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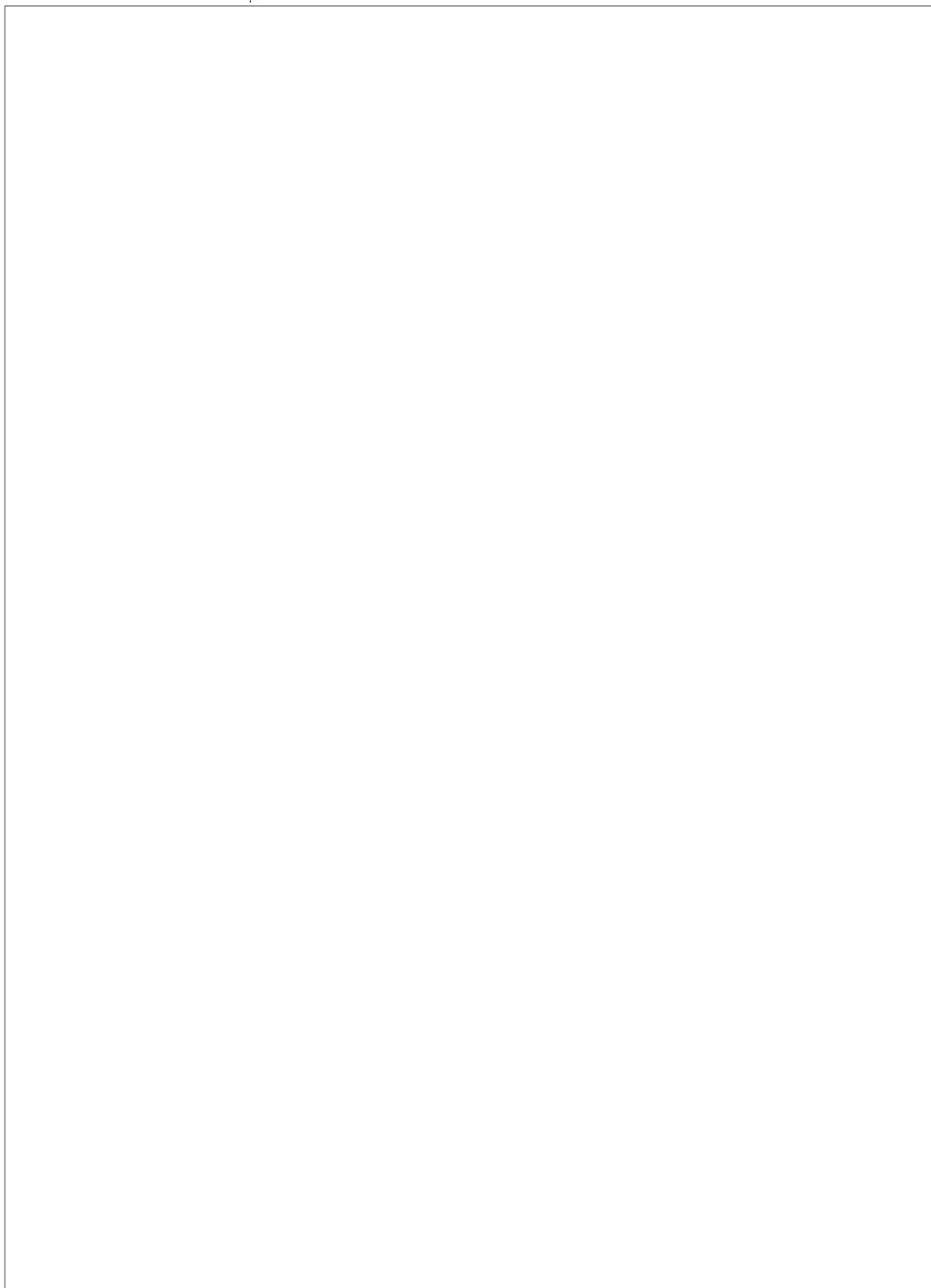
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**I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC**

USSR seeking to fix blame on West  
for any failure as Geneva talks enter  
final stage.

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Additional Soviet arms arriving in  
Egypt.

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**II. ASIA-AFRICA**

**UAR reduces armed forces alert.**

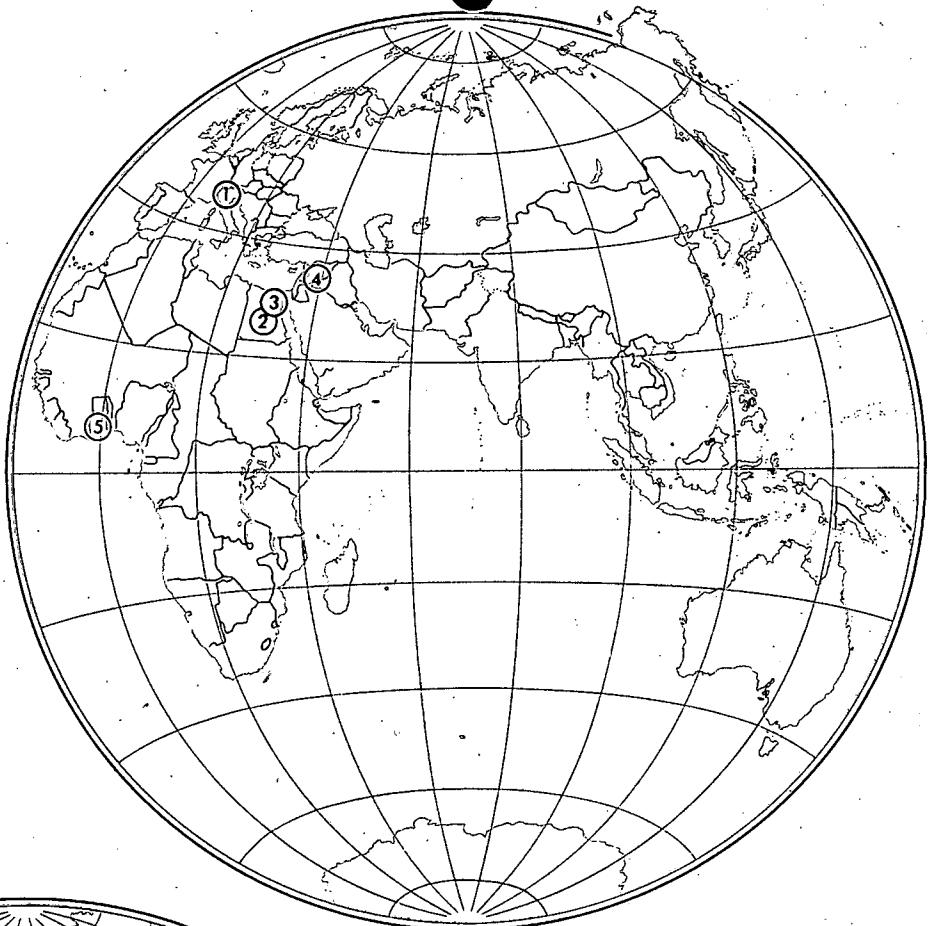
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Syrian dissatisfaction deemed within  
UAR control.

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Ghana may turn to bloc for economic  
aid.

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**III. THE WEST**

(6) Uruguay - Governing party likely to  
suffer losses in general elections.

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## DAILY BRIEF

### I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

USSR-Geneva talks: Moscow apparently believes that both Geneva conferences are entering the final stage and is maneuvering for the strongest possible positions in the event of an early breakoff. Bloc delegates are seeking to establish a record which they hope will place the onus for any failure to reach agreement on the West. There have been no hints of any major changes in bloc proposals at either conference.

USSR-UAR: Negotiations begun this summer for the supply of additional bloc arms to Egypt are still in progress in Moscow. In addition to jet fighter aircraft, Cairo is seeking naval equipment and probably a wide range of land armaments. Deliveries contracted for earlier in these negotiations are now under way, with at least three Soviet merchant ships scheduled to transport arms to Alexandria shortly.

### II. ASIA-AFRICA

UAR alert reduced: Cairo on 25 November called off the precautionary alert of UAR forces instituted in late October in anticipation of a crisis in Jordan. Units were instructed to revert to their previous state of readiness, with the exception of Egyptian forces in Sinai which will remain on alert.

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Syria-Jordan: Reports of Syrian dissatisfaction with the UAR and of possible new difficulties for Cairo in the UAR's northern region are increasing. The disgruntled elements, however, appear to be primarily members of conservative groups. Current reforms are largely directed against their vested interests, and neither Nasir nor the Syrian Baathists have ever counted on their political support. Even if unrest develops to the point of open violence, UAR security measures appear adequate to maintain control in Syria.

Ghana: Prime Minister Nkrumah has indicated that if he does not receive the assistance he desires from the West to implement the \$850,000,000 Volta River hydroelectric-aluminum project, upon which his regime is counting heavily, he will do "all possible" to get such assistance from "any source anywhere." A spokesman for Nkrumah said offers of technical assistance and machinery from Poland and Czechoslovakia are already being considered and that Nkrumah would be "reluctantly" receptive to major help from Moscow if it is not forthcoming from the West

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### III. THE WEST

Uruguay: The Colorado party, which has dominated the government for almost a century, is likely to suffer severe losses in the 30 November general elections because of widespread discontent over economic conditions. The party's fear of losing control of the nine-man executive council as well as of Congress has led to talk of a preventive coup, but the party is probably willing to rely on its organizational ability and the advantages it expects to gain at the polls from its recent pro-labor measures.

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