered by the end of November. The number of IL-28's which have arrived in Egypt is believed to be much smaller.

reports increased flights by the Egyptian air force using British-type jet fighters and conventional training aircraft. In addition the Egyptian air force appears to be contacting retired officers, presumably with the idea of utilizing them to help handle an influx of new equipment.