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**GENERAL**

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**NEAR EAST - AFRICA****2. Comment on possible outbreak of violence in Libya:**

Growing popular resentment in Libya against King Idriss may result in early outbreaks of violence, including possible

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attempts on the life of Idriss and Prime Minister Ben Halim. Any serious disorders would threaten the monarchy and even the existence of the three-year-old state.

A schism in the royal family became apparent following the October assassination of the king's life-long adviser by the queen's nephew. The reportedly brutal execution of the assassin on 6 February and reports of further persecution of members of his family may precipitate a showdown between the king and the Sharif branch of the royal family, which has considerable political support.

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## LATIN AMERICA

### 3. Nicaraguan president feels "doublecrossed by United States":

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Nicaraguan president Somoza told American newsmen on 9 February that he would tell Vice President Nixon during his forthcoming visit that Nicaragua has backed American policies "down the line" in the UN and the Organization of American States and in fighting Communism throughout Central America, while the "left-wing" government of Costa Rica permits Communists to operate freely.

Somoza gave the impression that he is deeply hurt and feels he has been doublecrossed because the United States did not act "in a neutral manner" in the recent Costa Rican revolution "despite all of his support." He hinted that the United States, because of its aid to the "Communist-infiltrated" Costa Rican government, may lose the support of a sizable bloc of anti-Communist Latin American governments in the UN and the OAS.

Comment: Neither Somoza nor any other Latin American dictator is likely to turn against the United States on important international issues because of the Costa Rican affair, which has strengthened American prestige among liberal and reformist circles throughout Latin America.

Costa Rican president Figueres, though opportunistic and at times untrustworthy, has a long anti-Communist record. It is his aggressive campaign against "dictatorships" that has earned him the hatred of authoritarian regimes in the area.