

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1 SEPTEMBER 1964  
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1. South Vietnam

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c. Although Khanh has some minor physical troubles, he seems primarily to fear a power play by the Dai Viets. He said the Military Revolutionary Council had asked him last week to stay on as head of government but he turned them down because of his distrust of the Dai Viet generals.

d. Some key army divisions and police posts near Saigon are controlled by Dai Viet officers. A coup attempt on their part would probably trigger a violent reaction by the Buddhists.

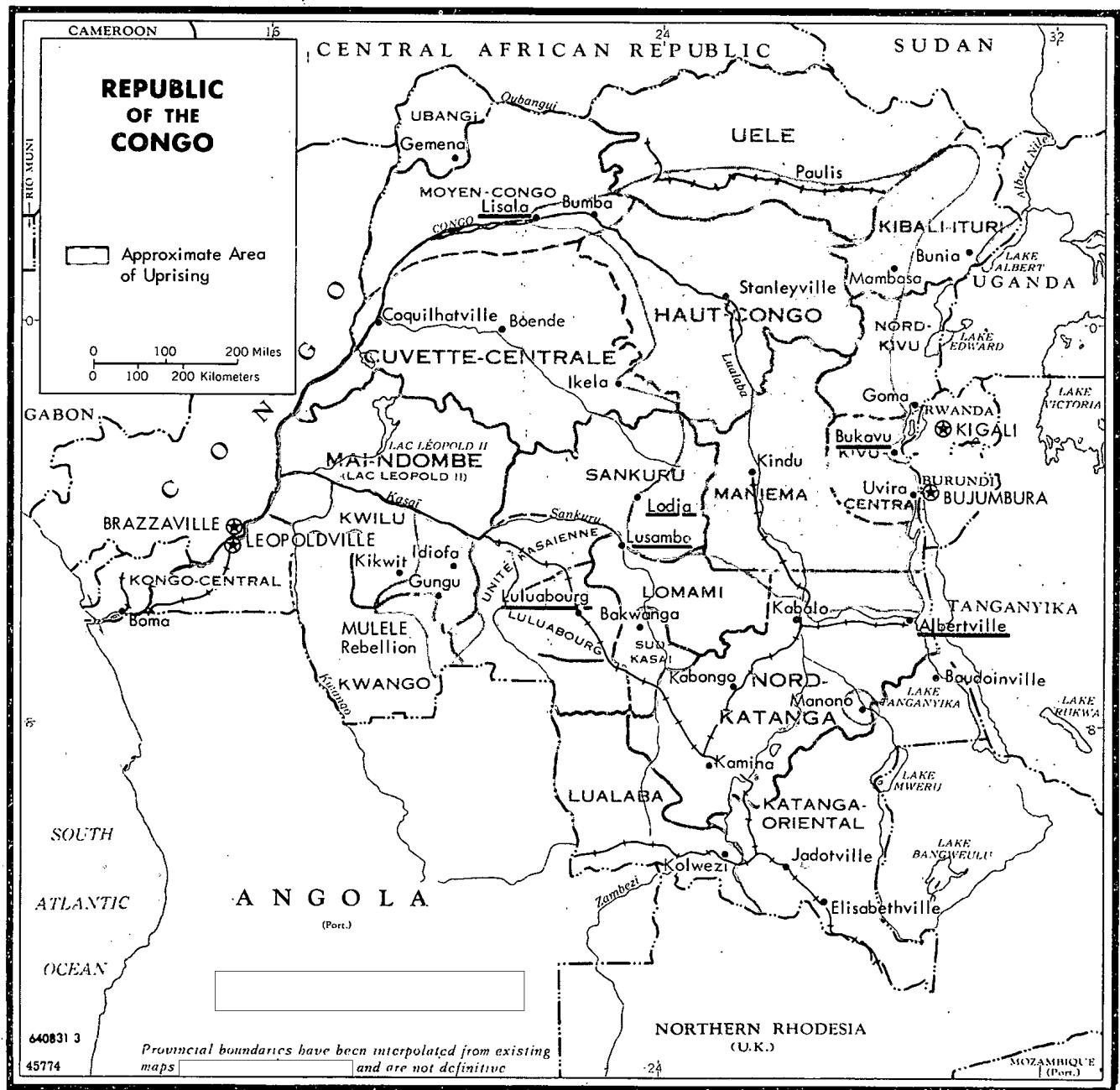
Viet Cong military activity has been unusually light since the leadership crisis began in Saigon.

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2. Congo

a. The government's recapture of Albertville, original seat of the rebel provisional government, should give government and army morale a much-needed shot in the arm.

b. We have reports that no European lives were lost in the takeover but that Congolese casualties ran high and damage was considerable.

c. Government forces have also moved up from Luluabourg to the environs of Lusambo and have asked for reinforcements to help take over that city. They intend to continue on toward the Lodja area, now in rebel hands.

d. In the north, the story is different. The rebels, who retain the initiative, apparently now control Lisala on the Congo River. From here they could rapidly spread their control over the entire northwest area.

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e. Leopoldville radio last night broadcast a warning to foot-dragging Brazzaville and Mali nationals that the expulsion order is still in effect. They were told that they must get out voluntarily or be thrown out and that any who return will be treated as illegal immigrants.

f. The OAU emergency meeting set for 5 September in Addis Ababa may be postponed for a few days. Arab members of the OAU have asked for this because the Arab States' "summit" conference begins the same day.

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3. Cyprus

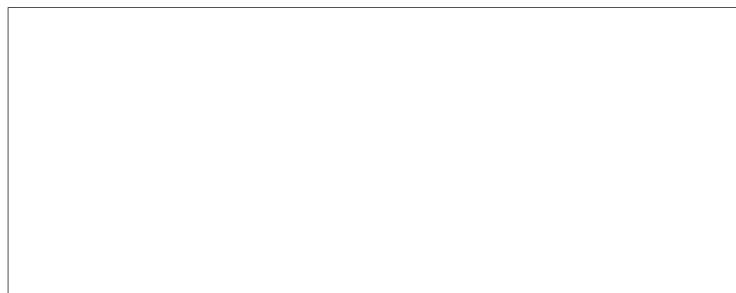
a. Makarios appears to be shifting his ground on the question of union with Greece.

b. The archbishop, long luke-warm to enosis, again openly championed the idea when he was in Egypt over the weekend. He stressed, however, that the island should be demilitarized. In so doing, he apparently had in mind barring the present British base areas as well as any proposed Turkish or NATO bases.

c. Grivas, in a speech Sunday, also urged "unconditional enosis" without ceding Cypriot soil to any foreigner.

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f. Only relatively minor demonstrations have occurred in Turkey since Sunday when Inonu asked the nation to remain calm. A large demonstration is to be permitted in Ankara today, but the government seems bent on keeping it under control.



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4. Laos

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b. Premier Souvanna told

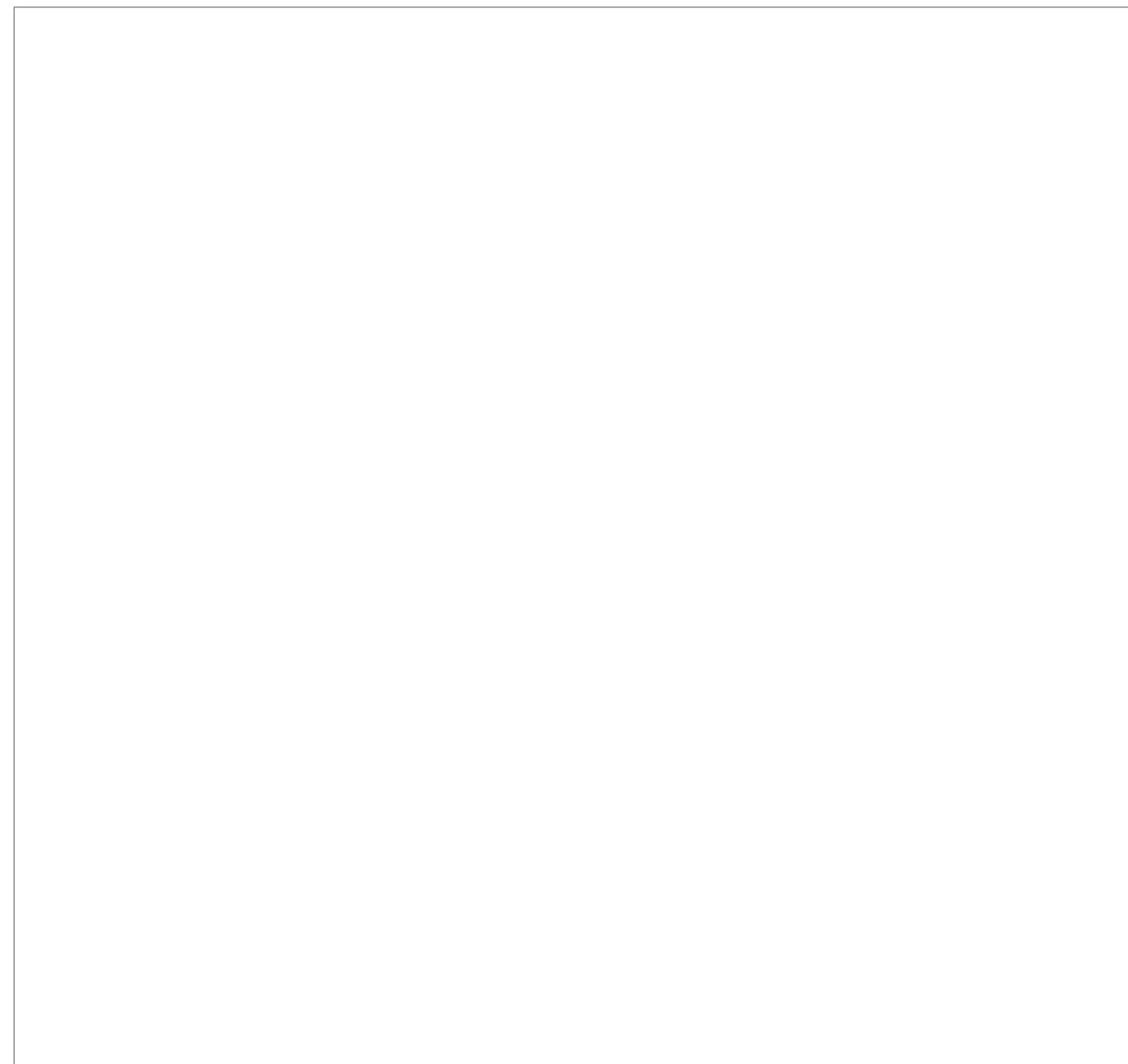
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c. We think the Pathet Lao would go along with this only if they were given substantial concessions in other areas. But if Souvanna were to make major concessions, strong rightists, who oppose any accommodation with the Pathet Lao, might rally support for the overthrow of the coalition government.

d. Souvanna told Ambassador Bohlen yesterday that he thought the Pathets had been "stalling" in the talks, hoping that the situation in Vietnam would continue to deteriorate and thus improve the Pathet bargaining position.

e. The Paris talks have been informal so far. More formal discussions are to begin today.

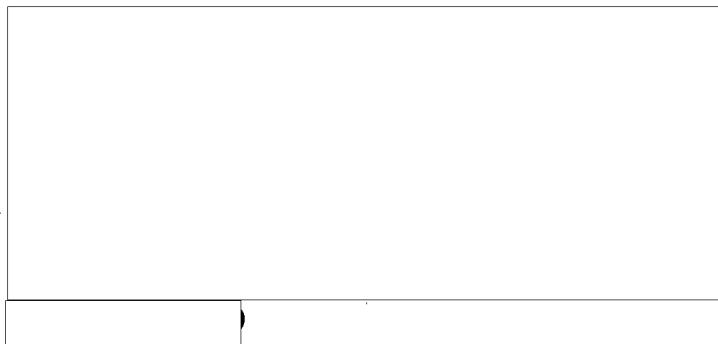
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5. North Vietnam

a. Hanoi apparently expects and is preparing for more hostile action against its territory.

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A. Iraq-Egypt

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B. Haiti [ ] as a result of recent rebel successes there has been a considerable increase in antigovernment plotting. Business, government, and military personnel apparently are working together on a coordinated plan to attack the palace and topple the Duvalier regime.

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D. Indonesia - North Vietnam A parliamentary delegation from Hanoi has returned home after two strenuous weeks in Indonesia spreading violently anti-US propaganda. The group's leader presented a bag of the "sacred soil of Dien Bien Phu" to the speaker of the Indonesian parliament. In seeing the group off, the Indonesian said that "the fall of the ruling regime in South Vietnam will signify the fall of the US and imperialism from the face of the earth."

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# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE REVIEW**

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29 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER 1964

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1 September 1964

1. South Vietnam: The power struggle continues.

Khanh appears reluctant to try to reassert his leadership of the government and relieve acting Premier Oanh, who has been talking of himself as destined to lead Vietnam out of its morass.

In a talk with Ambassador Taylor in Dalat on 31 August, Khanh said he might appear in Saigon in a few days to show that he is still premier and to quash rumors that he is mentally ill. Taylor got the impression, however, that Khanh was disinclined to head the government unless he had real authority.

Khanh, however, is giving out conflicting stories. He has told the press he would be back in two weeks

Khiem, the third member of the Khanh-Minh-Khiem triumvirate, may be maneuvering in his own behalf. General Minh would like to see himself as chief of state with Khanh as premier.

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Although Khanh has some minor physical troubles, he does seem to fear a Dai Viet power play. He told Taylor the Military Revolutionary Council had asked him last week to stay on as head of government but he turned them down because of his distrust of the Dai Viet generals.

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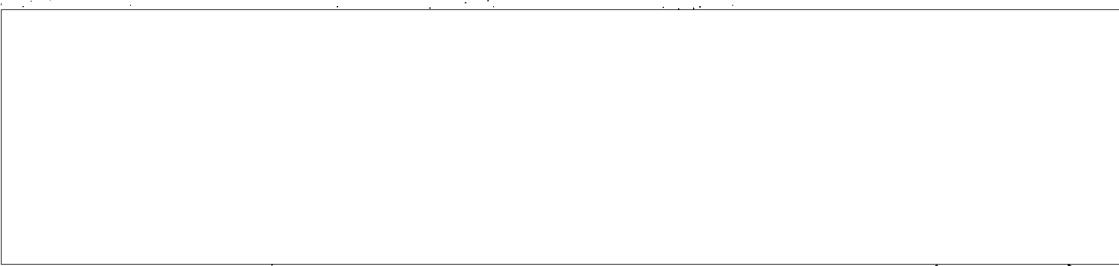
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2. Cyprus: The island is quiet, but the Greek Cypriot economic blockade, despite reported agreements to end it, could push Turkish Cypriots to the point of explosion if their supplies shrink further.



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Athens has again sent Greek Defense Minister Garoufalios to Nicosia, reportedly to negotiate with Makarios over Ankara's demand for permission to rotate part of its army contingent on Cyprus.

The Turks on Saturday announced temporary postponement of rotation, after urgent pleas from many quarters.

Garoufalios probably also hopes to learn about the Makarios-Nasir talks over the weekend. Before he left, Makarios told UN force commander Thimayya that he would try to get an agreement to use Egyptian facilities for staging aircraft. The Makarios-Nasir communiqué spoke obscurely of "all possible" Egyptian support for Cyprus.

Makarios appears to be shifting his ground on the question of union with Greece. He openly championed the idea when he was in Egypt over the weekend. He stressed, however, that the island should be demilitarized, apparently with the idea of barring the present British base areas as well as any proposed Turkish or NATO bases.

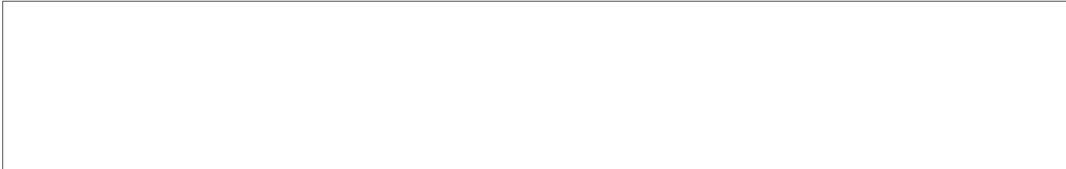
General Grivas, in a speech Sunday, also urged "unconditional enosis" without ceding Cypriot soil to any foreigner. Previously he was not as adamantly opposed as Makarios to a NATO base on Cyprus.

There is some possibility of open violence on the island between General Grivas' followers and the Communists; there have been recent exchanges of denunciation.

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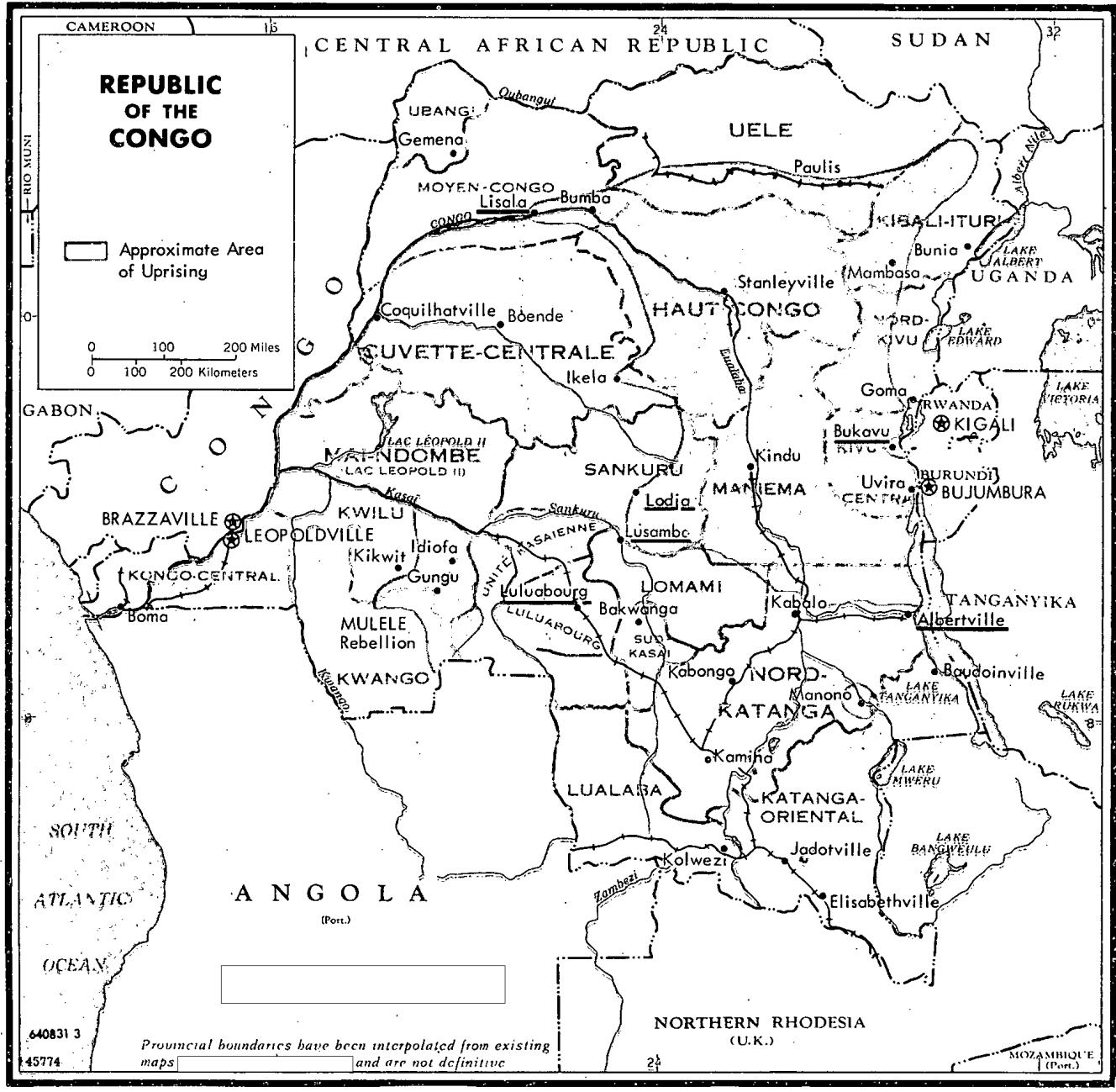
In Turkey, demonstrators apparently intend to continue their protests against US policy, but Inonu has come out against the earlier excesses and the security forces are taking a firmer hand. The Turks have not been chary with dark hints--public and private--about adopting a more independent foreign policy ("a new way") unless Turkish demands regarding a Cyprus plan are met.

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3. Congo: The government's military position is increasingly precarious in the north, but has improved in the south.

In Katanga, Albertville has at last been re-captured--with mopping-up still going on

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In the north, however, the rebels hold the initiative. They apparently have taken Lisala, on the Congo River below Stanleyville; there is no reliable government force between Lisala and Coquilhatville, 400 miles downriver. Bunia, near Uganda, has been reinforced twice in the last week, but the government position there is reported as "grave."

Rebels in Stanleyville now seem willing to let civil aircraft land there, but the Stanleyville radio still threatens to hold foreign personnel hostage.

Opposition and rebel leaders appear to be gathering in the east. Gaston Soumialot, CNL leader who formerly headed the rebels in Albertville, is in Stanleyville; CNL president Gbenye is in Bujumbura, in Burundi, and may be joined there by Antoine Gizenga, the former Lumumba lieutenant who over the weekend announced the formation of a new "united" Lumumbist political party.

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rebel delegation was en route to Addis Ababa for the OAU session on the Congo--this is scheduled for 5 September, but may be delayed to avoid conflict with the Arab summit. OAU rules would deny rebels participation, but they may get backing from radical member states--Ghana's Nkrumah has been maneuvering to this end.

Tshombé's chances of getting a sympathetic African hearing are being undermined by the continuing publicity about recruitment of white mercenaries.

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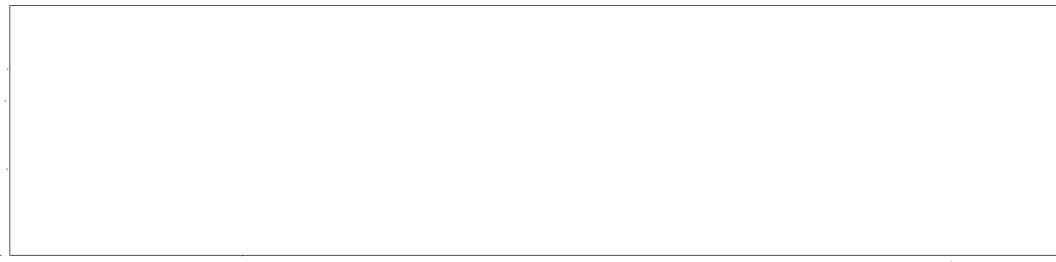
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4. Communist China - North Vietnam: The Chinese may be planning to strengthen their naval capability in the Gulf of Tonkin area.

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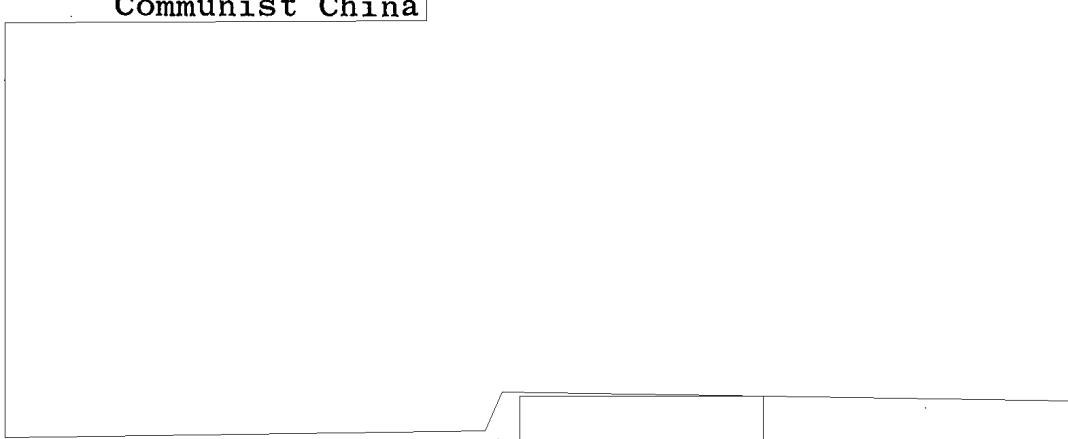
This weekend, Hanoi, possibly reacting to the recent deployment of a US Marine brigade in the South China Sea off Da Nang in South Vietnam, was apparently bracing against more attacks.

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5.      Communist China

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6.      Laos: Informal talks in Paris among the key Laotian leaders have made little apparent progress thus far. Formal sessions were due today.

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Premier Souvanna told Pathet Lao chief Souphan-nouvong that he would not insist on complete Pathet Lao withdrawal from the Plaine des Jarres positions occupied earlier this year. He suggested instead joint control under ICC supervision. A Souphannou-vong spokesman has since told the press that this was rejected pending the settlement of "all outstanding problems."

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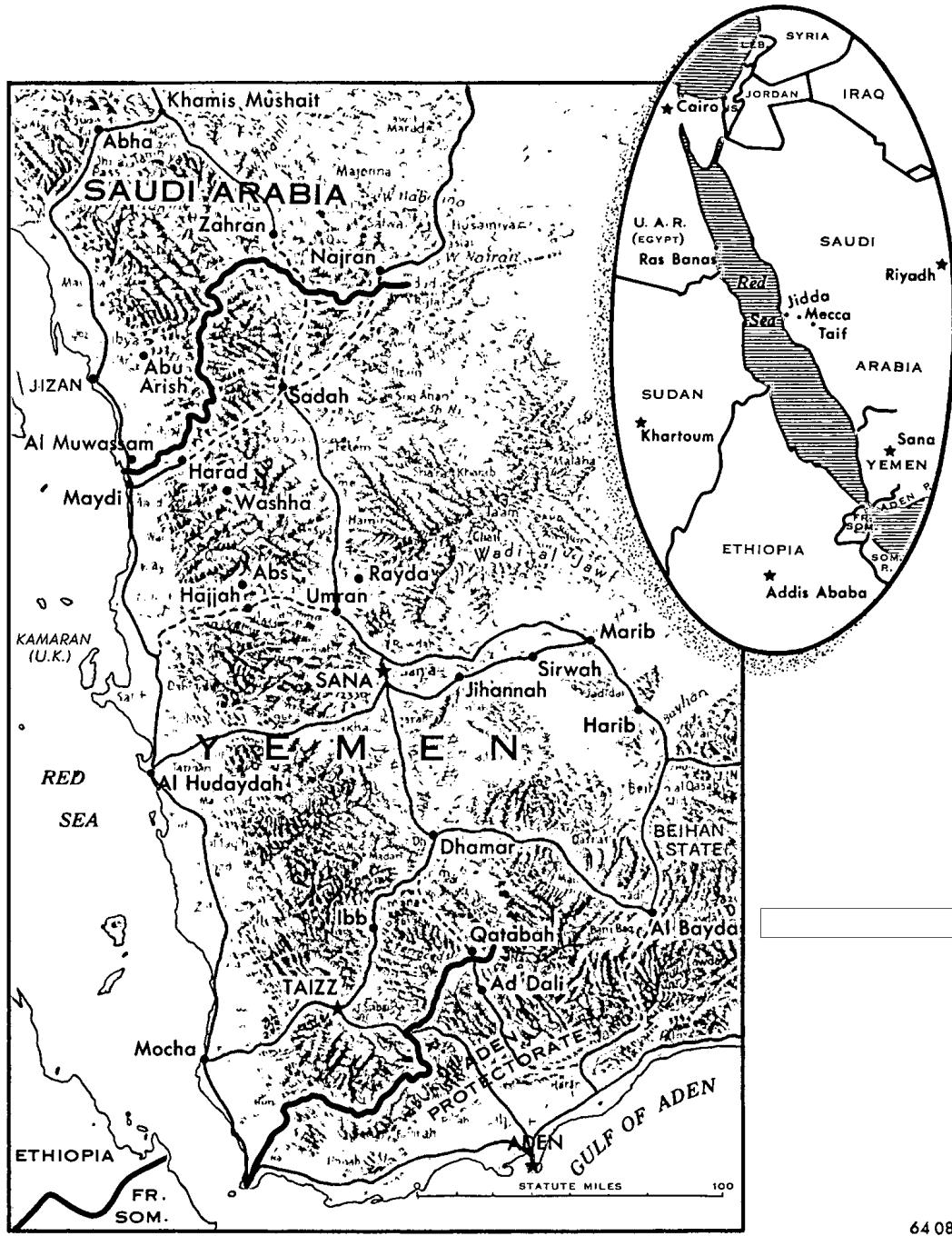
In Vientiane, Ambassador Unger has been worried about a lull in government military operations, which he believes only partially attributable to bad weather. He suspects Souvanna may have given orders for a "stand down" during the Paris talks.

7. Indonesia: There have been new demonstrations against US rubber estates on Sumatra and against the US Consulate at Medan. Local officials, however, seem to be adhering to orders from Djakarta to prevent damage to American properties but to "let the people act against the British."

The USIS office in Surabayo, on Java, has heard that it too is to be an early target.

The Japanese ambassador in Djakarta, echoing Tokyo, fully expects Japan to be next if Indonesian Communists are successful in their efforts to worsen US-Indonesian relations.

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8. Yemen - Saudi Arabia: The Yemeni government's control in southern Yemen is threatened by a flare-up of sectional and tribal rivalries triggered by revolts of army elements in two important towns.

Should additional troops be required to keep the lid on, this could affect the current Yemeni-Egyptian offensive in the north aimed at rolling up royalist forces before the 5 September Arab summit meeting; it is already meeting stronger royalist resistance. Troop diversion might also be required to meet royalist attacks in the east and south--the latter apparently mounted from British protected Beihan.

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10. Berlin: [redacted]

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[redacted] the next US helicopter to fly over East Berlin would be buzzed, forced down, or shot down. We think the latter unlikely, but would not be surprised by an attempt to force one down.

11. Ethiopia: Young officers, disgruntled over conditions in the services and over failure to settle by force the issues with Somalia last February, have been planning a coup [redacted]

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[redacted] We think the Emperor has probably heard about this. The last coup attempt, in December 1960, failed.

12. Tanganyika-Zanzibar: Tanganyikan officials are getting nervous about Zanzibar, over which they have little or no control. Soviet military advisers [redacted]

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[redacted] Chinese Communist, and possibly a few East German, military advisers are [redacted] there.

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13. Haiti: [redacted] as a result of recent rebel successes, there has been a considerable increase in antigovernment plotting. Business, government, and military personnel apparently are working together on a coordinated plan to attack the palace and topple the Duvalier regime.

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Duvalier is diverting some troops to defend Port-au-Prince and can be expected to take drastic repressive measures against plotting he gets wind of.

14. Chile: Observers in Santiago still give the edge to Christian Democrat candidate Frei over the Communist-Socialist supported Allende in Friday's presidential elections. Congress names the next president on 24 October. If no candidate gets a majority at the polls, there would be considerable opportunity for Communist-Socialist manipulations.

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1. South Vietnam

a. General Khanh is still wavering about the date of his return to the Byzantine political wars of Saigon.

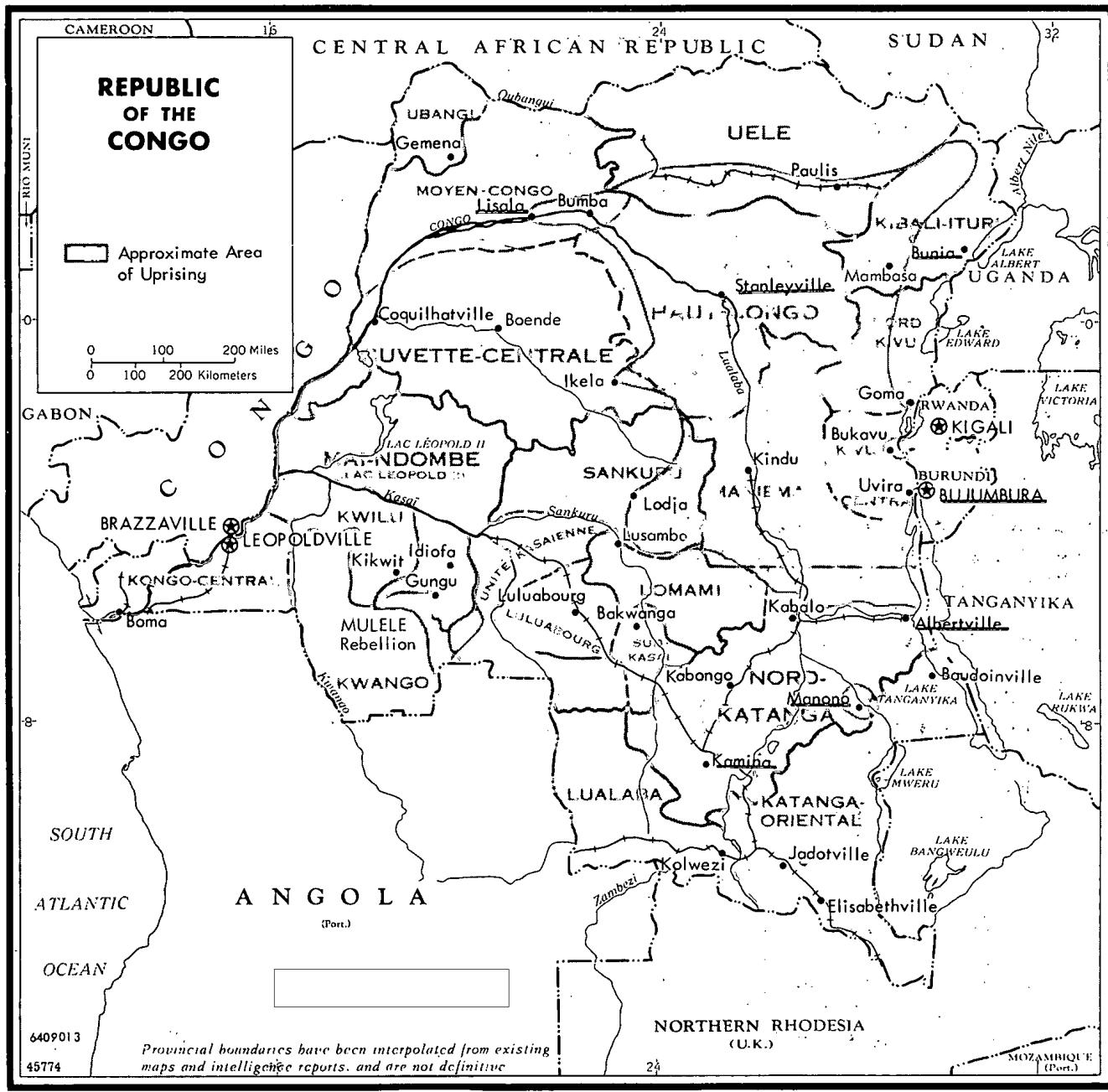
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b. He has said his return depends on "many factors" and could be days or weeks off. His real concern, however, is that he is not yet strong enough to move against his opponents in the Dai Viet Party.

c. The capital is alive with coup talk again. The regime may have neutralized one group under perennial plotter Col. Thao, but the current power vacuum in Saigon will encourage others to try their hand.

d. Buddhist and student leaders have promised a two-month moratorium on demonstrations to let the authorities effect promised reforms. We doubt they can make this stick.

e. So far the Viet Cong has chosen not to take advantage of all this confusion. Now, however, there are signs that they may be stepping up activities in the countryside with three company-size attacks in the last few days.



2. Congo

a. There has been little change in the military situation. In the south Tshombé's forces are setting out to retake the tin-mining center of Manono. Its capture would all but clear Katanga of rebels.

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b. In the north, however, the outlook continues grim. The situation around Bunia, in the extreme northeast, is deteriorating, and a new attack on Bukavu looms.

c. The rebels in Stanleyville now seem willing to let civil aircraft land there. The UN has suggested flying doctors and medicine in and US and other foreign personnel out.

d. Tshombé's chances for a sympathetic hearing at the September meeting of the OAU are receding as publicity about his white mercenaries spreads.

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Tshombé is making it almost impossible for any African to help.

e. Tshombé is aware of this. He has asked that the meeting be postponed from 5 to 17 September

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3. Cyprus

a. The island is quiet for the moment.

b. The Greek Cypriot economic blockade, however, has left the Turkish community with acute shortages of food, fuel, clothing, and medical supplies. The UN has warned that this could cause an "explosion." 50X1

c. It could come at any time. The Turkish Cypriots are planning protest demonstrations starting in Nicosia tomorrow.

d. Another potential trigger is the volatile issue of rotating Turkish troops, which has been shelved for the moment, but is far from solved.

e. There are also new signs of strife within Greek Cypriot ranks. Grivas and the Cypriot Communists, old antagonists, are at each other's throats again.

f. Grivas has denounced those who denigrate aid from Greece, as the Communists have. They have replied by denouncing Grivas for trying to impose "NATO bondage" on Cyprus. This could lead to violence.

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g. Yesterday's "authorized" demonstrations in Ankara went off without incident [REDACTED]

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4. Chile

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a. As the candidates swing into the home stretch for Friday's presidential balloting, Eduardo Frei appears to be in the lead.

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b. Most observers expect the vote to be close, however, and Frei may fail to get a clear majority.

c. Should this be the case, the Communist-Socialist standard bearer, Allende, would still have some room for maneuver before the Chilean Congress meets formally to name a president on 24 October.

d. All eyes would then be on Senator Duran's Radical Party which holds the largest single bloc of seats in the Congress and has a reputation for being alert to opportunities for patronage.

5. Communist Agriculture

a. With about half the planted acreage harvested, this year's small grain crop in the USSR now looks like the best since the record crop of 1958.

b. The main Soviet concern right now is to cut the loss between field and barn, always a problem. This year the problem has been made worse by compressed harvesting schedules.

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c. Growing conditions in the East European satellites point to another mediocre crop. Satellite import needs may therefore increase over last year. Most of this will still have to come from the West.

d. The early grain crop in Communist China topped the very poor 1963 crop. The outlook on the more important late crop is good, but Chinese imports continue to be scheduled at very near last year's levels.

NOTES

- A. North Vietnam Hanoi yesterday laid claim to a 12-mile limit for its territorial waters. It did not say whether the line would be drawn to include offshore islands, one of which is 60 miles from land. Hanoi warned that violators of these waters would be "smashed." 50X1
- B. Communist China - Pakistan The head of Peiping's air force arrived in Karachi Monday on a "friendship" visit. His stay will give the Pakistanis another chance to underscore their unhappiness over US aid to India, but we doubt that this visit will produce any important defense talks. 50X1
- C. Panama Ambassador Vaughn considers that the Robles cabinet, named Monday, may prove to be the best in years. The new president has, however, taken certain risks in selecting his principal colleagues on the basis of ability rather than political loyalty, the normal Panamanian criterion. 50X1
- D. Haiti - Dominican Republic There appears to have been another shooting incident along the border. Both capitals, edgy as usual, are pressing their version of what happened. The Dominicans are asking that an OAS team be sent to investigate both sides of the border. 50X1

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3 SEPTEMBER 1964

1. South Vietnam

a. Khanh has come back to Saigon to resume the premiership

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b. Before returning, he sought, and received, pledges of allegiance from a number of senior officers.

c. But matters still are far from stable.

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d. The Buddhists are said to be making increasing demands for personnel changes, and Buddhist leader Tri Quang is showing up even more as a behind-the-scenes political power.

e. He has pressured the release of arrested Buddhist rioters, except for a number of suspected Viet Cong agents. Even these, he says, should be released because they were not engaged in Viet Cong activity when arrested.

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f. Before Khanh's return, Ambassador Taylor warned that "we should not delude ourselves that we can put together any combination of personalities which will add up to a really effective government in the foreseeable future."



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i. So far, [redacted] 50X1  
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operations continue at an "average pace," with Viet Cong activity at a "low ebb." We cannot be sure, however, how long the Viet Cong will hold off.

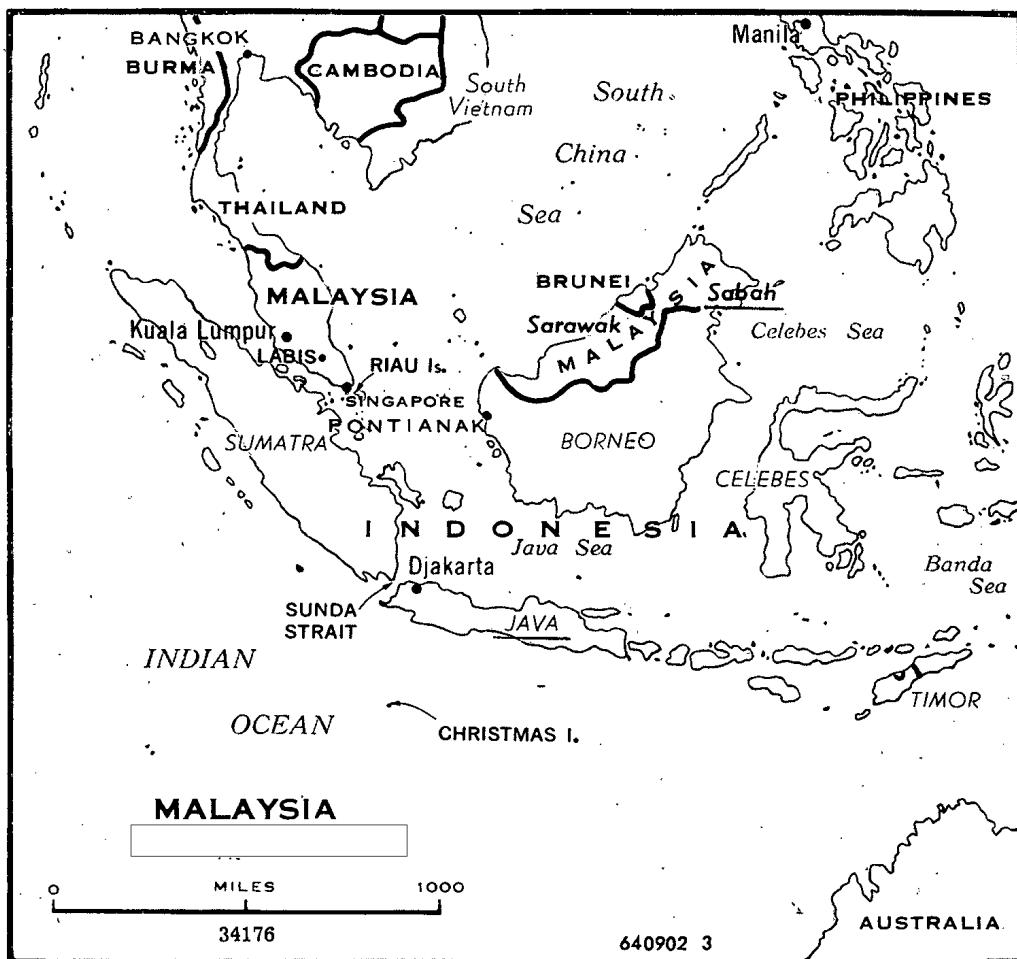
2. Indonesia-Malaysia-UK

a. The thermometer is going up.

b. [redacted] 50X1  
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an Indonesian aircraft dropped supplies and some 40 men near Labis on the Malay peninsula Tuesday night.

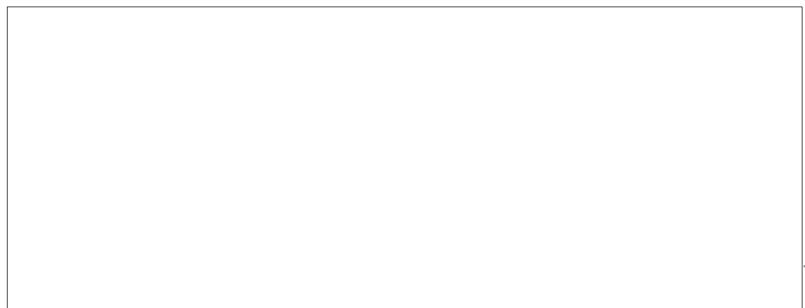
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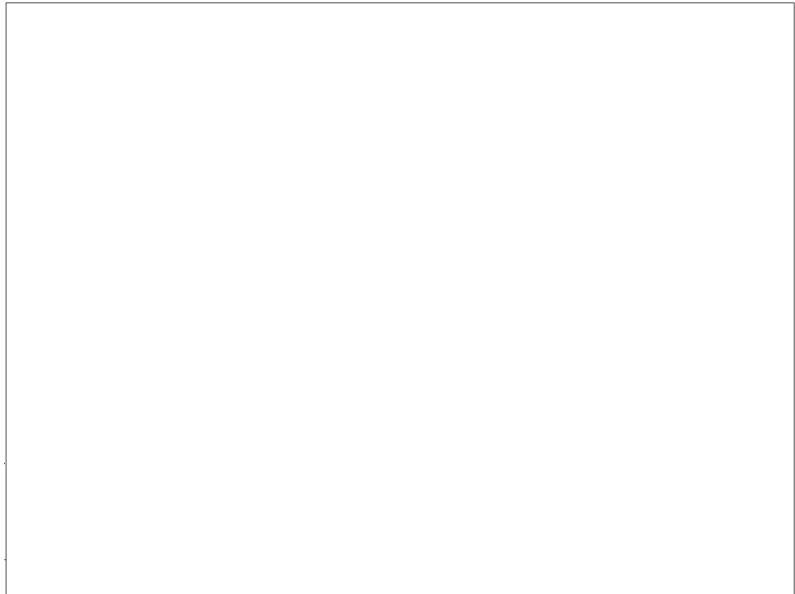
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d. The Indonesians, irked by  
the 29 August transit of Sunda  
Strait (five miles wide at the nar-  
rows) by a British carrier task  
force en route from Singapore to  
Christmas Island, now say they are  
closing the strait--written permis-  
sion to be required for passage.

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3. Cyprus

a. But for one brief clash  
near Nicosia yesterday, the island  
is relatively quiet.

b. The blockade may be easing.

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h. Searching for some release from the pressures, Athens now is airing a formula calling for a Greek-Turkish exchange of pledges in NATO, with Turkey disclaiming any intention to intervene without clear provocation by the Greek Cypriots.

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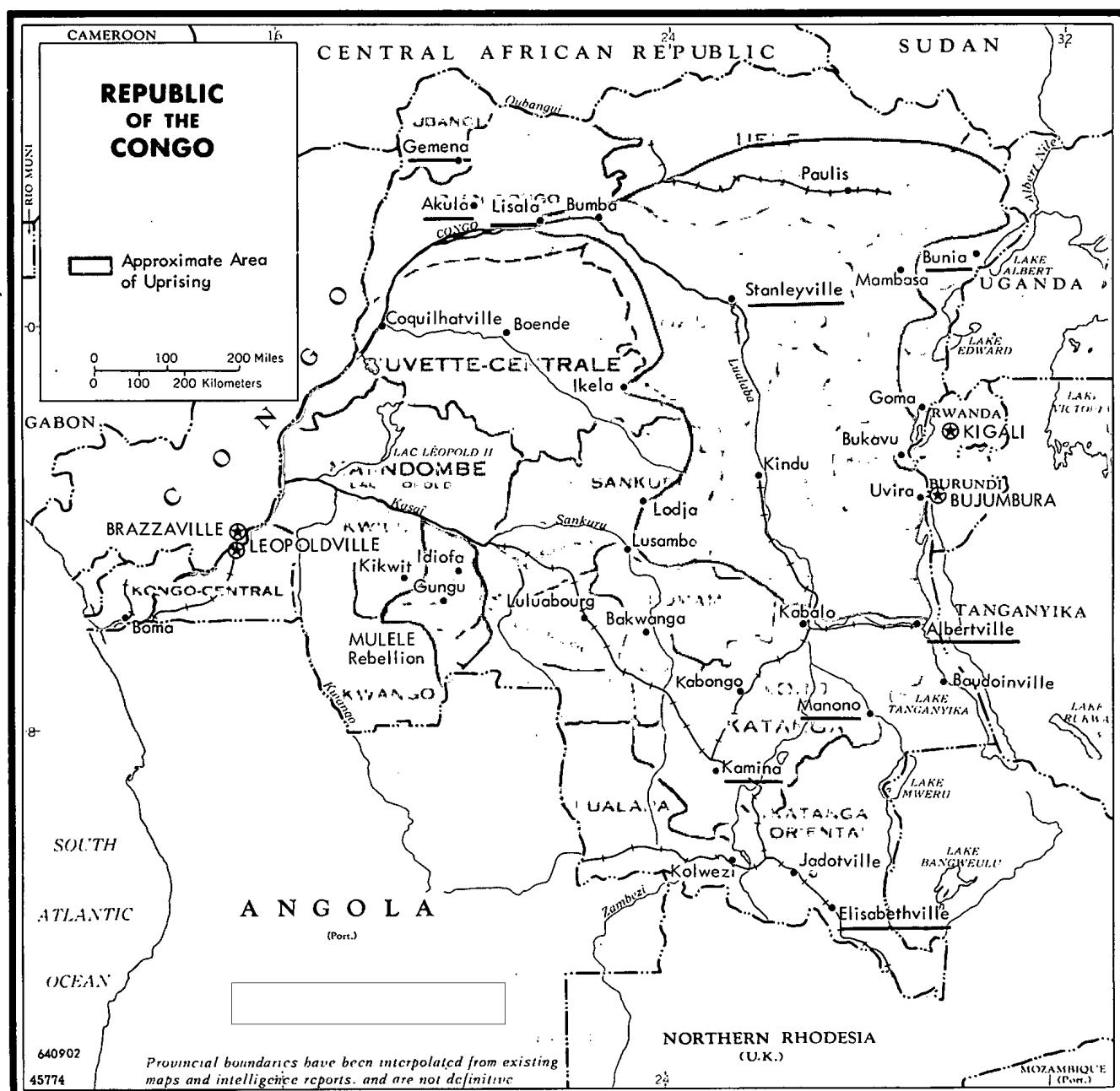
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4. Congo

a. The military pattern is unchanged.

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b. Katanga has been all but cleared of rebels with the recapture of Manono--essentially by Belgians, despite Congolese claims. But the rebels continue to make gains in the north and northeast, and there are no good government troops available to resist them.

c. Rebel leaders appear to be gathering in Stanleyville. Gaston Soumialot, eastern CNL head, arrived during the weekend, and CNL leader Christophe Gbenye, who has disappeared from Bujumbura (in Burundi), is presumed en route.

d. We would not be surprised by some announcement of a dissident government claiming legal status, timed for the 5 September OAU session.

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e. Tshombé's request to delay the OAU session until 17 September, primarily and optimistically to provide time for more military victories, appears to be getting nowhere and to have served only to irritate moderate African leaders.

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[redacted] Tshombé was expected  
to visit Nkrumah in Ghana today.  
Nkrumah, who has been sending aid  
to the rebels, now hopes to talk  
Tshombé into elections held under  
OAU auspices.

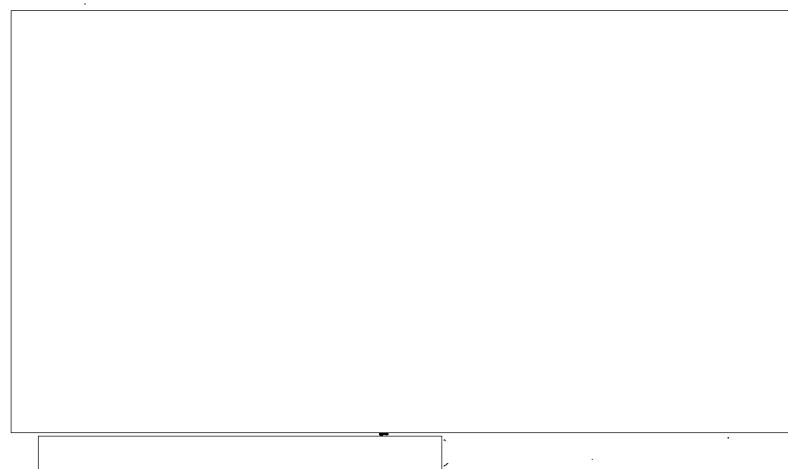
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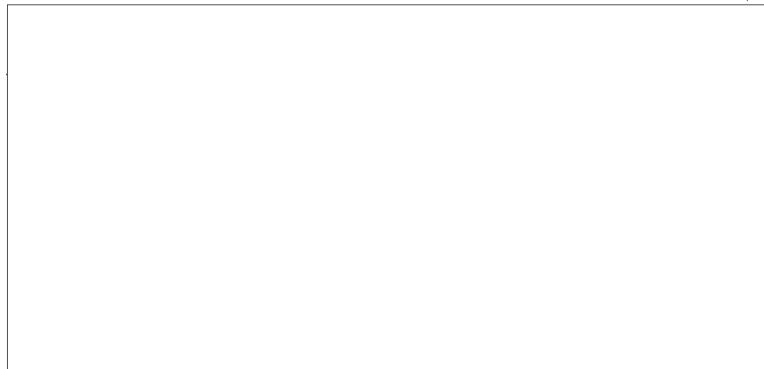


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6. Haiti

a. The government's campaign against the rebels is going badly, and Ambassador Timmons thinks it possible that the next several days will "show trends indicating a real threat to Duvalier."



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7. Cuba

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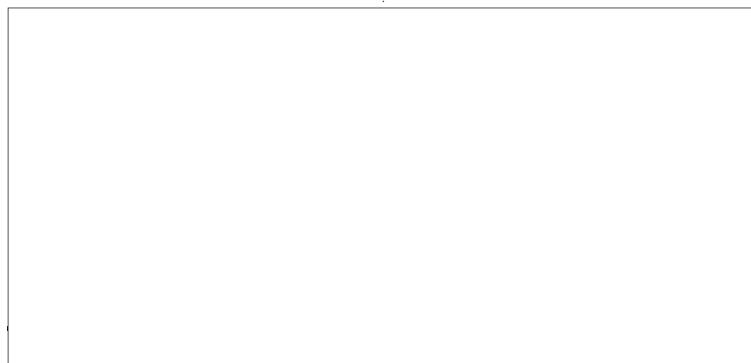
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NOTES

- A. Chile Radio Moscow, broadcasting in Spanish to Cuba, charges, among other things, that Chile "is swamped with agents of the CIA and other organizations...one has a picture of a big plot between Washington and the country's reactionary forces against Chile's democratic and patriotic forces."
- B. South Korea President Pak Chong-hui is moving to force out of business a number of influential newspapers long a thorn in the side of the government. This could spark a political dust-up, in and out of the government.

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1. South Vietnam: The situation remains unstable as Khanh has continued to maneuver to neutralize his rivals following his return from Dalat amid a flurry of anticoup preparations.

General Khiem, reportedly fed up with Buddhist pressures, has submitted his resignation as defense minister and member of the governing triumvirate. Khanh told Ambassador Taylor that he has the "resignations" of all the military members of the government, but does not yet know which ones to accept.

Khanh told Taylor he intends to make a number of changes in his current interim government, generally toward giving it a "civilian aspect." At a press conference on 4 September, he outlined ambitious plans to turn over the government to the civilians in two months. He envisaged a presidential form, with separate legislative, executive and judicial arms.

How long this plan will survive remains to be seen. Before Khanh's return from Dalat, Ambassador Taylor warned that "we should not delude ourselves that we can put together any combination of personalities which will add up to a really effective government in the foreseeable future."

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Some Dai Viet military officers whom Khanh apparently intends to replace have indicated they may leave Vietnam; they accuse Khanh of giving way to unreasonable Buddhist demands. Other officers cooperating with Khanh also think that the demands of the Buddhists pose a serious problem. Khanh's move on 3 September--when threatened by a Buddhist hunger strike--to assure the release of all those arrested in the recent Saigon rioting undoubtedly has increased this concern. [redacted]

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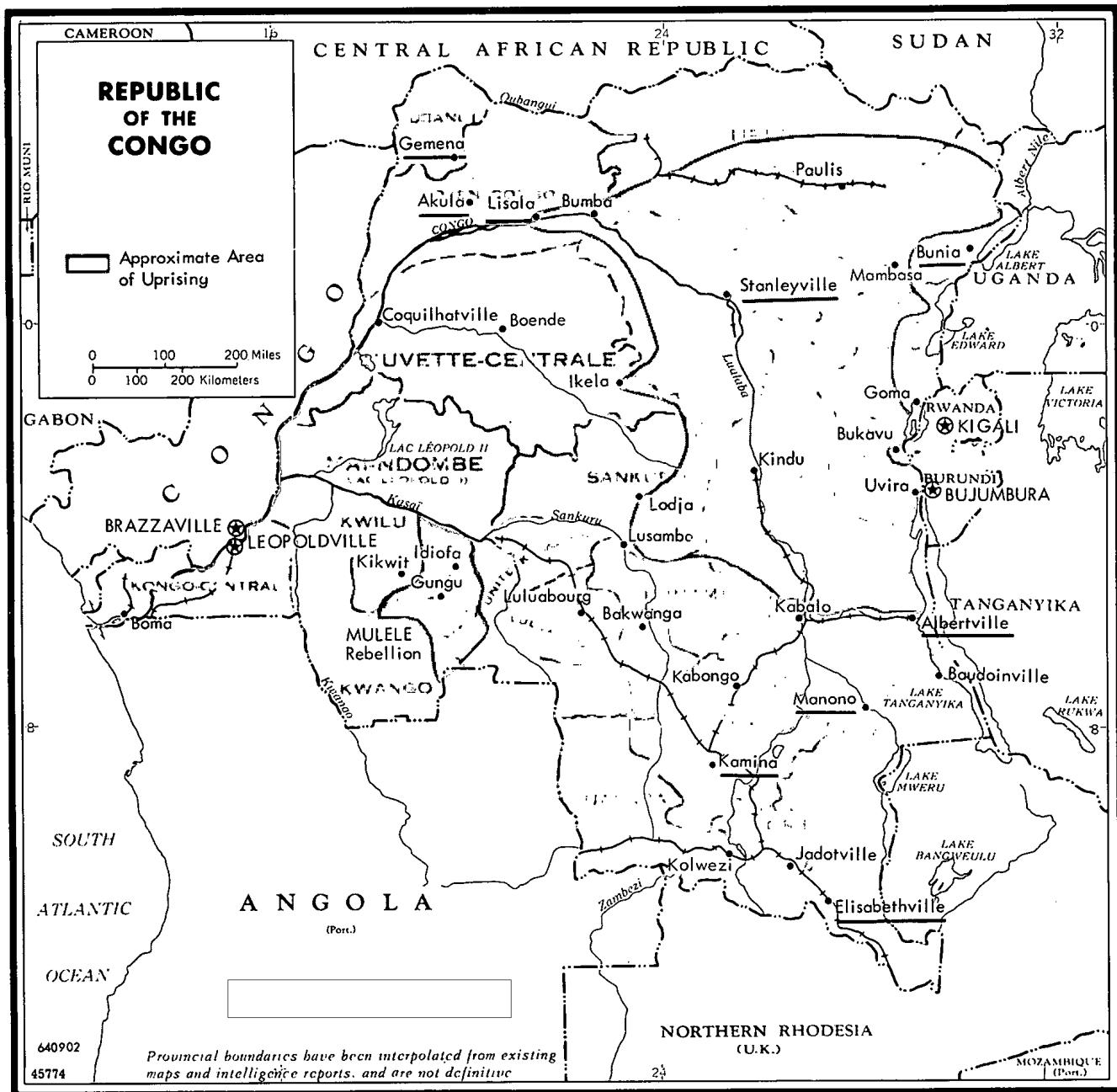
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So far, government military operations have continued at an average pace, and the Viet Cong have not yet stepped up their activity. We cannot be sure, however, how long the Viet Cong will hold off.

2. Congo: There has been no significant improvement in the security picture.

Katanga has been all but cleared of rebels. But the rebels continue to make gains in the north and northeast, and there are no good government troops available to resist them. Coquilhatville, the last major town upriver from Leopoldville, is now threatened by rebels last reported only 100 miles to the northeast. All Americans have been evacuated.

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Leopoldville is quiet. Some 13,000 Brazavillians, Burundis and Malians have been deported.

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rebel "General" Olenga said he was holding Stanleyville's white population as hostages against air raids. He also reneged on his earlier promise to allow a Red Cross plane in on a humanitarian flight.

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Rebel leaders appear to be gathering in Stanleyville, and we have been half-looking for some announcement of a dissident government claiming legal status.

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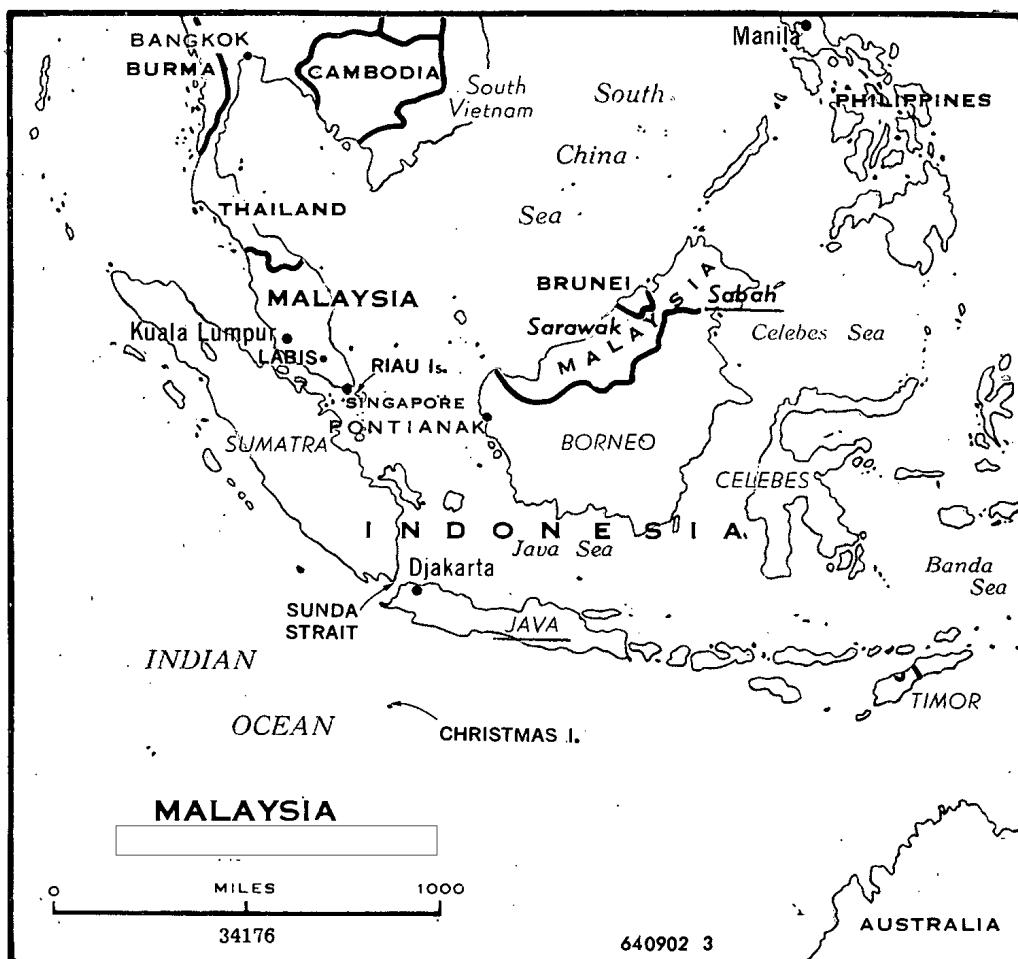
It now looks as though Tshombé will attend the OAU emergency session which begins 5 September in Addis Ababa. President Kasa-vubu apparently is not going, despite numerous appeals--including one from Haile Selassie.

Tshombé's stock among the Africans has been going down, even among some of the moderates. It has been further undercut by the publicity about his white mercenaries and by his abortive attempt to get the OAU session delayed. The Guinean delegation may even try to have Tshombé barred from the session.

There is a still wide range of views among Africans on how the OAU should handle the problem.

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3. Indonesia-Malaysia-UK: A major crisis may be developing over Indonesia's latest move against Malaysia.

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Malaysia has asked for a UN Security Council session.

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The Indonesians, irked by the 29 August transit of Sunda Strait by a British carrier task force en route from Singapore to Christmas Island, have said they are closing the strait --written permission to be required for passage. The director of [Redacted]

try it again the Indonesians will use TU-16 medium bombers to stop them.

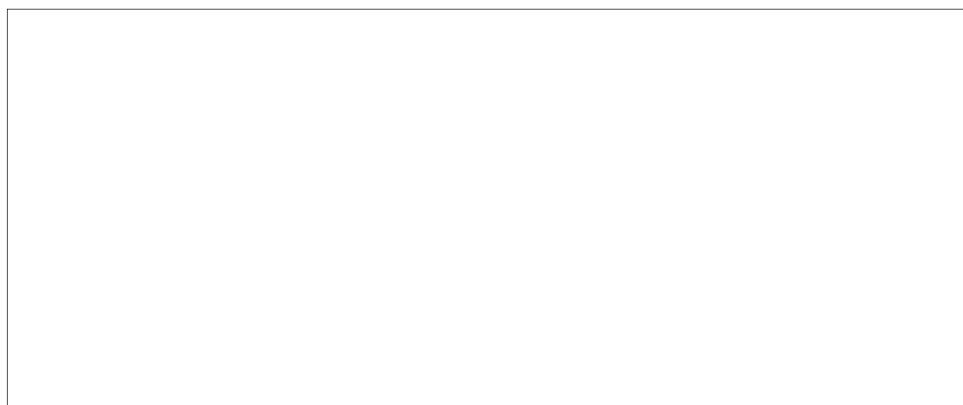
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Meanwhile Malaysia's problems have been further complicated by Malay-Chinese communal rioting in Singapore which broke out again on 3 September.

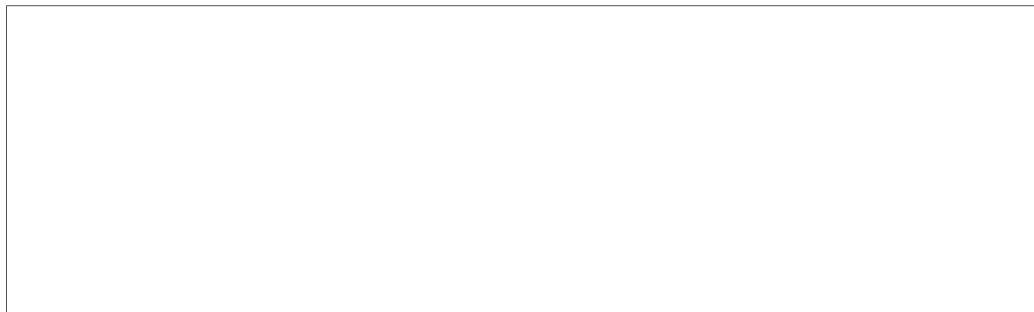
4. Cyprus: The uneasy quiet on the island continues. There have been a few shooting incidents, but the blockade of Turkish Cypriots has been somewhat eased--after early in the week pushing the Turks to the point of "explosion."

Cypriot Foreign Minister Kyprianou, as well as General Grivas, went to Athens on 4 September possibly to discuss the Turkish military rotation question, which is shelved only temporarily.

Kyprianou is also planning to go to Moscow in the next week or so. He told Ambassador Belcher that this is to make a "general survey" of the problem and of Soviet political support for the Cypriot position. The Greeks think Makarios' insistence on this trip means that the Soviets are not being too forthcoming with military assistance.

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We have heard from several quarters that Makarios now says he would agree to Turkish troop rotation, but under conditions which probably still would not be acceptable to Ankara. At any rate, however, he would appear to be easing somewhat off his adamant stand.

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[redacted] Athens is searching for some release from the pressures. It has aired one formula calling for a Greek-Turkish exchange of pledges in NATO, with Turkey disclaiming any intention to intervene without clear provocation by the Greek Cypriots.

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5. North Vietnam: Defensive fences are still being shored up.



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On 1 September Hanoi laid claim to a 12-mile limit for its territorial waters. However, it did not say whether the line would include offshore islands, one of which is 60 miles out. Hanoi warned that violators of these waters would be "smashed."

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6. Berlin: A new agreement permitting West Berliners to visit relatives in East Berlin may be signed soon.

West Berlin and East German negotiators appear to have come to terms on most points. The accord will probably be for one year and can be extended. It will specify four holiday periods when passes will be issued, with passes available throughout the year for compassionate cases.

The agreement will not affect the ban on East Germans visiting West Berlin.

7. Communist Agriculture: In the USSR, with about half the planted acreage harvested, this year's crop of small grains (wheat, rye, oats, and barley) looked in mid-August like the best since the record crop of 1958.

The main Soviet concern is to cut the loss between field and barn, always a problem, and complicated this year by compressed harvesting schedules.

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Moscow apparently does not intend to negotiate a wheat deal this year with Ottawa. The final shipment of wheat from Canada to Cuba on Soviet account has been made, and beginning this month, Soviet wheat for Cuba will come from Black Sea ports.

In the East European satellites, growing conditions pointed to another mediocre crop. Satellite import needs may therefore increase over last year. Most of this will still have to come from the West.

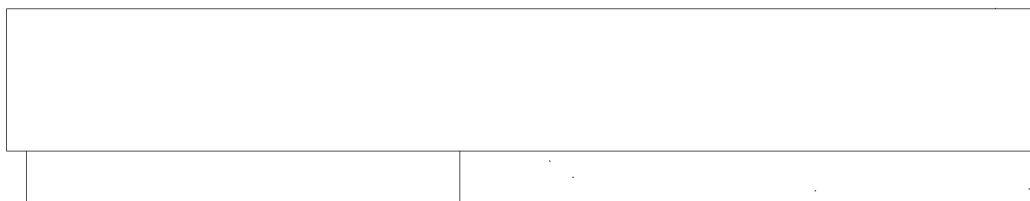
In Communist China, the early grain crop topped the very poor 1963 crop. The outlook on the more important late crop is good, but Chinese imports continue to be scheduled at very near last year's levels.

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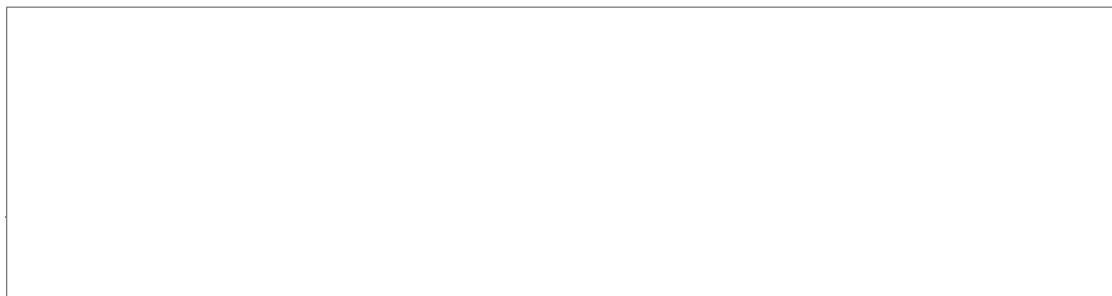
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9. Cuba: The Uruguayan National Council of Government is putting off consideration of relations with Cuba until next week. However, a majority is reported to favor severing relations. Opinion in the Council is said to have fastened on either unconditional severance or a face-saving "interruption" of relations, pending consideration of OAS sanctions by the International Court of Justice.



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10. Haiti: The government's campaign against the rebels has continued to go badly. Shooting incidents along the Haiti-Dominican border have contributed to the edginess in both Port-au-Prince and Santo Domingo.

11.       South Korea: President Pak Chong-hui is moving to force out of business a number of influential newspapers long a thorn in the side of the government. This could bring political trouble, in and out of the government.

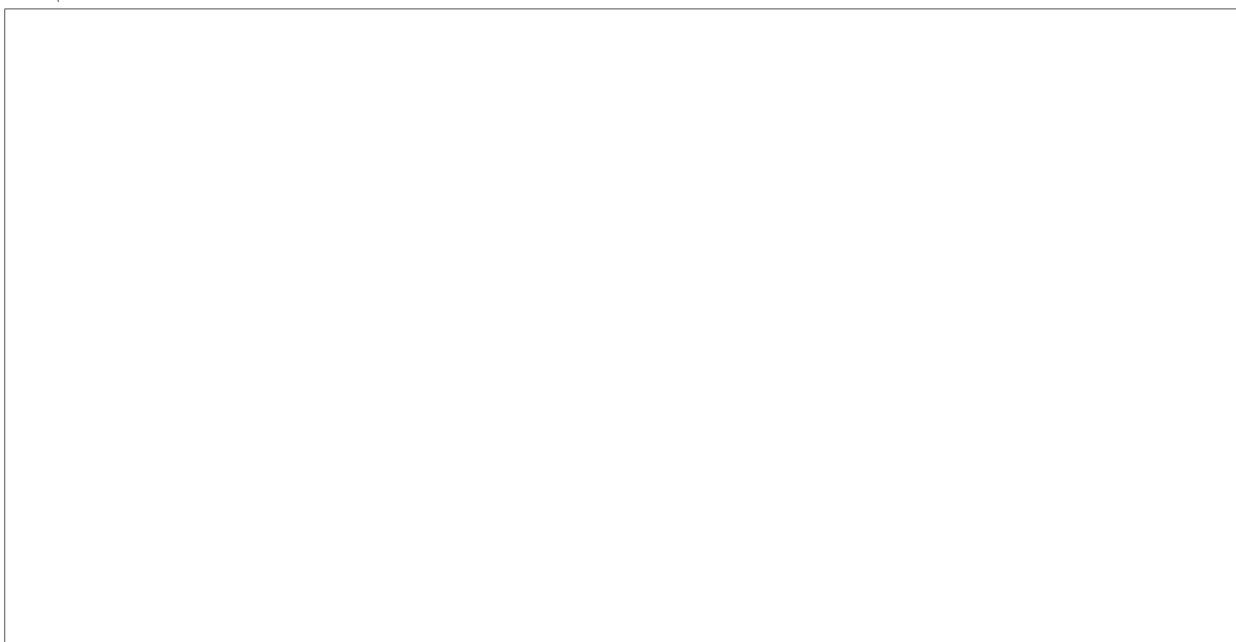
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1. Indonesia-  
Malaysia-UK

a. A major crisis may be developing over Indonesia's latest move against Malaysia.

b. Of the 30-odd infiltrators air dropped on the Malay Peninsula last Tuesday, seven have been killed and five captured by security forces.

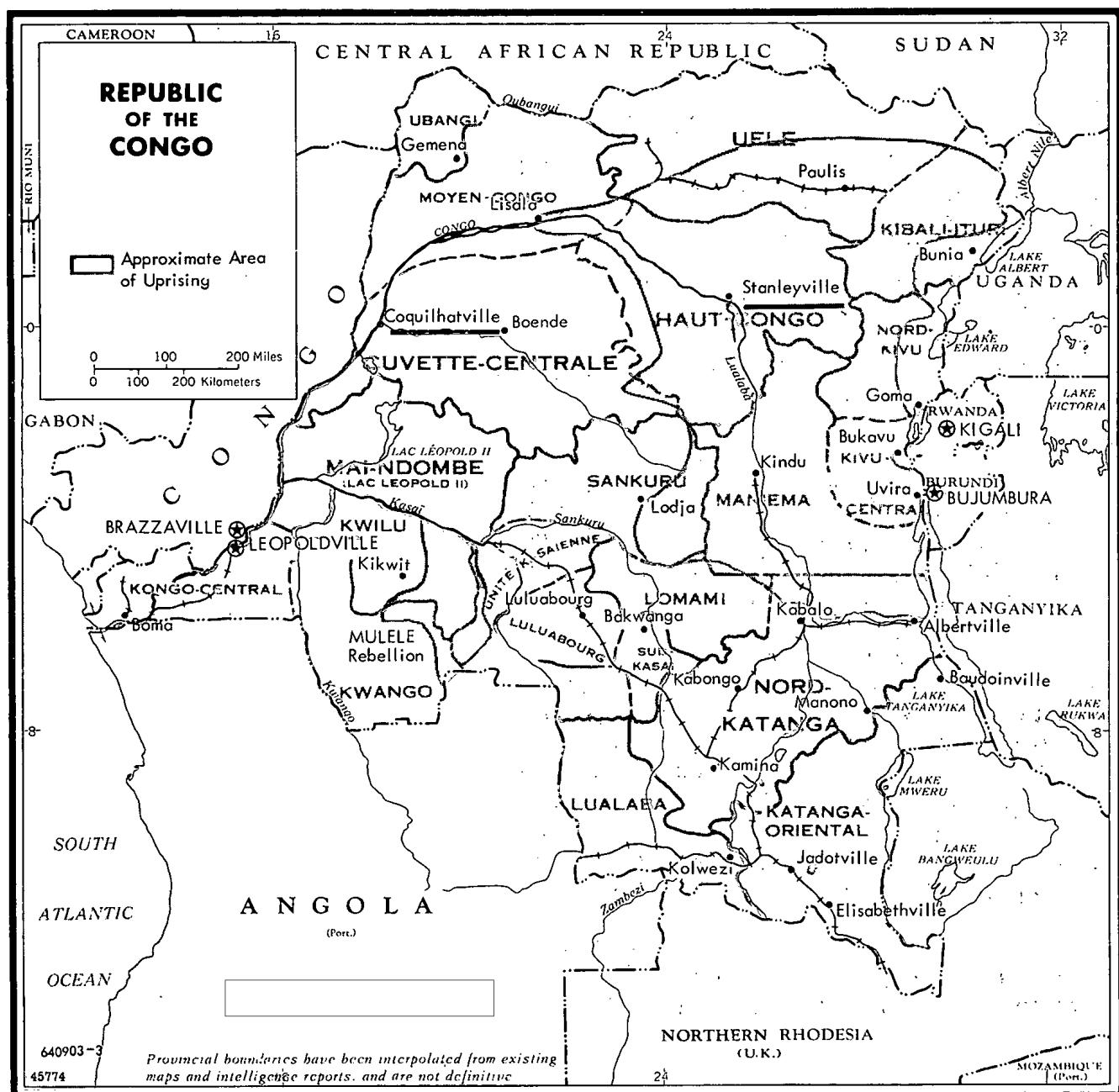
c. Indonesia denies being involved

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d. All Indonesia military and civil service leaves have been canceled and an alert is in effect. Our embassy in Djakarta thinks this is mainly in anticipation of a return of the British carrier task force through Sunda Strait and that it does not indicate a more general attack against Malaysia.

e. The British told our embassy in London that they intend to return the carrier through the Strait on 12 September. They say that the UK, US and Australia must stand together on the right of free passage through the Strait.

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2. Congo

- a. There has been no significant improvement in the security picture.
- b. In a message to the UN, rebel "General" Olenga said he was holding Stanleyville's white population as hostages against air raids on the city. He also reneged on his earlier promise to allow a Red Cross plane in on a humanitarian flight, adding that he would shoot at any approaching aircraft.
- c. In the opinion of our Leopoldville Embassy, however, the announced membership of the latest rebel regime in Stanleyville holds out hope for the safety of foreigners in the city.
- d. It now looks as though Tshombé will attend the OAU emergency session which begins tomorrow in Addis Ababa. He may stop off in Ghana for a talk with Nkrumah.
- e. The Guinean delegation may try to have Tshombé barred from the session.

3. South Vietnam

a. The situation remains unstable as Khanh maneuvers to neutralize his rivals.

b. General Khiem has blasted Khanh for capitulating to the Buddhists and has submitted his resignation as defense minister and member of the governing triumvirate. Khanh told Ambassador Taylor that he has not decided whether to accept the resignation since Khiem is very useful to him.

c. Khanh told Taylor he intends to make a number of changes in his current interim government, generally toward giving it a "civilian aspect."

d. Some Dai Viet military officers who Khanh apparently intends to replace have indicated they may leave Vietnam. They accuse Khanh of giving way to unreasonable Buddhist demands.

e. Some officers cooperating with Khanh also think that the demands of the Buddhists pose a serious problem. Khanh's move yesterday--when threatened by a Buddhist hunger strike--to assure the release of all those arrested in the recent Saigon rioting undoubtedly has increased this concern.

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f. General Minh and Vice Premier Oanh were apparently ineffective in their efforts in Hué yesterday to temper antagonisms toward Saigon. Influential extremists there continue to call for an elected civilian government.

4. Cyprus

a. The uneasy quiet on the island continues.

b. Cypriot Foreign Minister Kyprianou is going to Athens today for more talks with Greek officials, possibly to discuss the Turkish military rotation question.

c. Kyprianou is also planning to go to Moscow in the next week or so. He told Ambassador Belcher that the purpose of this trip is to make a "general survey" of the problem and of Soviet political support for the Cypriot position.

d. In Turkey, an extraordinary session of the National Assembly began yesterday. Inonu, probably concerned over Greece's ability to control Makarios, told the assembly that Greek backing of Makarios is leading toward war between Greece and Turkey.

5. Berlin

a. A new agreement permitting West Berliners to visit relatives in East Berlin may be signed soon.

b. West Berlin and East German negotiators appear to have come to terms on most points. The accord will probably be for one year and can be extended. It will specify four holiday periods when passes will be issued.

c. Passes will be available throughout the year for compassionate cases such as illness, deaths, and marriages.

d. The agreement will not affect the ban on East Germans visiting West Berlin.

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- A. North Vietnam The regiment of MIG jet fighters at Phuc Yen airfield may be used soon for patrolling the southern part of North Vietnam.

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- B. Communist China - France The Chinese, who bought \$75 million worth of western industrial equipment in the past year, are still in the market for more. They are dickering in France for an aluminum plant complete with operating technicians and for a synthetic fiber factory.

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- C. USSR-Canada-Cuba The final shipment of wheat from Canada to Cuba on Soviet account has been made. Beginning this month Soviet wheat for Cuba will come from Black Sea ports. Since it is cheaper to supply Cuba from Canada, we regard this as another sign that Moscow does not intend to negotiate a wheat deal again this year with Ottawa.

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D. Singapore The communal rioting which broke out again last night can be attributed at least in part to Malay racist propaganda. Local police, fearing that the tinderbox situation could quickly get out of control, are vigorously rounding up all curfew breakers.

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1. South Vietnam

a. Khanh, his goatee gone "to mark the end of a phase," says he is determined to get the army out of the government and out of politics.

b. He told Ambassador Taylor that there is a current of anti-militarism abroad in the nation which he feels he must conciliate.

c. To this end he plans to name a committee of civilians and charge them with organizing a provisional government by November. Taylor doubts that the committee will be able to meet this schedule.

d. Khanh acknowledges that there will be "much wrangling" over this among Saigon's contentious politicians and ambitious religious leaders. Indeed Khanh may be hoping to establish the need for some sort of continuing military presence by demonstrating the lack of real alternatives.

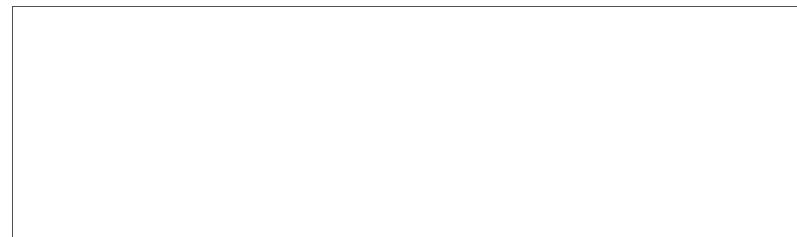
e. Viet Cong activity remains at a low ebb.

2. Cyprus

a. There are signs of a growing distrust between Greek and Greek Cypriot leaders.

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b. Makarios, we hear, has refused Papandreu's request that some lesser figure than Foreign Minister Kyprianou be sent to Moscow next week. Also, the Archbishop is still putting obstacles in the way of a normal rotation of Turkish troops on Cyprus.



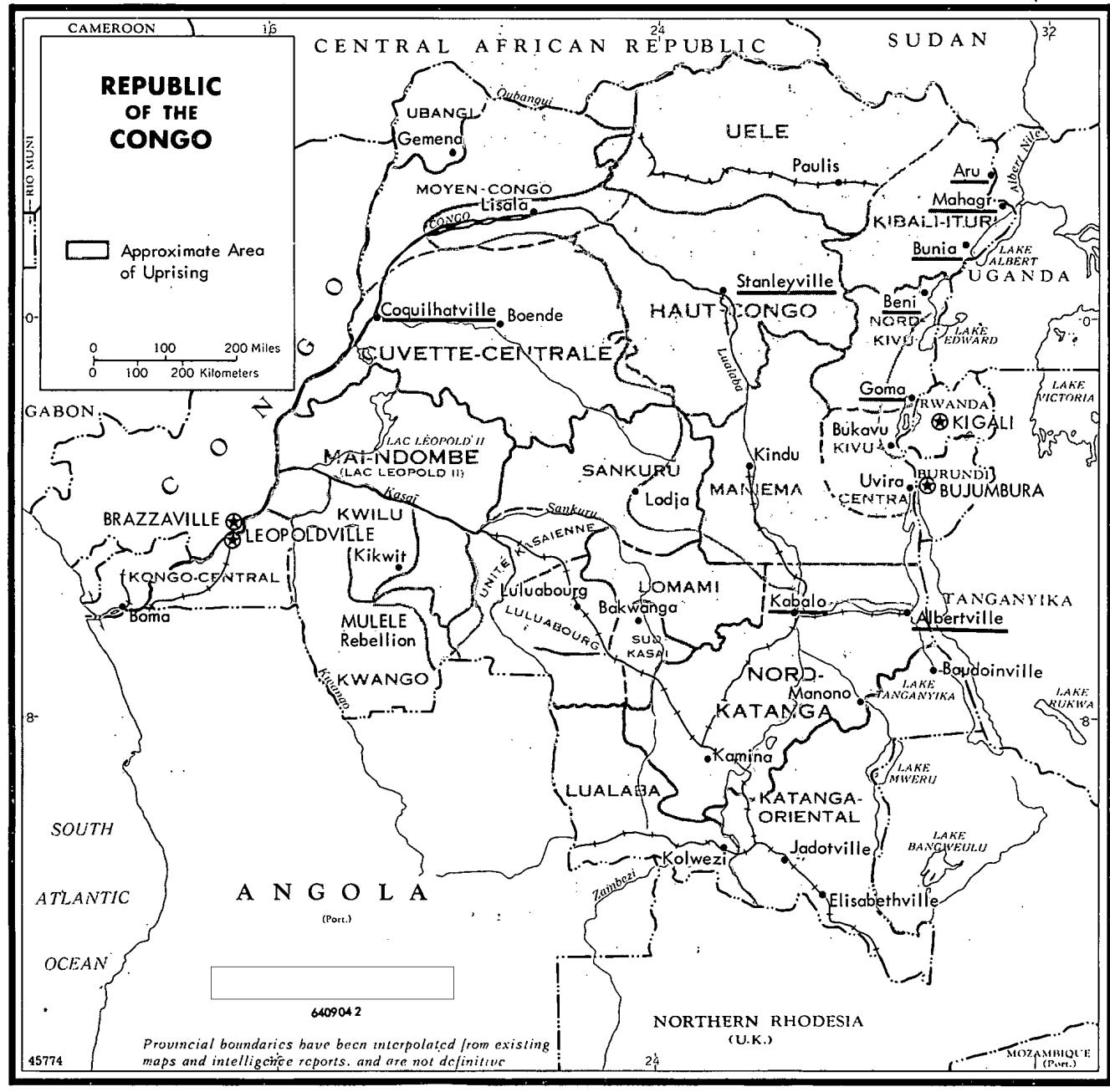
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d. King Constantine told Ambassador Labouisse that he would like to find some way to trap Makarios, whom he finds an "impossible scoundrel."

e. So far, however, Papandreu, while recognizing that he is losing face in the matter, has shown little taste for the strong measures it will take to deal with the Cypriot leader.

f. In Turkey, Inonu is apparently going to insist on a vote of confidence from the National Assembly on his handling of Cyprus. Such a vote is not likely before next Wednesday.

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g. The island is quiet. Galo Plaza, still preoccupied with "explosive possibilities" of the economic blockade of Turkish Cypriot communities, has asked the Greek side to live up to its agreement to ease off.

3. Congo

a. Tshombé continues to lose ground in the north.

b. Rebel bands, moving down the Congo River, are menacing Coquilhatville. This is the last major settlement between the rebels and Leopoldville.

c. It would not take much to stop the rebels in this area.

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d. In the northeast Bunia has been occupied. Goma with its airfield may well be next.

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f. Prior to his departure for the OAU meeting today in Addis Ababa, Tshombé, hoping to blunt the arguments of his detractors, told the press that he was sending all South African "volunteers" back home.

4. Chile

a. The latest returns (0430 this morning) from yesterday's presidential election give Frei 1,463,535 votes to 975,690 for his Communist-backed Socialist opponent, Allende.

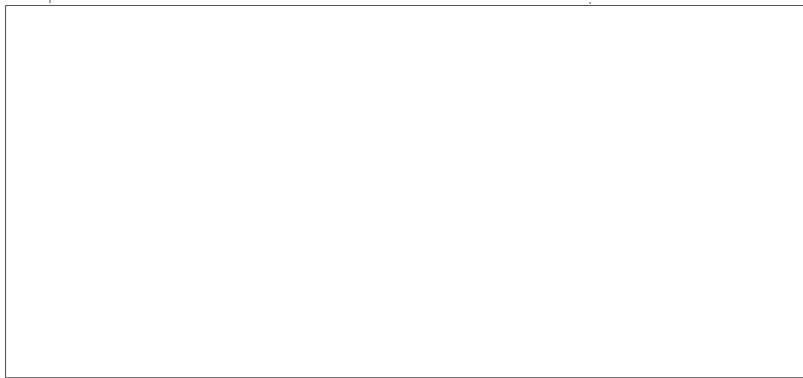
b. A Frei landslide was apparent from the early returns, and Allende conceded only four hours after the polls closed.

c. The voting was orderly and the possibilities of post-election violence have been greatly reduced by Allende's advice to his followers, "we must know how to win and lose."

5. Tanganyika-Zanzibar

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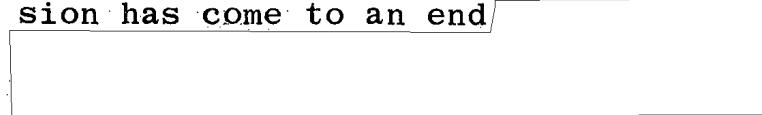


6. Arab Summit

a. The sessions open in Cairo today with Faysal in attendance. In Cairo he will have a chance to exchange views with Nasir on Yemen, but we are far from hopeful that there will be any meeting of minds.

b. As matters stand now, Nasir refuses to withdraw his forces, the mandate of the UN observer mission has come to an end

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B. Malawi (Nyasaland) Yet another new African state is in trouble. The cabinet of pro-western Prime Minister Banda is in virtual revolt against his high-handed methods, [redacted]

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His fall might lead to an exodus of British civil servants and a consequent breakdown in administration, as well as to greater opportunities for meddling by Bloc interests.

C. Uruguay-Cuba Uruguay has put off a decision on whether to break relations with Cuba until next week. It is not certain how the vote in Montevideo's National Council may go, but Mexico is already talking as if it were standing alone on the issue.

D. Singapore There was further rioting today when the authorities lifted the overnight curfew to permit shopping. Nine persons have been killed so far in the outbursts which began yesterday.

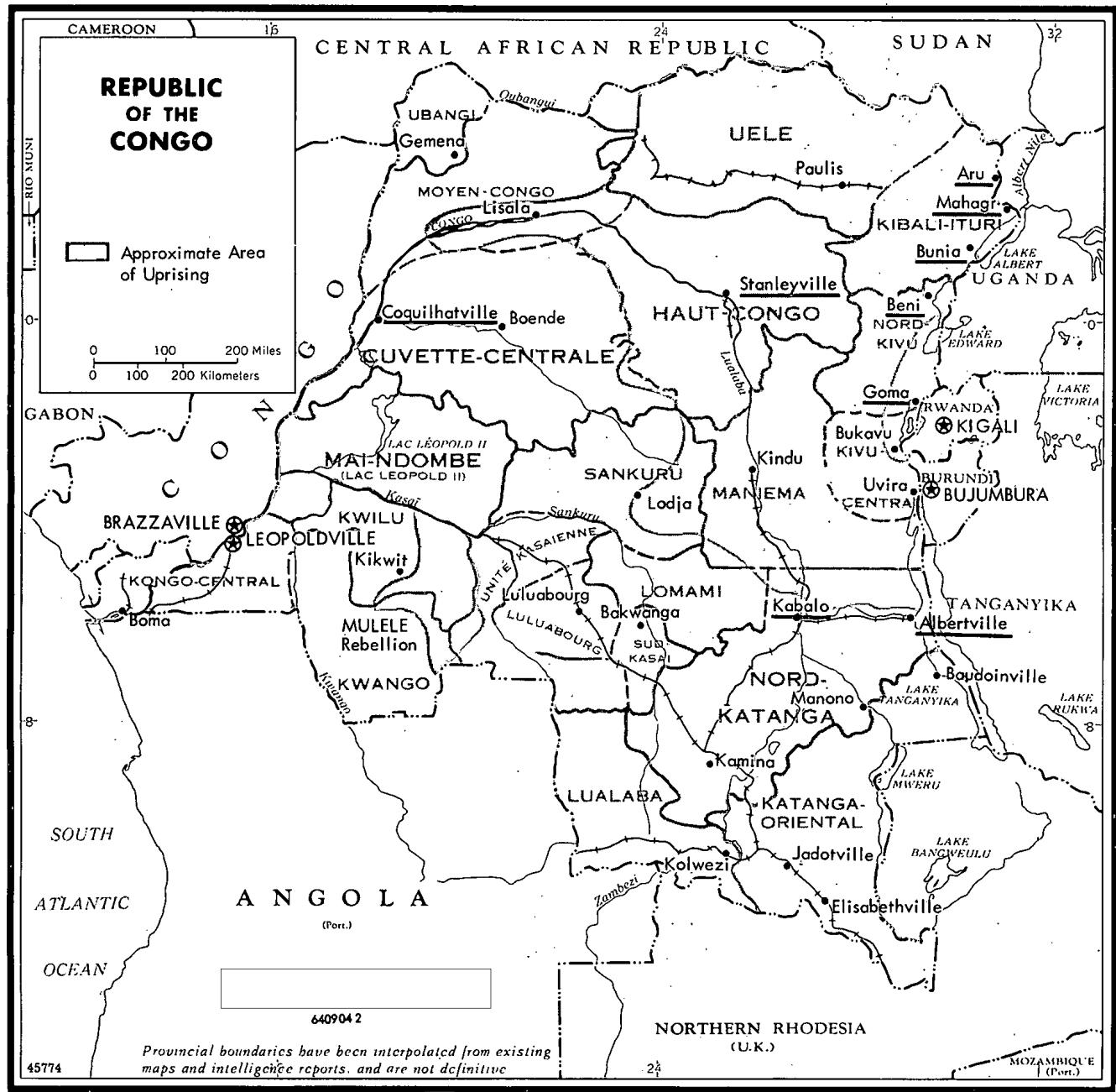
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1. Congo

a. As expected, the rebels yesterday announced the formation of a "Congo peoples' republic."

b. We see this more as a bid for attention from the current OAU session than as a sign that the disjointed rebels have finally found unity.

c. As a matter of fact the omission of key left wing figures like Gizenga and "General" Olenga is likely to cause new friction.

d. Nevertheless, Olenga's rebel groups continue their virtually unopposed move across the northern provinces. They have taken Boende and now menace Coquilhatville, the last major settlement between the rebels and Leopoldville.

e. The government's counter efforts are slow to take shape

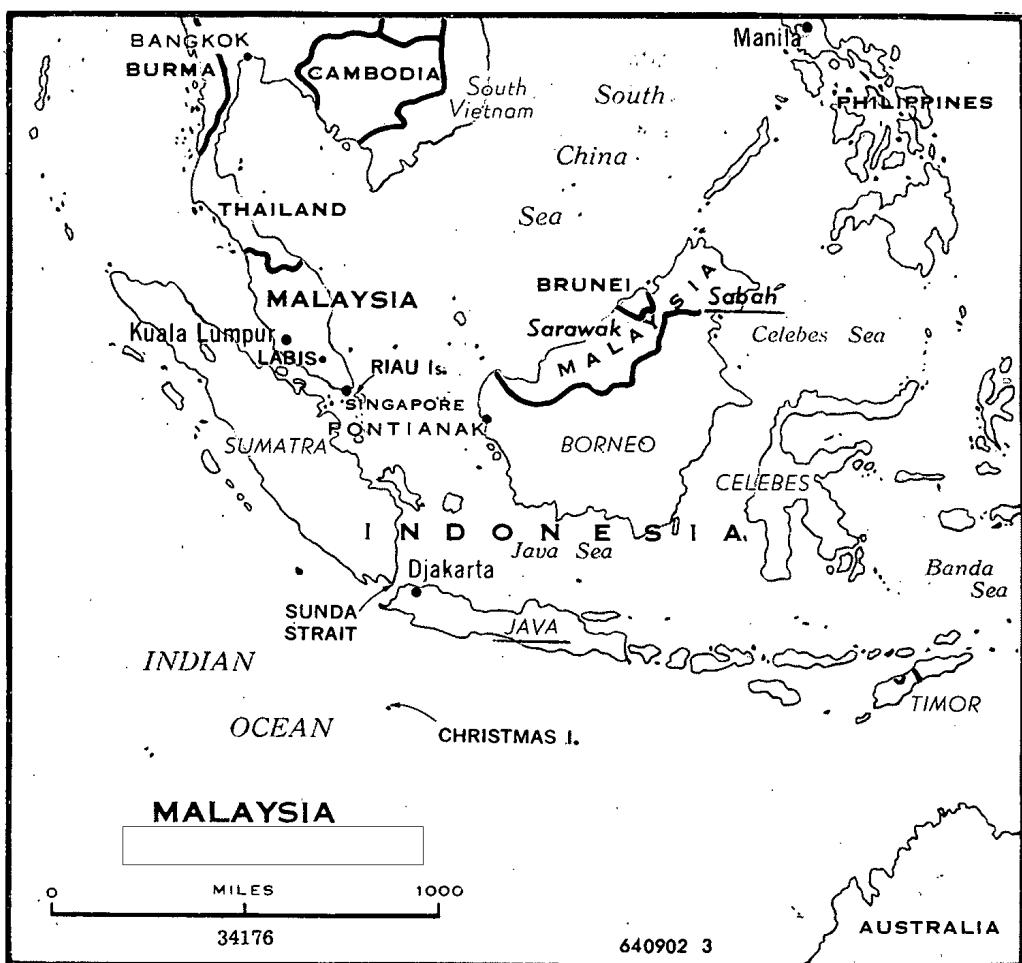
However, as far as we know, no reinforcements have been sent despite the report that members of the Coquilhatville garrison are already shedding uniforms.

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f. So far Tshombé has performed well at the OAU meeting, especially on the inflammatory mercenary issue.

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2. Indonesia-Malaysia

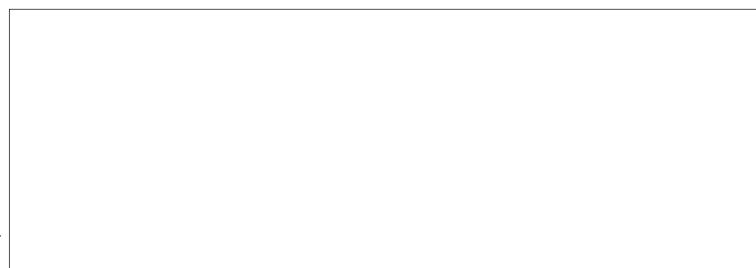
a. Still smarting from the passage of a British naval task force through the Sunda Strait, the Indonesians charge that a US naval group went through on Friday, thus flaunting the Indonesian orders which seek to control passage through the strait.

b. We have told them that no US naval vessels were in the vicinity.

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d. Malaysia's complaint about the airdropping of Indonesian guerrillas goes to the Security Council this week.

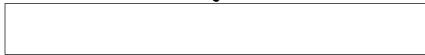
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f. Meanwhile, the riots in Singapore continued over the weekend. Unlike the July outbursts, the present riots are not a completely communal affair. Also the rioters are better organized and using more sophisticated tactics.

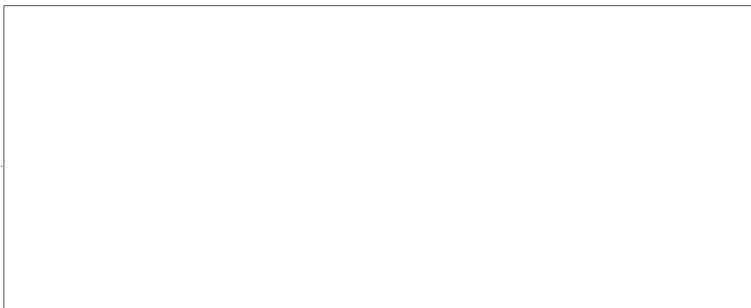
g. All of this seems to bear out charges from Kuala Lumpur and Singapore that the riots are being fomented by the Indonesians.



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### 3. South Vietnam

a. Events over the weekend have done little to clarify the muddy situation.



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d. He still has not acted on  
the resignations of key military  
figures



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e. Khanh says he has decided  
to butter up "Big" Minh by making  
him chief of the now largely mean-  
ingless triumvirate. Khanh is also  
trying to butter up the Buddhists,  
whose support he believes is indis-  
pensable.

f. He has gone so far as to  
halt the arrest of Viet Cong sus-  
pects at the request of the Bud-  
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g. So far the Viet Cong has  
made no visible moves to take  
advantage of the confusion in gov-  
ernment ranks.

4. Cyprus

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it does look like Papandreu, who sees his reputation slipping as a result of Makarios' rebuffs, may be finally beginning to take a stronger line with the archbishop.

b. The Greek premier has spoken sharply of the way the Cypriot leader has handled the Turkish troop rotation issue. The Greeks now feel they have his beatitude's assent for the rotation under UN supervision.

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All of this will probably give the wily archbishop pause, but it remains to be seen how it will affect his actions.

e. The most immediate threat to the general quiet on the island itself is still the economic harassment of the Turkish Cypriots. There seems to be general agreement that this should end, but there is the usual difficulty of making orders stick with hotheads in the local Greek Cypriot forces.

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f. In addition, there does seem to be some reluctance on the Turkish side to drop this particular hair shirt.

g. In Turkey, Inonu is insisting on a vote of confidence from the National Assembly. It could come later in the week.

5. Laos

a. The talks in Paris between Souvanna Phouma and Pathet Lao chief Souphanouvong are getting nowhere. Both sides are already thinking about how to break them off most advantageously.

b. An early end would dismay the French, who promoted the meeting.

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c. To this end the French have been putting the pressure on Souvanna. They even brought up their big gun, De Gaulle, who tried unsuccessfully to get the Laotian premier to moderate his stand.

d. The military situation back in Laos is quiet.

6. Sino-Soviet  
Dispute

- a. The USSR, which has lately been charging the Chinese Communists with designs on Soviet territory, last month moved a tank division up to the border in the Far East.
- b. Several Soviet military exercises in this part of the USSR have in the past emphasized defense against Chinese attack.
- c. We doubt that the Soviets are really worried, but the move does serve as a caution to the Chinese that the formidable Soviet military power is at the ready.

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- A. Yugoslavia Tito's schedule is getting crowded. It now calls for talks before the month is out with Kadar, Gheorgiu-Dej, Ulbricht and Novotny. We incline to connect this flurry of activity with Khrushchev's call for a December meeting of 26 Communist parties and presume that Tito will be urging caution in dealing with the thorny China issue.
- B. India The Kerala state government faces a vote of confidence today. If it falls, as seems likely from the split in Congress Party ranks, Shastri will probably follow Nehru's example and declare "president's rule" to keep the state machinery out of the Communists' clutches.
- C. Haiti Duvalier's armed forces, already inhibited by poor leadership and low morale, are being hampered by a lack of ammunition. We hear that supplies are so low that old lots, some dating back to 1942, are now being issued.
- D. Chile With all but a few isolated precincts reported, Frei has a smashing 56.1% of the vote. The country has been quiet in the aftermath with no disorders reported.

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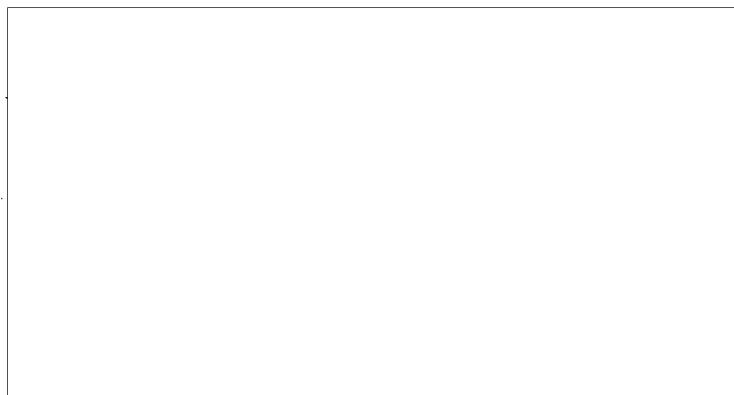
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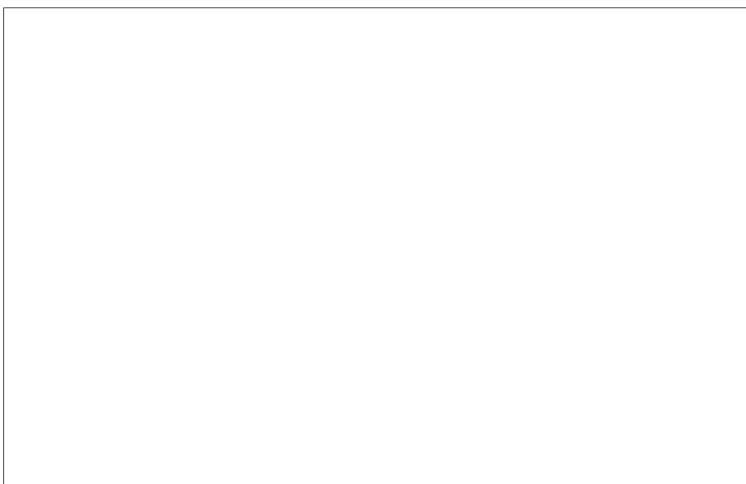
1. South Vietnam

a. As forecast by Khanh,  
"Big" Minh has now been named  
chairman of the triumvirate.



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d. The Cambodian border  
boiled up again over the weekend,  
and both Saigon and Phnom Penh  
can be expected to exploit it.



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2. Communist China -  
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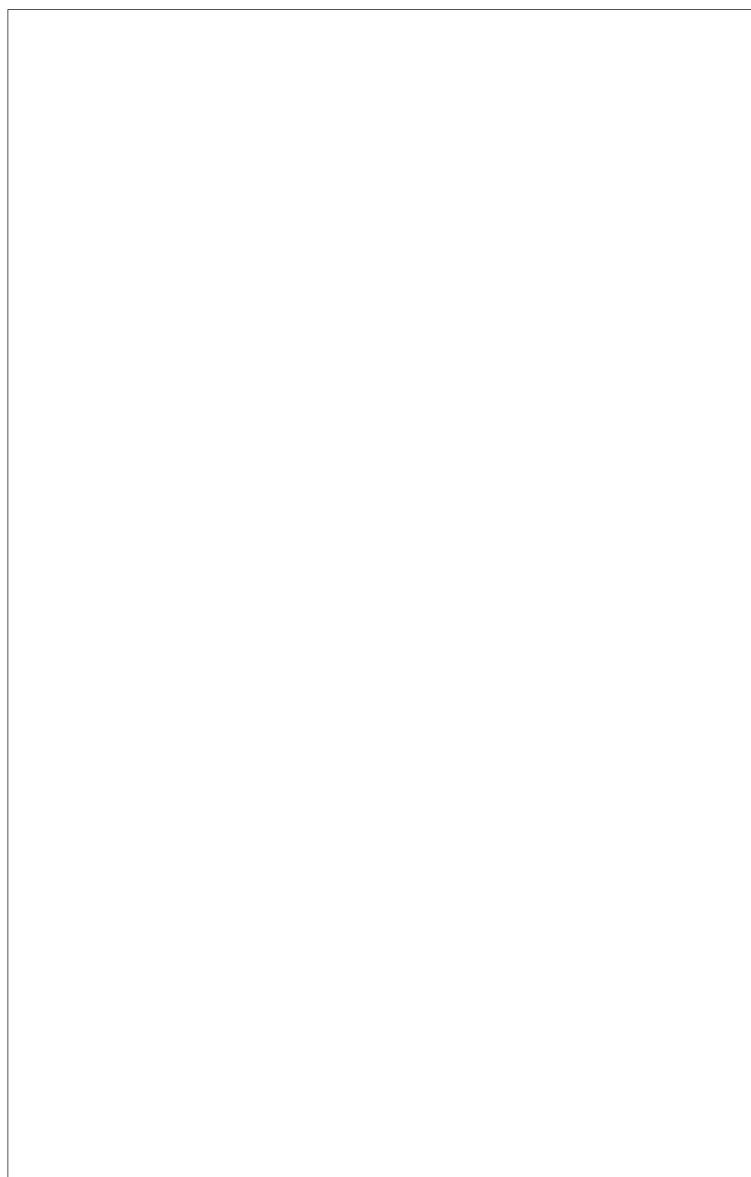
3. Indonesia-  
Malaysia

a. Yesterday a crowd of Djakarta airport workers--possibly with the collusion of police--prevented the servicing of a Panam plane, which was forced to return to Singapore.

b. This followed by one day Foreign Minister Subandrio's promise to US Chargé Galbraith--made in the presence of Sukarno--that he would arrange for the Panam plane to come in.

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4. Congo

a. There has been little change in the military situation.

b. Rebels still threaten Coquilhatville. Since the Congo River itself is the most direct avenue for any further advance toward Leopoldville--430 miles down-river--plans are now being considered for removing from Coquilhatville all boats useful to the rebels.

c. The OAU session in Addis Ababa yesterday still had not settled down to a hard search for ways and means, although many have been proposed. Some form of commission to investigate Congo (Leopoldville) relations with Congo (Brazzaville) and with Burundi still seems a likely result; if radical Africans get their way, the commission would also look into Congolese internal affairs.

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d. According to the press, a Tshombé recruiting agent in South Africa told mercenary recruits in Johannesburg that all flights to the Congo had been canceled "indefinitely." [redacted]

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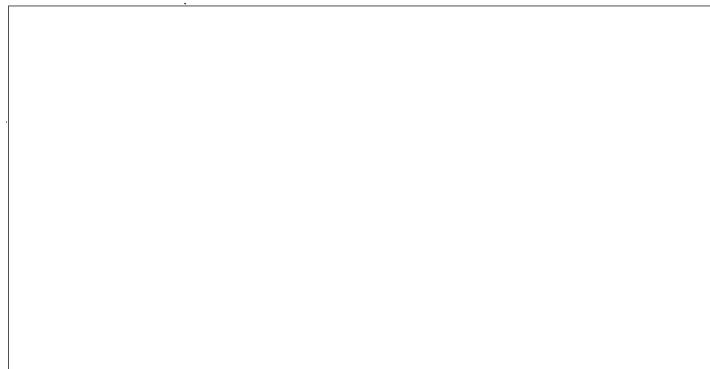
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6. Cyprus

a. There is no essential change in the situation on the island.

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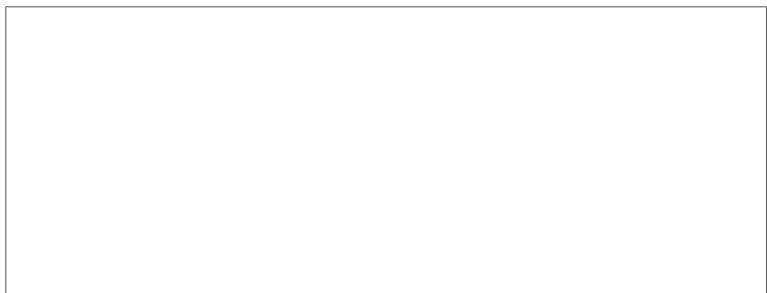
c. The Cypriot government is sending Minister of Commerce and Industry Araouzos to Moscow this week rather than Foreign Minister Kyprianou. Whether this represents a bow to Athens' request that a lesser figure make the trip to Moscow is not clear; Kyprianou is going to New York and the UN.

d. The two British military bases may become a stumbling block in negotiations. Makarios, in an interview Saturday, said the bases would have to be discussed before enosis.



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Venezuela We have a clandestine report that  
the Communists have decided on a new series  
of guerrilla and terrorist actions [redacted]

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1. South Vietnam: Khanh is moving slowly and most cautiously through the muddy political waters of Saigon.

He is trying hard, perhaps too hard, to conciliate the Buddhists, whose support he feels he must have. For example, he is, at Buddhist request, holding up on the arrest of Viet Cong suspects.

He is also moving to get the army out of politics, or at least so he says.

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Khanh has also decided to butter up "Big Minh" by making him chief of the triumvirate. As such his powers will be limited, but he will be largely responsible for setting up the committee which is to select the November 1 provisional government.

Khanh has not yet formally accepted the resignations of any of his leading military associates. One of the thorniest to deal with will be Defense Minister Khiem, especially since Khanh intends to become his own defense minister.

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Khanh must be wary lest Khiem or another disgruntled officer spark a coup.

So far the Viet Cong has made no visible moves to take advantage of the situation. [redacted]

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2. Indonesia-Malaysia: An air of imminent crisis still hangs over the area.

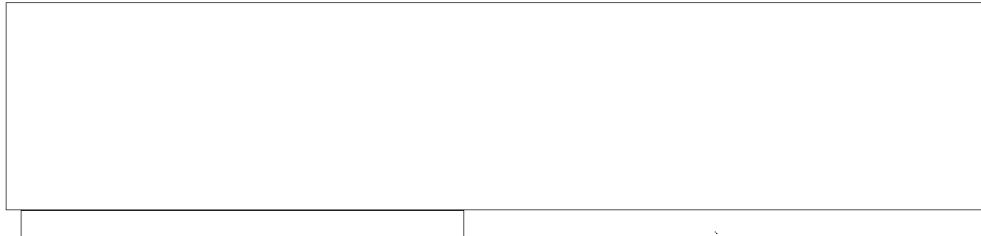
Malaysia's complaint about the Indonesian airdrop goes before the Security Council Wednesday. There are good indications that Indonesia does not intend to deny the fact but will justify it on the grounds that only "volunteers" were involved and that Indonesia was only responding in kind.

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Indonesian charges this weekend that a US naval force passed through the Sunda Strait were probably intended to serve as a pretext for new anti-American moves. The charges were leaked to the press despite our very specific denial.

Anti-Americanism is already on the rise in Indonesia. On Monday Djakarta airport workers prevented the servicing of a Panam plane, despite government approval of the flight.



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3. Congo: Rebel bands continue their virtually unopposed sweep across the north.

They are moving on Coquilhatville from both the north and the east. [redacted]

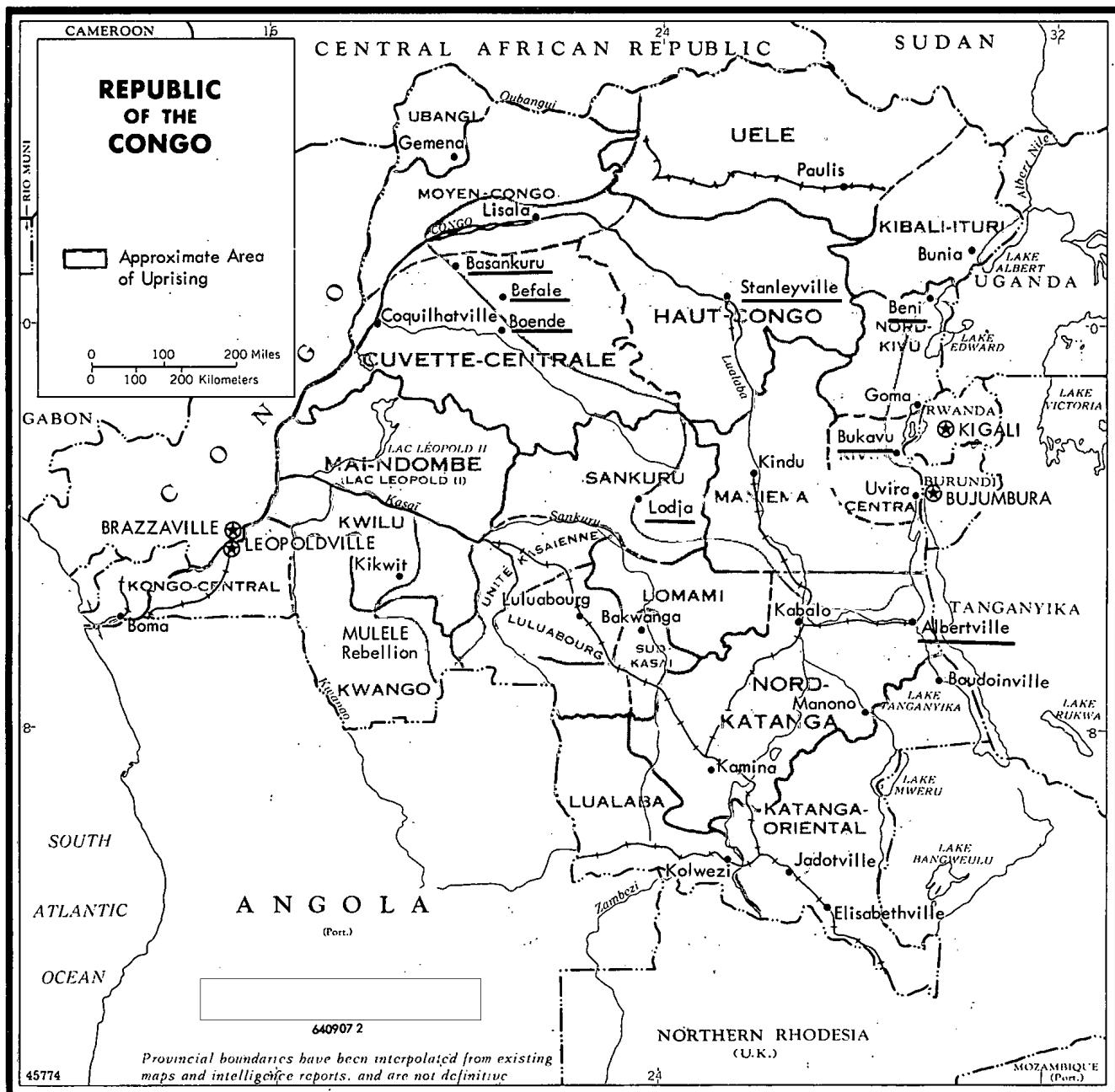
[redacted] the local garrison, true to Congolese army form, is already shedding uniforms.

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There are no reliable troops between Coquilhatville and Leopoldville, 430 miles downriver.

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The rebels in Stanleyville say they have set up a "Congo peoples' republic." We see this more as a bid for attention from the current OAU meeting than a sign that they have finally found unity.

Indeed the omission of certain key leftists from the new regime's roster is apt to cause new frictions. Many on the list are viewed with great suspicion by other rebels.

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The OAU meeting in Addis Ababa is in its critical final phase. Although Tshombé has acquitted himself well, the outcome is still in doubt. The radical African states, which would like to see the rebels gain status, have been dominating the proceedings thus far.

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4. Cyprus: The Greek leaders, smarting a bit at the treatment they have been getting from Makarios, are beginning to take a stronger line with the Cypriot chieftain.

For one thing, Papandreou has criticized the Archbishop's handling of the incendiary Turkish troop rotation problem. The Greeks now think they have Makarios' agreement to permit the rotation under UN supervision.

The Greeks have also warned Makarios that they will make a public show of disapproval of any agreement the Greek Cypriots may make in Moscow later in the week.

It remains to be seen how the wily archbishop will react in practice to these and other pressures. One of the problems is, as always, the degree of control which his beatitude may have over the many hotheads in Greek Cypriot ranks.

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Thus, although there is general agreement that the economic blockade of the Turkish Cypriots must end, local Greek Cypriot armed bodies continue to "ration" supplies en route to Turkish communities.

Accordingly, this remains the most immediate threat to the general quiet on the island.

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In addition, Makarios, never enthusiastic about enosis, has now thrown another obstacle in the way of early union. He has demanded that the question of British bases be thoroughly aired beforehand.

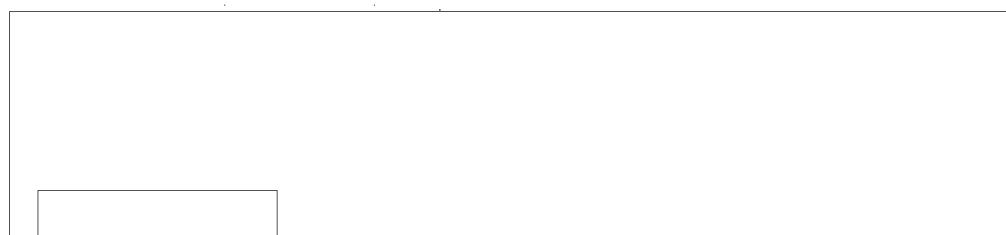
In Turkey the Inonu government may face a vote of confidence on the Cyprus matter later in the week. One possibility is that a broader coalition, involving all major parties but still under Inonu, could result.

Emotions on this subject are running high in Turkey once again.

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5.      Communist China - North Vietnam: [redacted]

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6.      Laos: The talks in Paris between Souvanna Phouma and Pathet Lao leader Souphanouvong are getting nowhere. Both sides are already thinking about how to break them off most advantageously.

An early end would dismay the French who promoted the meeting. They are trying to get Souvanna to make the concessions needed so that some agreement can be reached.

They even brought up their big gun, De Gaulle. But Souvanna, buoyed by recent government military success, has so far resisted all blandishments and is sticking to his conditions.

The military situation in Laos is quiet for the moment.

7. India: The Kerala state government has fallen as a result of a split in the ruling Congress party on local matters. The Communists controlled the state from 1957 to 1959.

In order to avoid a repetition, Shastri will probably put the state out of the Communists' reach by declaring "president's rule" from New Delhi.

8. Arab Summit

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9. Tanganyika-Zanzibar

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10. Yugoslavia: Tito's schedule is getting crowded. It now calls for talks before the month is out with Kadar, Gheorgiu-Dej, Ulbricht and Novotny.

We incline to connect this flurry of activity with Khrushchev's call for a December meeting of 26 Communist parties and presume that Tito will be urging caution in dealing with the scratchy China issue.

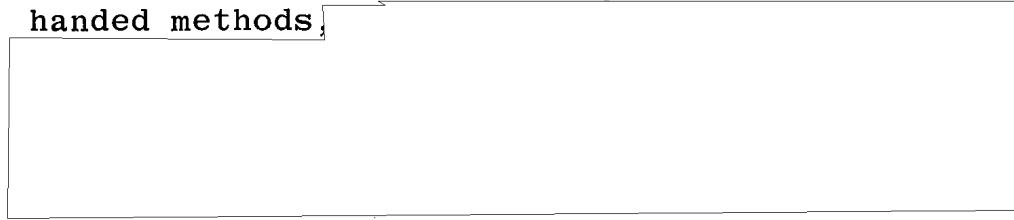
11. Ethiopia: [redacted] a group of disgruntled young officers were plotting to overthrow Haile Selassie. The Emperor, aware of this, has taken wind from their sails by announcing a round of military pay raises, promotions and transfers.

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12. Malawi (Nyasaland): Yet another new African state is in trouble.

The cabinet of pro-western Prime Minister Banda is in virtual revolt against his high-handed methods,



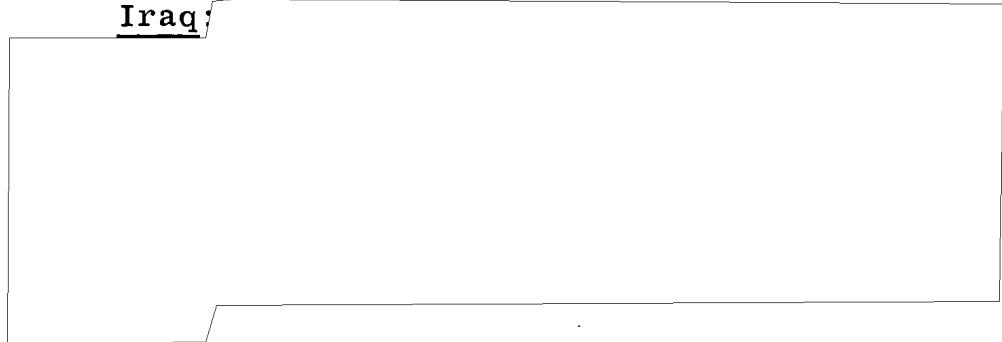
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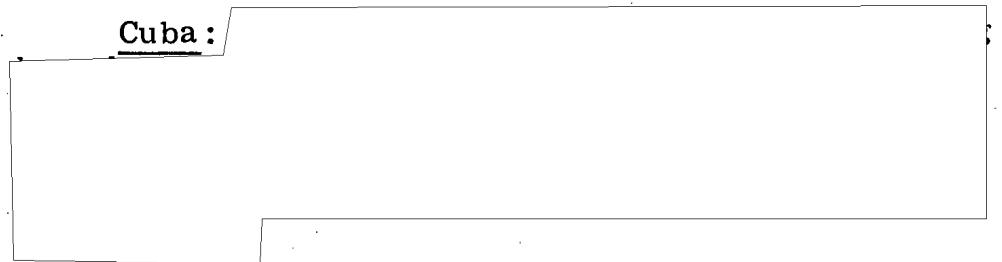
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Chile: With all but two voting places counted, Frei has taken over 56% of the vote, the largest percentage any Chilean presidential candidate has rolled up since World War I.

The country has been quiet in the aftermath and no serious disorders are predicted.

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Cuba:



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1. South Vietnam

a. Khanh's moves thus far in shaping up his interim government are generally in line with Buddhist desires.

b. The triumvirate yesterday in effect restored "Big" Minh as nominal chief of state. He was given power to appoint and receive ambassadors, to grant amnesty, and to promulgate decrees proposed by the government and countersigned by Khanh as Premier. He was also charged with convening a national council by the end of September to decide on the provisional regime.

c. Khanh made it clear to Ambassador Johnson, however, that Minh could not make decisions without his concurrence.

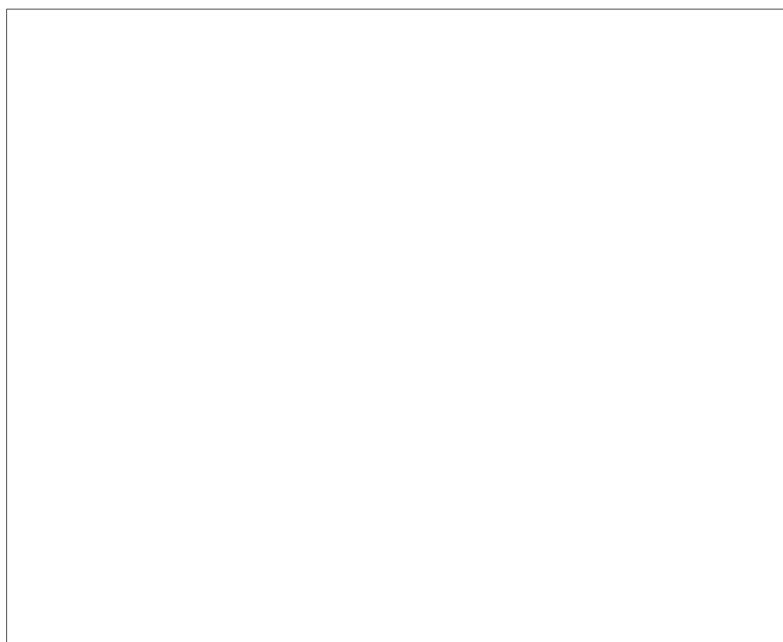
d. We are not yet certain of the status of several military officers reportedly tagged for transfer or assignment abroad. Our embassy has learned, however, that Khanh has removed the 7th Division commander, the National Police director, and the chief of Gia Dinh Province surrounding Saigon. All three are Dai Viet officers.

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e. The ultimate objectives of the Buddhists are still ambiguous. They have told US officials that they are anti-Communist and anti-neutralist, but they also say that the government must eliminate local corruption and remove remnants of the Diem period. The Buddhist paper in Saigon has called on the Communist Liberation Front to stop the "painful war" and on the government to spare lives in its "necessary operations."

2. UK-Malaysia

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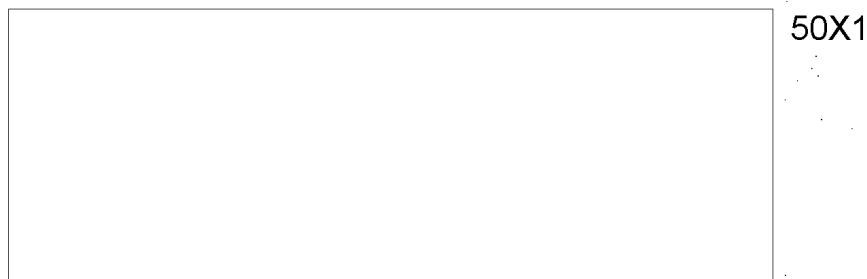
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3. Congo

a. It appears that the OAU session in Addis Ababa will produce a resolution which will enhance the respectability of the Congo rebels.

b. Radical OAU members, harping on Tshombé's past record and his use of mercenaries, have been putting pressure on moderates to prove they are not "stooges" of "foreign interests." Radical influence was instrumental in having Ghana, Mali, Tanganyika, and Kenya--the leading Tshombé antagonists--named to the seven-nation committee to draft the resolution.

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d. The radicals are determined not to accept any OAU resolution which implies support for Tshombé. They are apparently prepared to split the OAU on this issue if necessary.

e. But the radicals have not yet been able to push through their demand for an OAU-supervised "round-table" gathering of all Congolese "factions." Haile Selassie's opposition to the idea yesterday was an indication of the moderates' concern over setting a precedent for OAU intervention in the internal affairs of a member state.

f. There has been no substantial change in the military situation in the Congo.   50X1  
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4. Cyprus-Turkey

a. Inonu may be forced into a more inflexible position as a result of growing criticism of his government's Cyprus policy.

b. The parliamentary debate on Cyprus which began Monday will probably lead to a request for a vote of confidence. It could result in Inonu's resignation or in a coalition but even if he survives, he will probably be forced to display Turkish displeasure with the US.

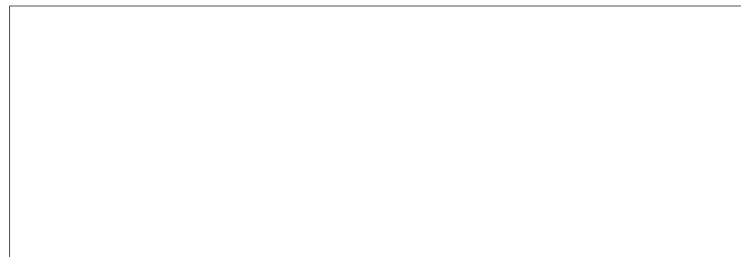
c. [redacted] 50X1  
Ankara already is studying some of its bilateral agreements with the US. There will be threats to withdraw some special concessions to US personnel in Turkey, but there are no signs yet that major base agreements are under question.

d. In Cyprus the general quiet continues. Makarios [redacted]

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was lifting the economic blockade against the Turkish Cypriot communities at Famagusta and Larnaca. The blockade remains in effect against other communities.

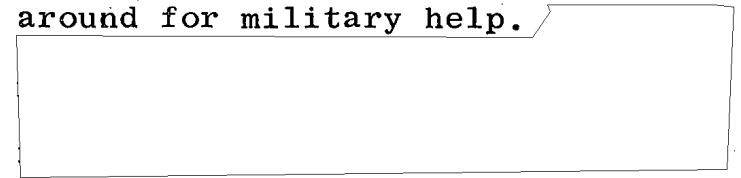
5. Congo(Brazzaville)

a. Communist bloc countries are becoming more active in Congo (Brazzaville).



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c. The Brazzaville regime, believing it is threatened by Leopoldville, has been casting around for military help.



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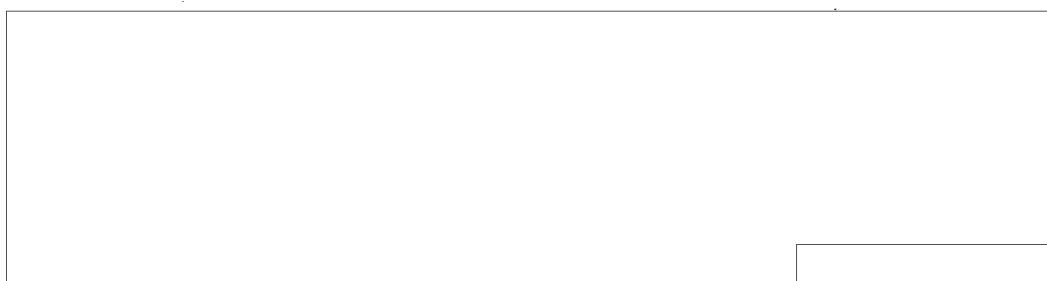
d. On the diplomatic front, North Korea is pressing Brazzaville for recognition. Pyongyang's ambassador to Mali is in town claiming that his government's request for establishing relations has been accepted and that he is there to work out practical problems.

e. If full recognition is announced, the South Koreans would probably pull out of their embassy in Brazzaville in protest.

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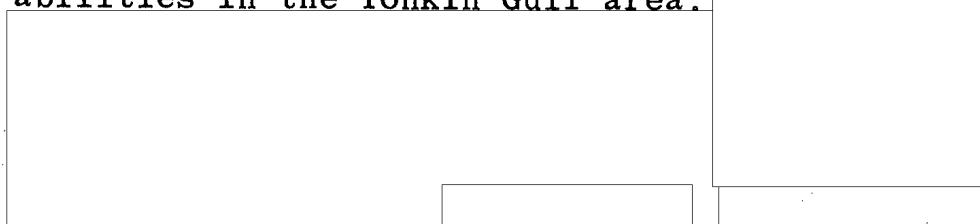
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- B. Communist China The Chinese seem to have started a program to build up their naval capabilities in the Tonkin Gulf area.



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- C. India The fall of the Congress Party government in Kerala state opens new opportunities for the Communists, who controlled the state from 1957 to 1959. If Shastri imposes "president's rule" from New Delhi, as seems likely, he may effect some measure of political stability before the state elections scheduled for February. New Delhi fears that the split in the Congress Party on local matters could give the Communists an edge if elections were held earlier.

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D. USSR - East Germany The Soviet military has begun to reduce the number of kommandaturas it established in East Germany after World War II. Initially set up to supervise local governments and deal with civil disturbances, the kommandaturas have become chiefly military police organizations. We expect to see a good many of the remaining 95 units dissolved for economic and political reasons.

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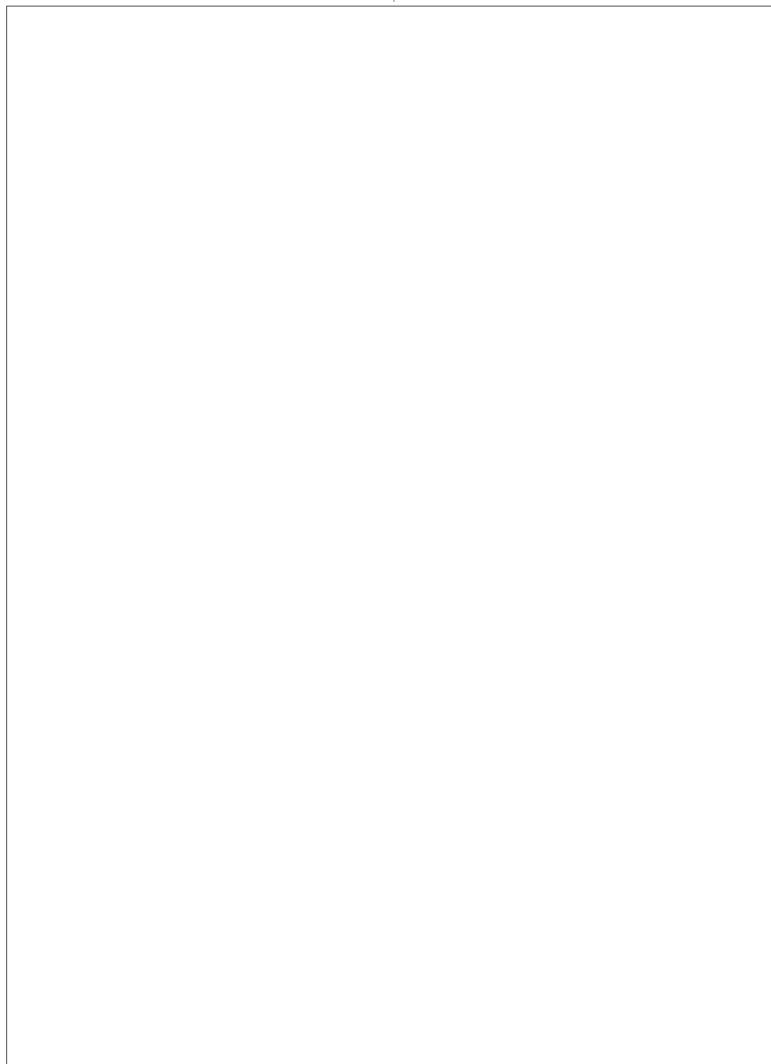
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1. Indonesia-  
Malaysia

a. The budding crisis could  
come to a head early next week.



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g. There has been a new flurry of anti-American incidents. A mob tore down the flag and removed the shield from the US Consulate in Surabaya yesterday.

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2. Congo

a. Tshombé scored a personal success at the OAU meeting.

b. Not only did he win acceptance by the conference as premier of legal Congo government, but he also squeezed out a resolution which leaves him free to make his own bilateral arrangements for assistance.

c. In addition he was able to get terms of reference for the OAU Congo commission, set up by the conference, which sharply limit the commission's scope for involvement in the Congo's internal affairs.

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d. Back in the Congo, the government is taking measures against the rebel move toward Coquilhatville. B-26s have hit the rebels to the east and two groups of mercenaries are being sent in to the area to reorganize and stiffen Congolese Army units.

e. Elsewhere, government forces have pushed some 100 miles north of Albertville on the road to Fizi and Uvira against no opposition.

f. There are signs, faint as yet, that the rebel movement in the Uvira area may be burning itself out. Many Congolese apparently are finding the anarchy that follows the rebels far more distasteful than the inept rule which preceded them.

### 3. South Vietnam

a. Khanh continues to conciliate the Buddhists.

b. Yesterday he named two anti-Diem civilian politicians to the politically sensitive posts of minister of interior and mayor of Saigon. They replace two generals under attack by the Buddhists for alleged associations with Diem.

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c. Khanh, who is again acting like a man who wants to stay in power, is convinced that he needs Buddhist support to do so.

d. Khanh has also taken over the Defense Ministry from General Khiem, a sometime Buddhist target. Khiem, however, remains as a member of the ruling triumvirate.

e. In a rare press interview, the usually taciturn Khiem yesterday implied that he sees his role as one of stiffening Khanh and Minh against Buddhist pressures.

#### 4. Cyprus

a. The Turkish Government intends soon to try again to rotate troops of its contingent on Cyprus, probably before the end of the month and perhaps as early as next week.

b. We are not at all confident that Makarios is prepared to go along with this, despite assurances he has given the Greeks.

c. In Turkey, Inonu appears to have weathered yet another National Assembly storm over Cyprus. Yesterday he won handily on a procedural matter.

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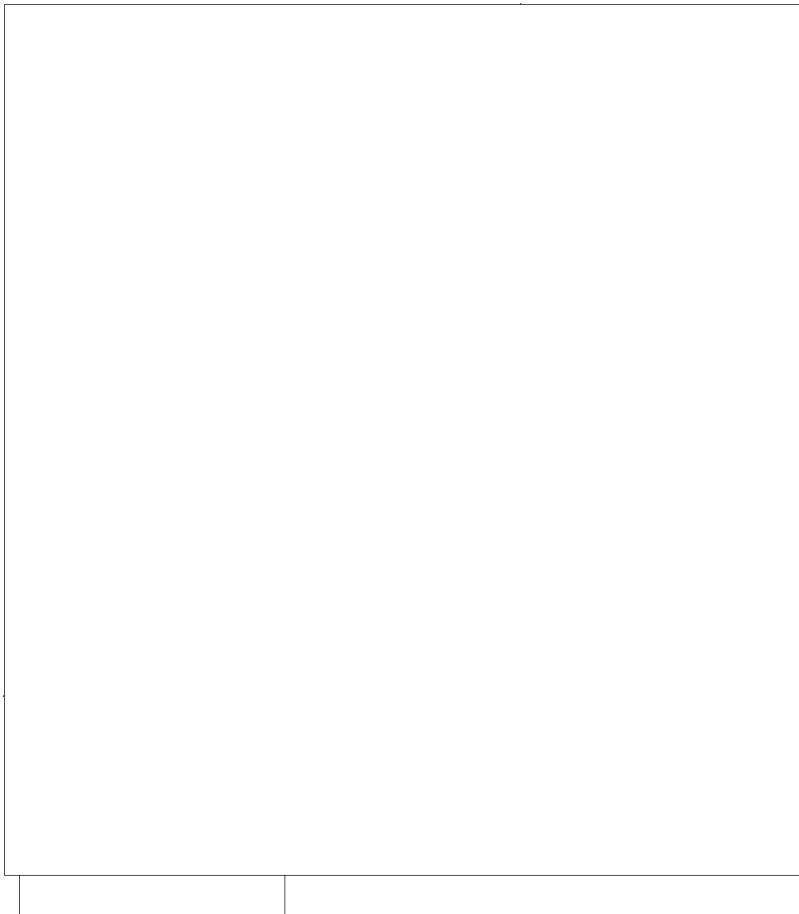
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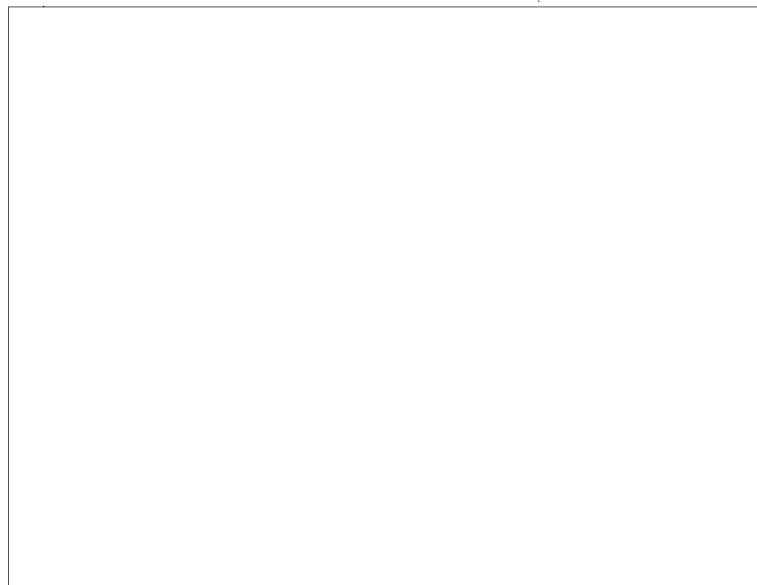


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6. France-Germany



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- A. USSR - Western Europe London's recent agreement to extend a 15-year government guaranteed credit to the USSR will probably set off a new wave of negotiations in Western Europe. We expect, however, that any new deals may be limited in size and number since the number of eager Western sellers exceeds the number of eager financiers.
- B. Communist China Chou En-lai, a comparatively rational voice in the Chinese leadership, has been out of the public eye for a month now and may be ill [redacted] he may not return to an active role in the government for several weeks.
- D. Communist China - Tanganyika A Chinese military mission [redacted] has arrived, without publicity, in Dar-es-Salaam. [redacted] the Soviets tried hard to talk Nyerere out of accepting the mission.

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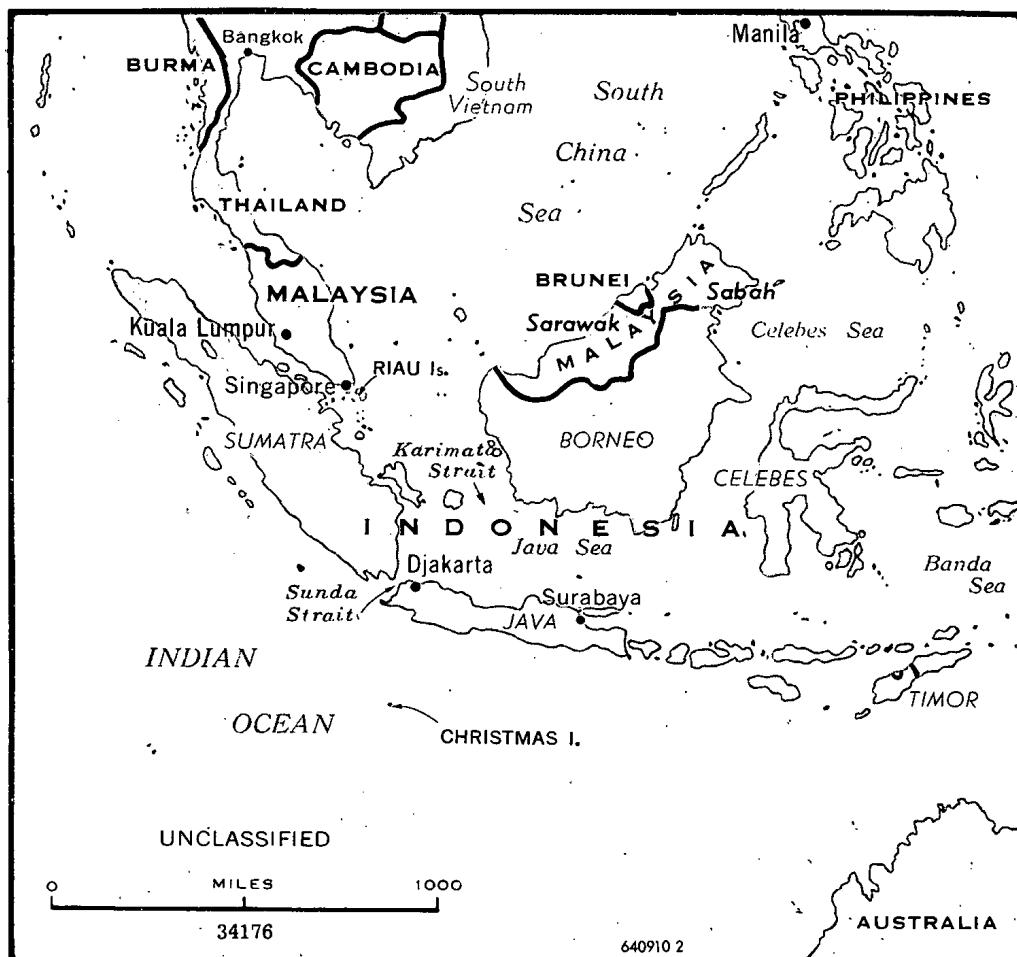
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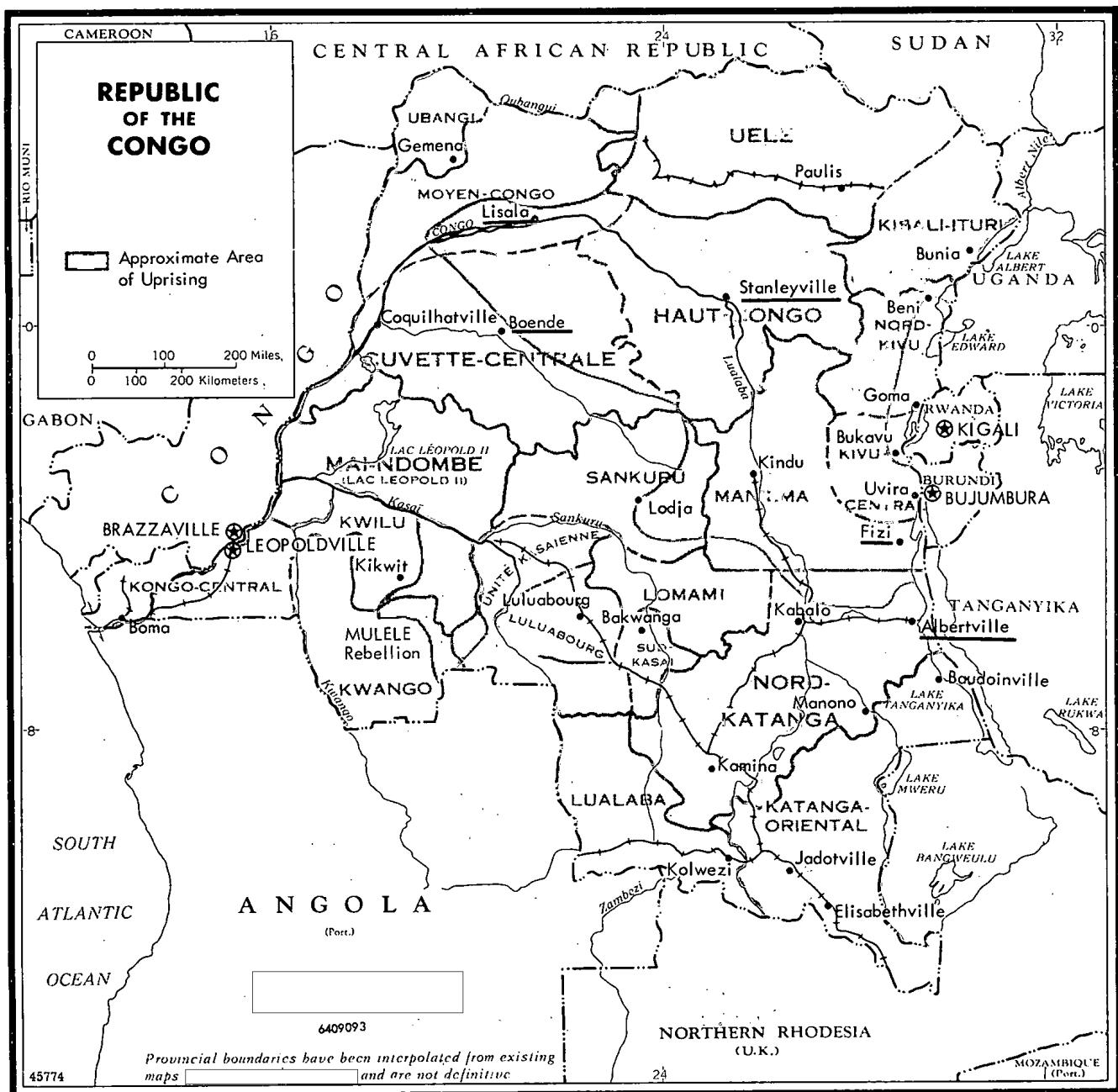
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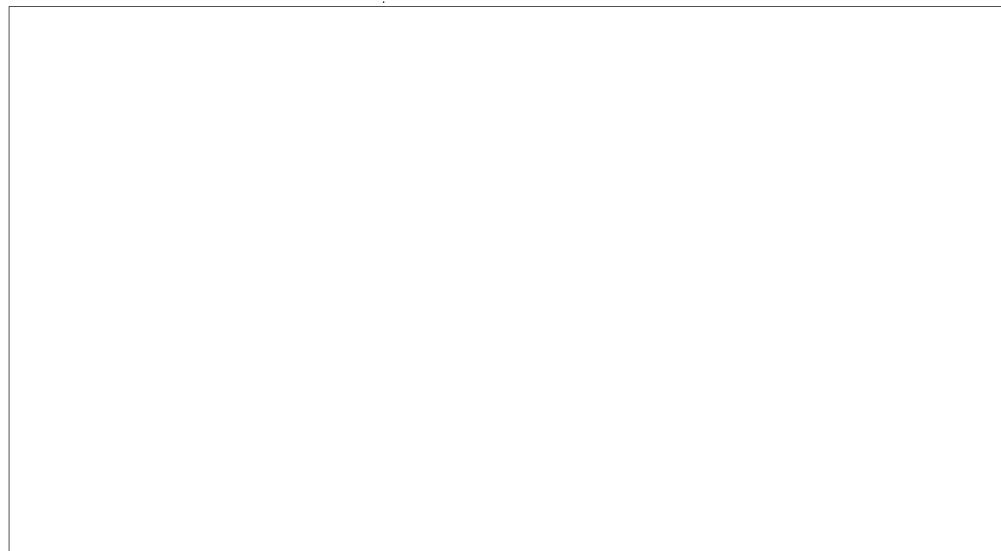
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2. Congo: There are signs, faint as yet, that the rebels may have just about hit their high-water mark.

For one thing, they have never, despite the announced formation of a "peoples' government," become a cohesive political force. Rebel leaders remain split six ways from Sunday.

For another, many Congolese have found the anarchy that follows the rebels is far more distasteful than the inept rule which preceded them.

The government has belately taken steps to bolster the defenses of Coquilhatville with B-26s and mercenaries. Its chances of holding the town would be good if the panic in Congolese Army ranks can be overcome.

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Government forces pushing north from Katanga toward Uvira have halted to consolidate and reorganize. The recapture of Uvira would choke off a principal source of support of the rebels.

Tshombé did well at the OAU meeting this week. Not only did he gain acceptance as the head of the legal government, but he squeezed out several soft resolutions which will permit him to go pretty much his own way.

3. Cyprus: Although both sides are keeping their powder dry, the island has been quiet for the most part and no explosions are expected over the weekend.

Makarios, who has his eye on extracting a self-determination resolution from the fall General Assembly, may even withdraw the obstacles he has put in the way of the rotation of the Turkish contingent.

He has eased the economic blockade of Turkish communities although fulfillment of his orders on the spot has been spotty. The Turks are worried especially about the Kokkina community.

This afternoon they threatened to send needed supplies in by armed force if necessary. Later they softened the threat by proposing a joint Turkish-UN investigation before adopting such a forceful course.

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In Turkey, Inonu has weathered the latest parliamentary storm over his handling of the Cyprus mess. In the process, however, his maneuverability has been further curtailed.

[redacted] Ankara is reviewing its bilateral agreements with the US. While we do not expect the major base agreements to be brought into question, it is possible that some concessions granted to US personnel will be withdrawn to underline Turkey's unhappiness with us.

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4. South Vietnam: Khanh is again acting like a man who wants to retain power. Convinced that Buddhist support is necessary, he has made a number of shifts in top personnel which they have urged.

He has in effect restored "Big" Minh, a Buddhist popular with the Buddhists, to his role as ceremonial chief of state. He has also removed a number of officers who had come under Buddhist displeasure from key commands in the Saigon area.

In several of these cases, we suspect, Buddhist desires were in line with Khanh's own.

Khanh also has taken over the Defense Ministry from General Khiem, a frequent Buddhist target. Khiem has implied he was staying on as a member of the ruling threesome to stiffen Khanh against the Buddhists.

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We hear again that the Viet Cong in the Saigon area are being told to concentrate now on infiltration and subversion--as opposed to terrorism.

Agents are to start a whispering campaign blaming religious clashes on Americans and painting Khanh and Khiem as US stooges. Popular agitation and Buddhist attacks on Khanh are to be fostered.

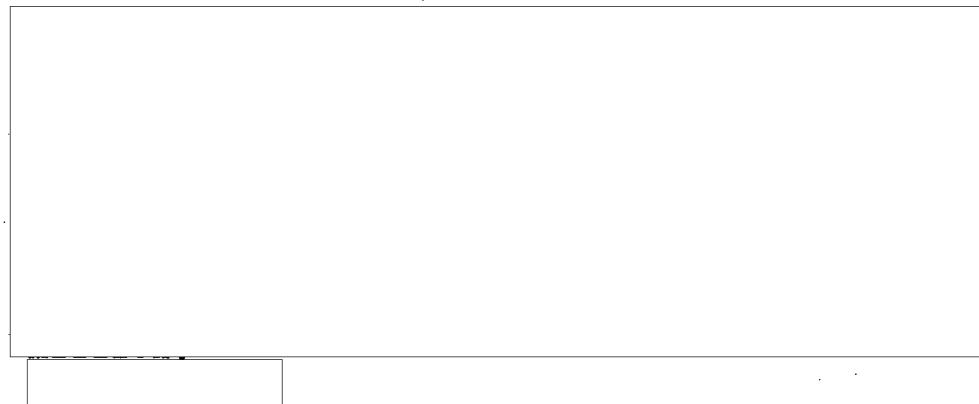
5. Cambodia - South Vietnam - US: Sihanouk is using last weekend's fracas on the Cambodian - South Vietnam border as a springboard for a new plunge into anti-Americanism.

He portrayed the incident as an effort to create "pretexts for invading" Cambodia, adding that "only the Nazis of sinister memory had the diabolic audacity to stage such fabrications."

Part of this, but only a part, could be an effort on the Prince's part to curry favor in Peiping prior to his trip there late this month.

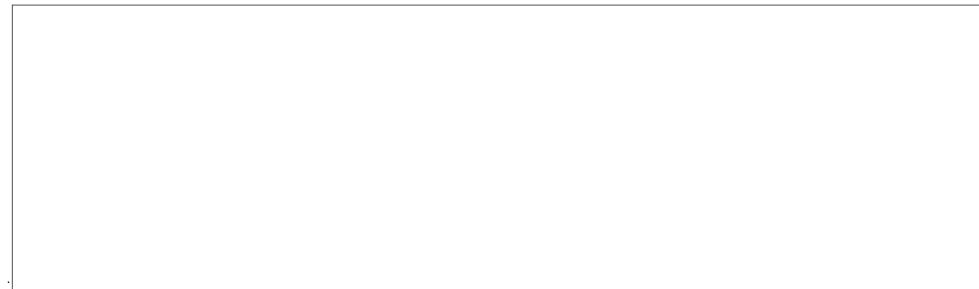
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7. Algeria: The French, who like others have viewed with dismay the course Ben Bella is following, are putting a cautious foot in his opponents' camp.



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Meanwhile, from Algiers, Ambassador Porter reports that Ben Bella survives on the sufferance of the Boumedienne's army.

8.       Congo (Brazzaville): Two arms shipments, one from Communist China and one from the USSR, arrived last week in Pointe Noire.

Some of these arms are probably for the Brazzaville regime, which has been casting about for military help in the face of what it sees as a threat from Leopoldville.

The rest will probably fall into the hands of the Congolese rebels and of the Communist-supported Angolan revolutionaries.

9.       USSR - Western Europe: London's agreement last Monday to extend a 15-year government guaranteed credit to the USSR will probably set off a new wave of negotiations in Western Europe.

We expect, however, that any new deals may be limited in size and number since the number of eager Western sellers exceeds the number of eager financiers.

10.      Cuba-Trade: We continue to pick up indications that Castro's spending spree in Western markets earlier this year has forced Havana to clamp drastic restrictions on expenditures of foreign exchange.

With the steady decline in sugar prices these restrictions may be needed for some time yet.

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Cuba-USSR

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USSR: We are seeing what may be preparations for a manned space flight attempt later this month.

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Communist China: The Chinese, anxious to build up their naval capabilities in the Tonkin Gulf.

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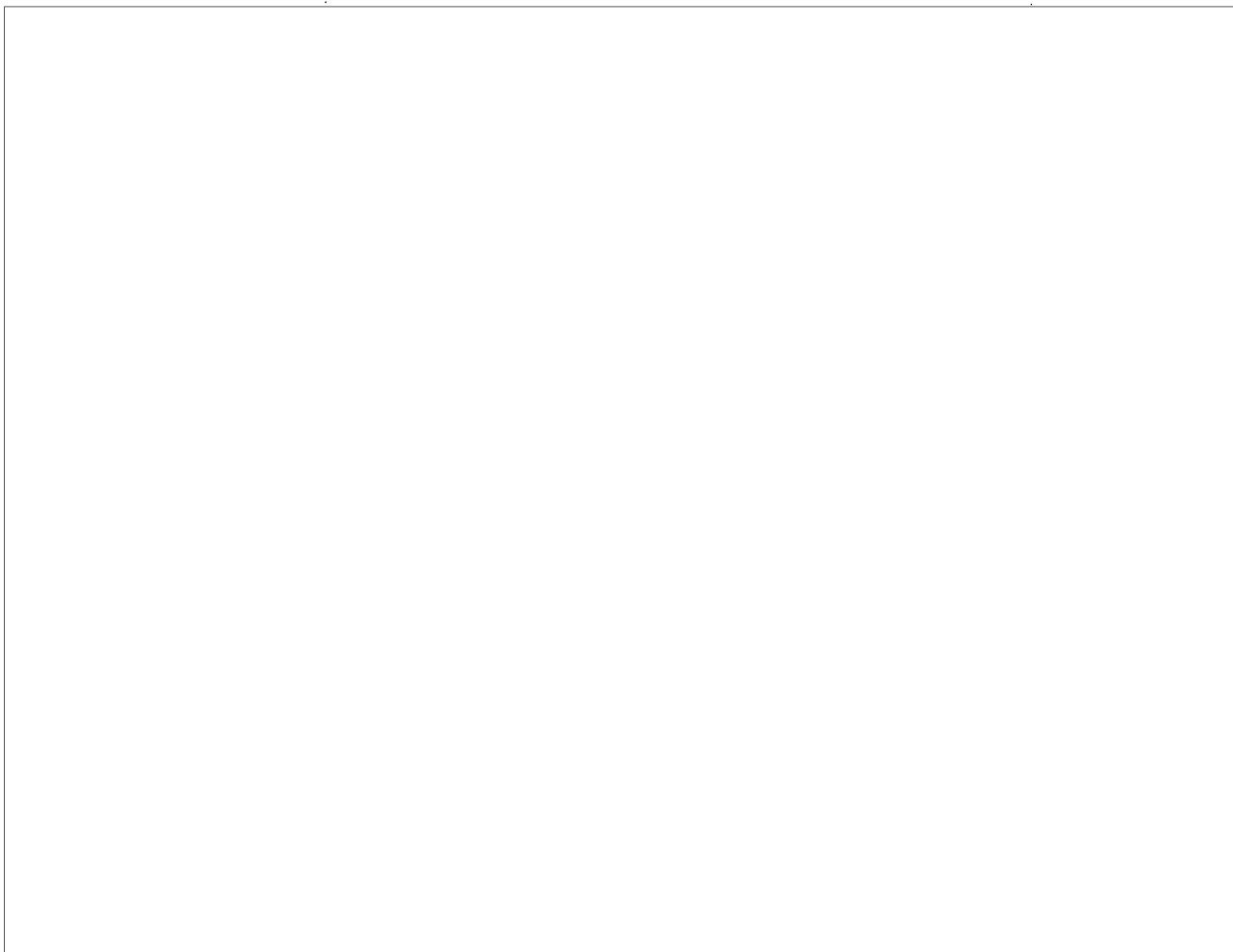
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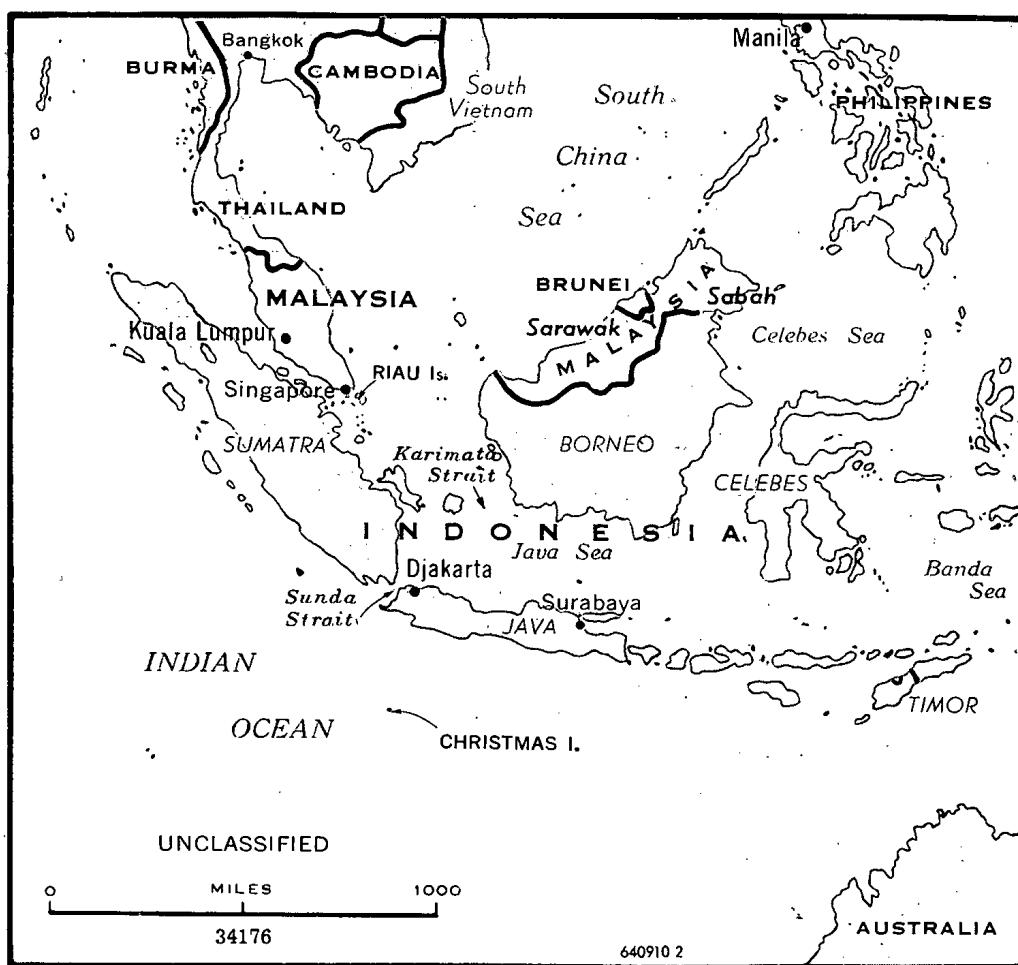
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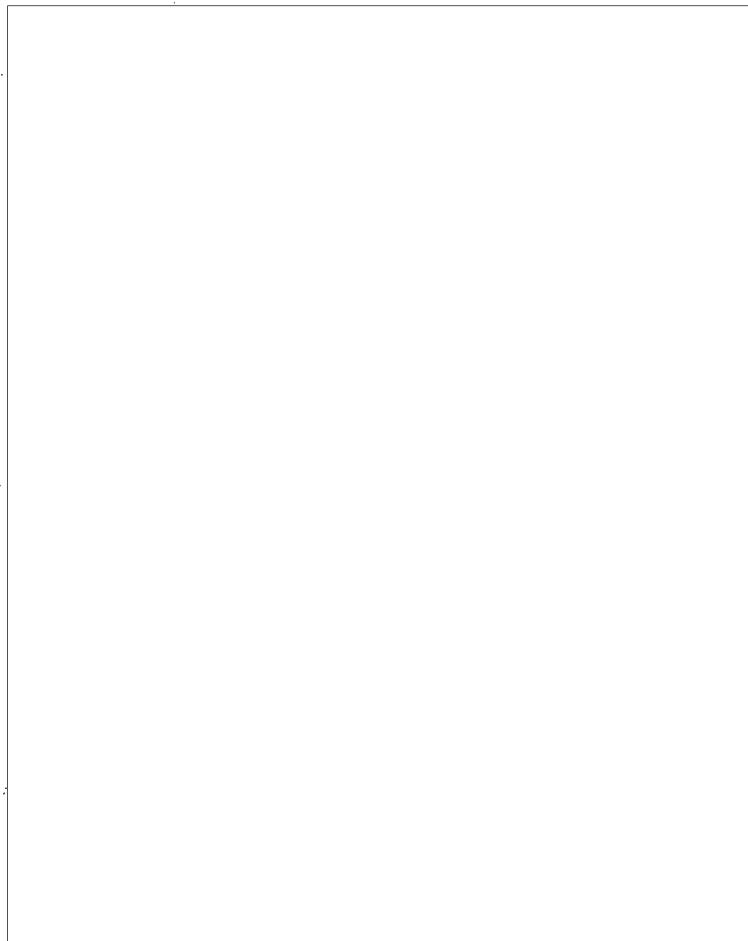


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1. Indonesia-  
Malaysia-UK

a. The Indonesians continue  
to brace themselves for a confron-  
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f. Both Communist and Nationalist China are getting into the act.

g. Peiping has declared the struggle against Malaysia a "common task" of the Chinese and Indonesian people. At the Tunku's invitation, Chinese Nationalist Foreign Minister Shen is en route to Kuala Lumpur for four days on a trip announced publicly as taking him "to Bangkok and other places."

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2. South Vietnam

a. We hear again that the Viet Cong in the Saigon area are being told to concentrate now on infiltration and subversion--as opposed to terrorism.

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b. Agents are to start a whispering campaign blaming religious clashes on Americans and painting Khanh and Khiem as US stooges. Popular agitation and Buddhist attacks on Khanh are to be fostered.

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a recent article in a Saigon newspaper thought to be a mouthpiece for Buddhist leader Tri Quang attributes religious strife to American influence.

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d. In Cambodia on Wednesday, Prince Sihanouk harped publicly on last Saturday's fracas on the Cambodian - South Vietnamese border.

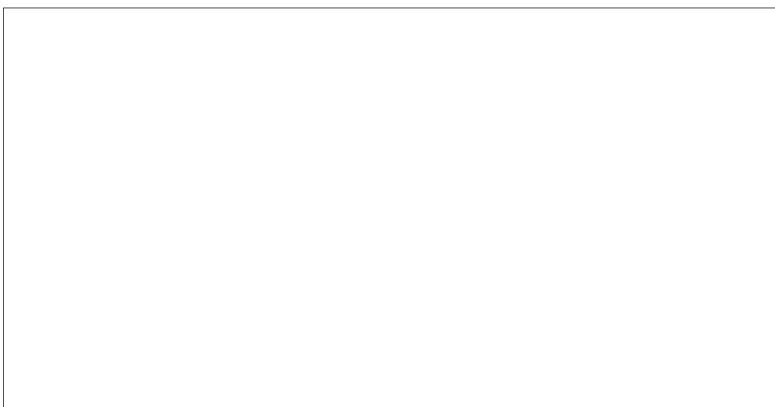
e. He portrayed it as a US/South Vietnamese effort to create a "pretext for invading" Cambodia ... "only the Nazis of sinister memory had the diabolic audacity to stage such fabrications."

f. Ambassador Kidder thinks Sihanouk may be frightened and that he may seriously believe this.

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3. Congo

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c. US officials in Leopoldville are concerned over Van der Walle's preoccupation with recapturing rebel-held areas--he gives "absolutely no thought" to civil actions that must take place after liberation.

d. From Elisabethville in Katanga, however, we do hear that at last some 3,000 ex-Katanga gendarmes in Angola are being readied for a special force being cooked up to police liberated cities.

e. The US service attachés see the chances for holding Coquihatlville as improving--unless panic spreading in Congolese Army ranks there nullifies the effect of the arrival of the mercenaries.

4. Cyprus

a. On Tuesday, both Greece and Turkey asked NATO into the act to help head off a showdown. NATO Secretary General Brosio was commissioned to find out how.

b. Brosio feels he should first determine how serious they are--he wants "clear written representations." [redacted]

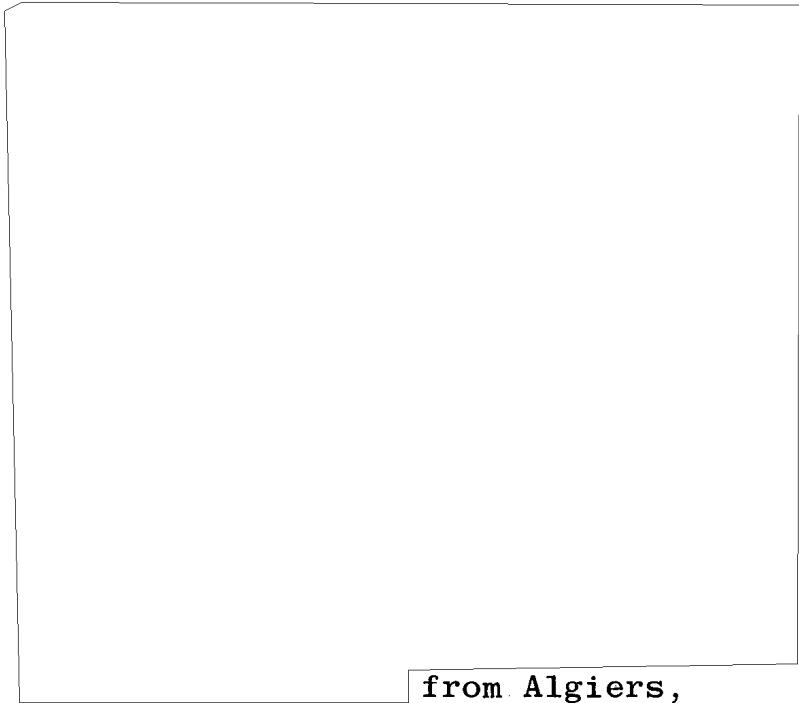
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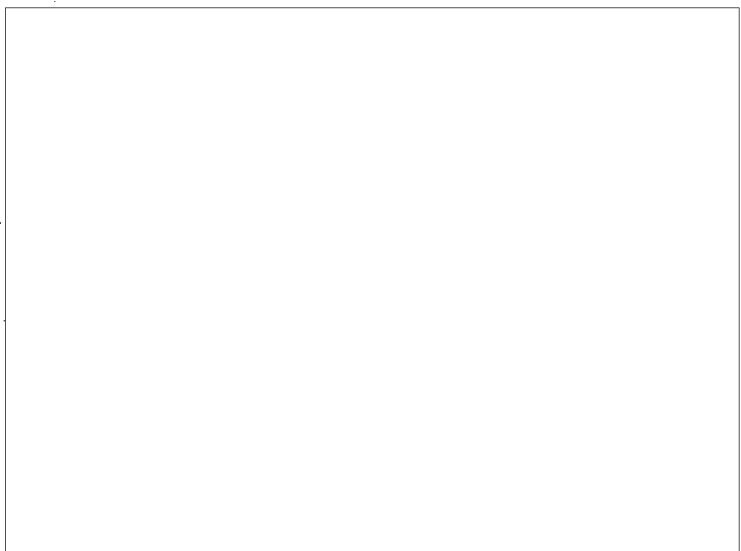
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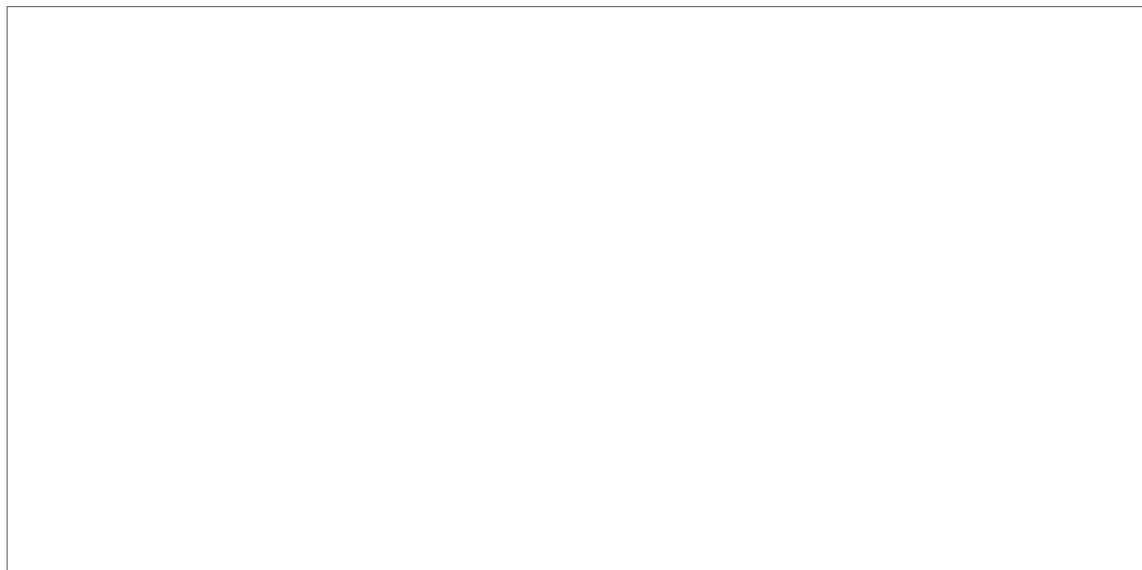
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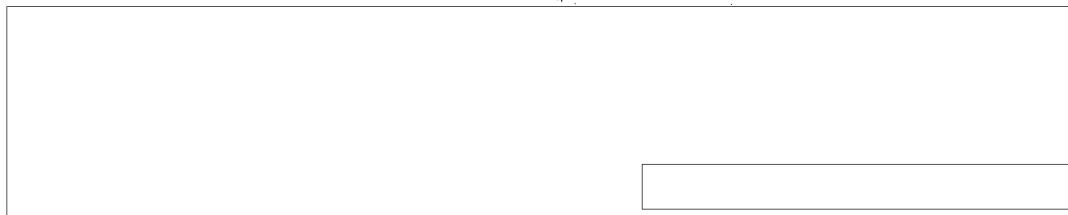
D. Ethiopia [redacted]  
Haile Selassie's security apparatus is now  
rounding up officers thought to be plotting  
the coup planned for this month.

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E. Saudi Arabia

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- G. Cuba-Uruguay Cuban reaction to Uruguay's break in relations--leaving Mexico the only OAS holdout--has been relatively mild. Pressure exerted by "imperialism" is cast as the villain.



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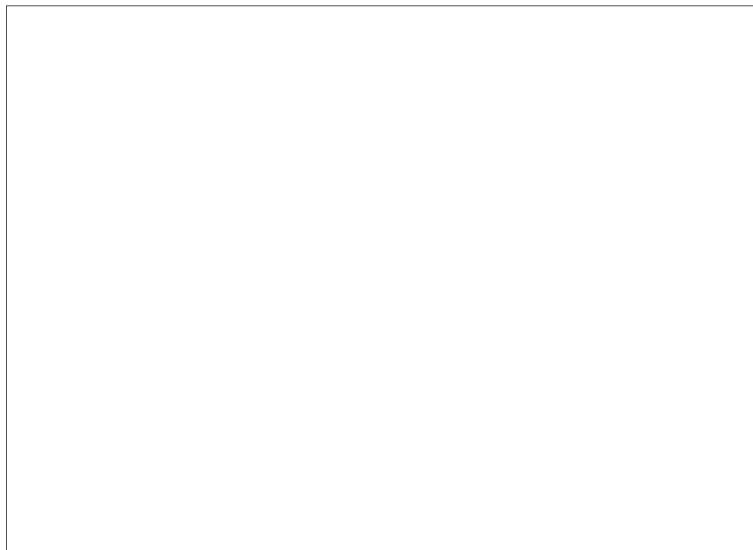


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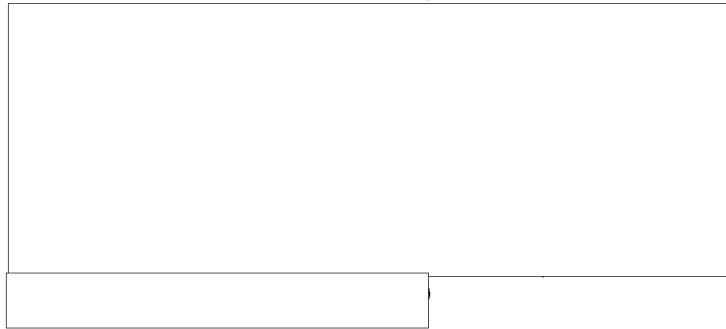
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i. Malaysia's effort to muster support in the UN for condemning Indonesian aggression is not making much headway.

j. UN members generally feel that both sides should try again to work out their differences within an "Asian framework."



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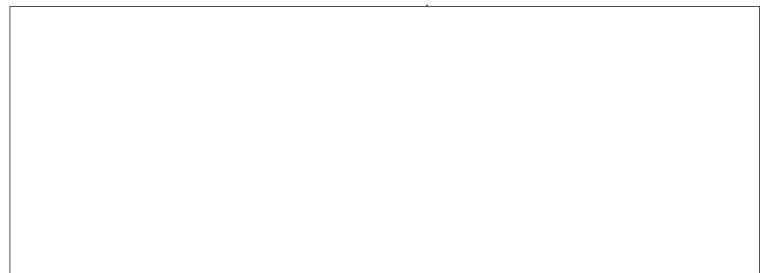
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2. South Vietnam

a. Animosity between the South Vietnamese and Cambodian regimes is heating up.

b. Saigon yesterday charged that Phnom Penh's military had aided the Viet Cong in four recent border fracases. It warned that "grave consequences" may follow and said that Phnom Penh would be held responsible.

c. The Vietnamese are thinking of taking steps to prevent recurrences. One idea under study is to tighten controls over traffic to Phnom Penh via the Mekong River.



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e. For his part, Sihanouk is becoming more irritated over the "hot-pursuit" incursions into Cambodia by South Vietnamese regulars after Viet Cong units.

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f. Sihanouk has strengthened his border guard units with naval boats and AA weapons. This, we think, increases the chances for more border clashes.

g. Our embassy in Phnom Penh reports an atmosphere of tension in the city. It has learned that contingency plans are being made for evacuation of government personnel in the event of an attack by South Vietnam.

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3. North Vietnam - Laos

a. Hanoi, perhaps worried over possible bombings of facilities along its infiltration and supply routes into Laos, may be trying to reduce their vulnerability.

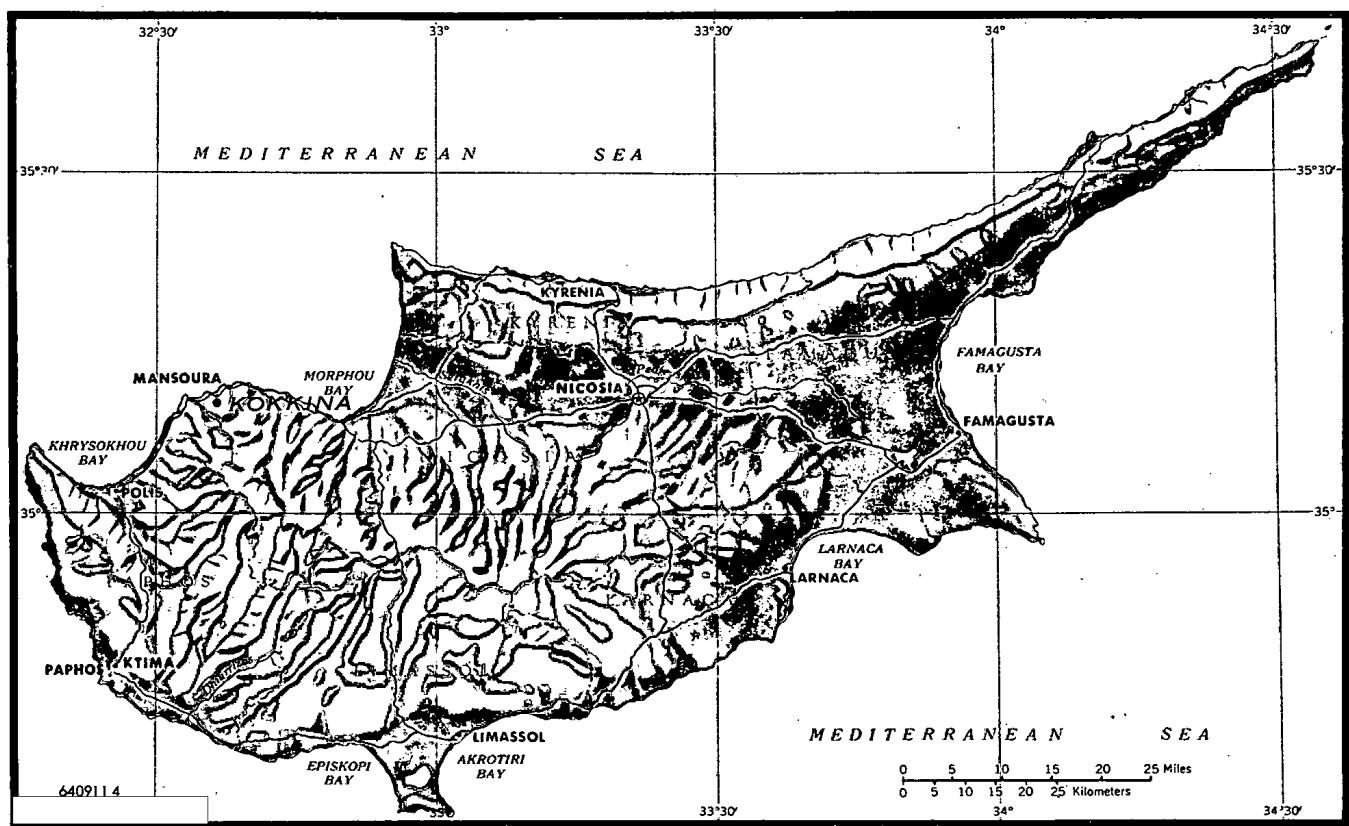
b. Aerial reconnaissance of an important military camp on the border shows work in progress to protect buildings. There is also an indication that underground facilities there may be undergoing expansion.

c. Two other camps along major supply routes appear abandoned and buildings have been torn down.

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d. We do not think that the abandonment of these facilities means Hanoi intends to cut back its active support for the insurgents in Laos and South Vietnam. Rather, we regard it as evidence of a dispersal of open and concentrated installations.

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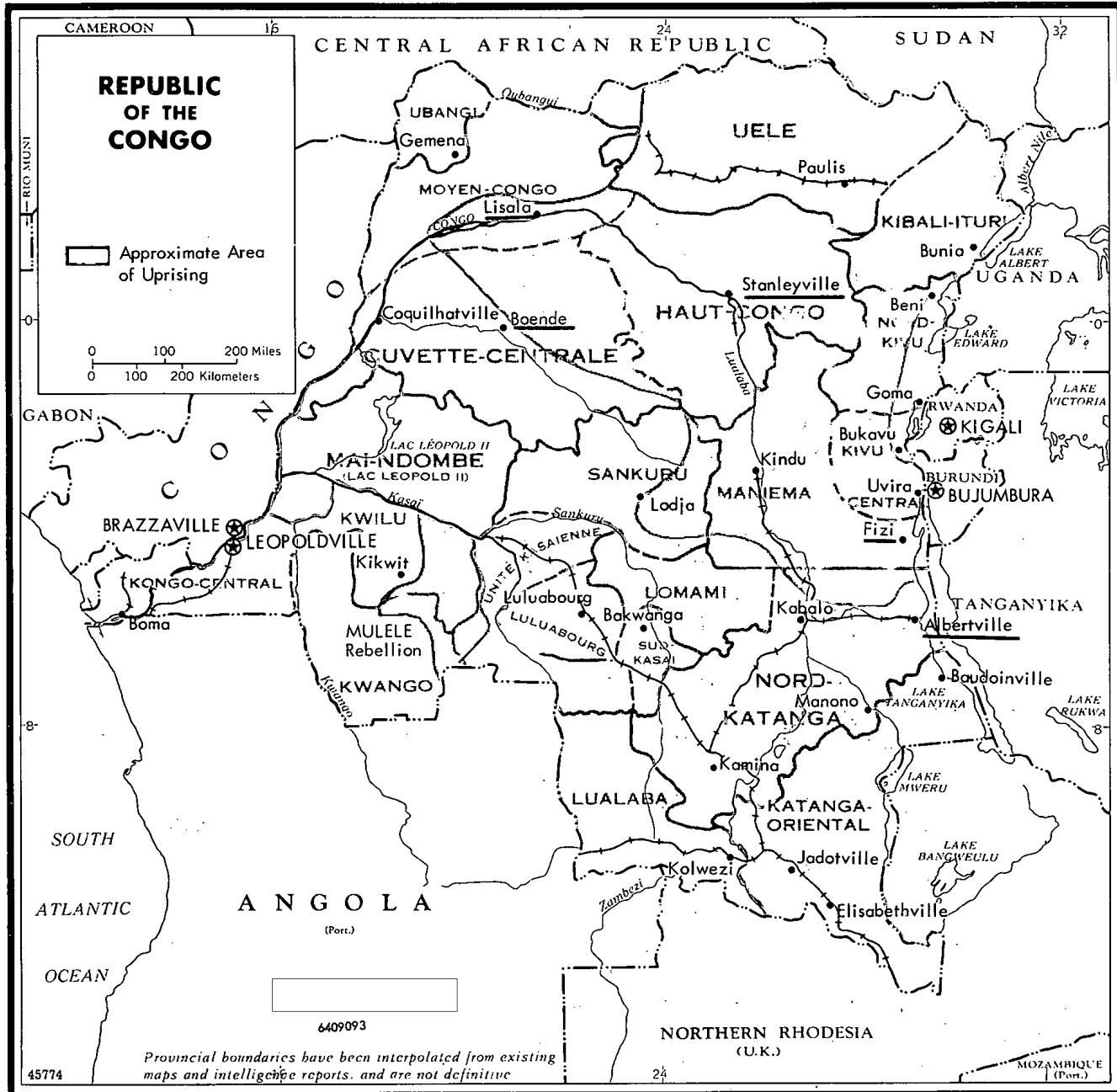
a. Turkey has tempered its threat to force through food and other supplies to Turkish Cypriots in the Kokkina area.

b. Ankara now says it will permit UN control of shipments to guarantee that no military materiel is smuggled in. But Inonu cautioned that if Nicosia interfered with this procedure he would regard it as an aggressive act.

c. According to UN officials, supply levels in Kokkina are "reasonably satisfactory." They think the Turkish attitude is unjustified.

d. In view of this, the Turks have proposed a Turkish-UN investigation into the Kokkina situation and have indicated they would hold off supply shipments pending the findings. We have not yet heard the UN reply.

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e. The Turkish military posture remains substantially unchanged,

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[redacted] Intensive training of all military units seems to be the order of the day [redacted]

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## 5. Congo

a. The government's move to stiffen the defenses of Coquihalla-ville has not yet eliminated the panic among army units there. The chances of holding the city do not seem good unless the panic subsides.

b. In the east, the government offensive north from Albertville has paused [redacted]

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c. Tshombé reportedly returned to Leopoldville yesterday.

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B. Cuba A floating dock, designed by the USSR for Havana's new fishing port, has been completed and is now being towed to Cuba [Redacted]

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C. Sino-Soviet Relations [Redacted] 50X1  
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the border talks, which began in Peiping early this year, have been suspended and will resume later in Moscow. Some agreement reportedly has been reached on the Central Asian frontier, but disputes over sections in the Far East remain unresolved. Even if the talks are resumed, we think that a settlement is unlikely in view of the determination of each side to exploit territorial issues to discredit the other.

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D. Uruguay More disturbances may be brewing in the wake of Montevideo's break with Havana. US property and personnel may be special targets of Communist-inspired violence.

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**USSR**

a. Further examination of  
an early August [redacted] mission  
has turned up still another ICBM  
complex with single silo launchers.

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b. This one, at Aleysk north  
of Semipalatinsk, has three launch  
areas about five miles apart and  
a support facility. Like the three  
other single silo complexes we  
spotted earlier, it is in the mid-  
stage of construction.

c. We have now identified  
a total of 15 or 16 single silos  
at the four complexes. Some of  
them could be operational by mid-  
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1. South Vietnam

a. Saigon is quiet but uneasy following the quick collapse of yesterday's coup attempt.

b. Coup troops have been withdrawn from the capital. We do not yet know the terms of the bargain struck between Khanh supporters and the Phat-Duc group.

c. Duc indicated at one point that one of his chief conditions for surrender would be the retirement from the army of the four "Dalat generals." Their return to active duty by Khanh was apparently one of the coup group's key grievances.

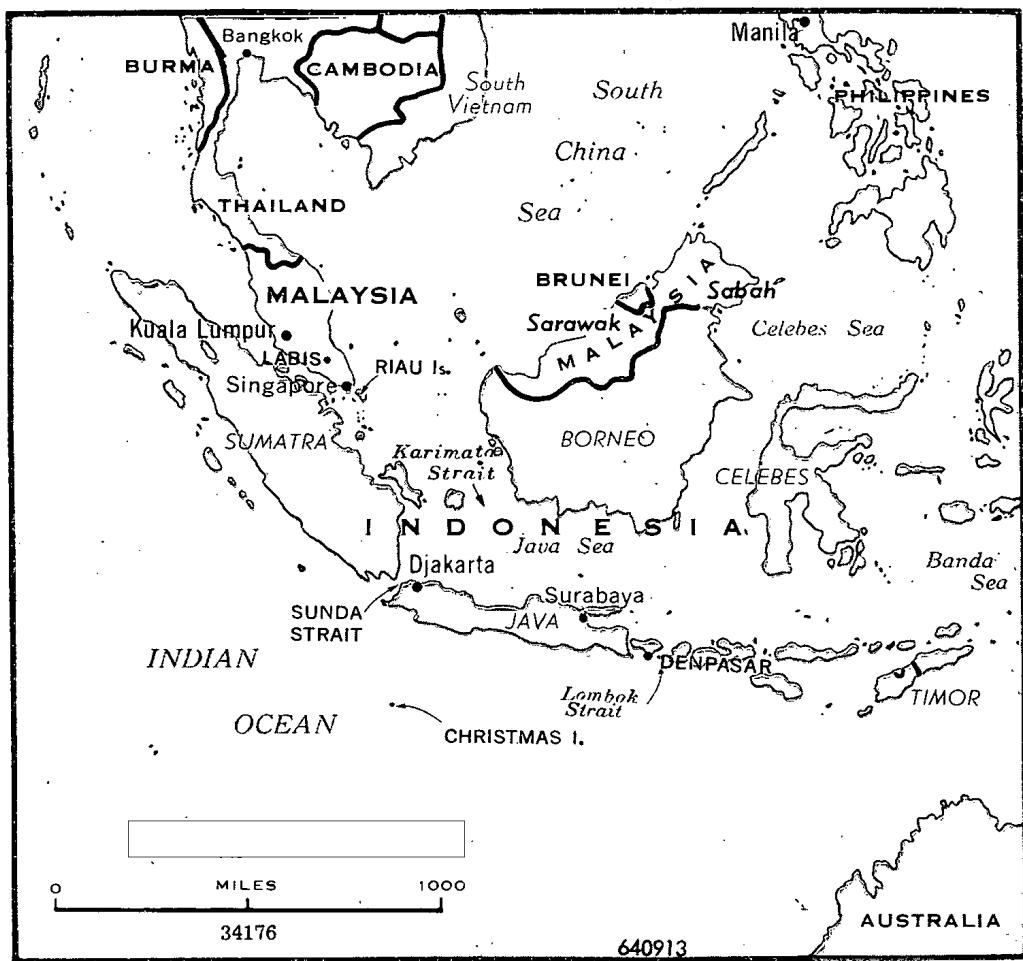
d. Duc, who impressed those who saw him yesterday [redacted] also [redacted] asked for assurances that the coup generals could keep their posts.

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e. Yesterday's effort failed largely because the coup forces, although they occupied key facilities in Saigon, failed to attract other military units to their banner. Generals Minh and Khiem rallied to Khanh as did the commanders of the air force, navy and airborne and marine units.

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f. Though the power play died aborning, it demonstrated tangibly the feeling of a number of military leaders that Khanh has gone too far in conciliating the Buddhists. It leaves Khanh with the still formidable task of balancing these feelings against Buddhist demands.

2. Indonesia-Malaysia-UK



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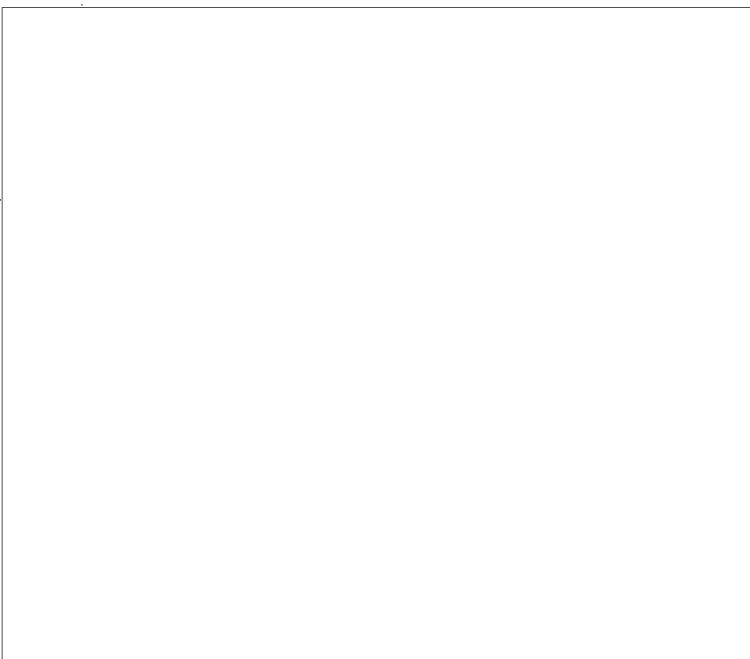
b. Sukarno now will probably go ahead with plans to depart later this week on another of his junkets about the world.

c. His absence will not preclude further small-scale raids and airdrops in northern Borneo or on the Malay Peninsula. Any such action could trigger a British-Malaysian response.

d. Embassy London is convinced that a UK cabinet decision has already been made to retaliate promptly if the Indonesians hit the peninsula again with a significant force. The Foreign Office says we would be informed in advance.

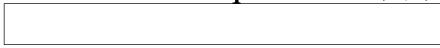
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g. In Indonesia, both Sukarno and Subandrio have promised to do something to abate the anti-Americanism rampant there.



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3. Cyprus

a. The situation in the Turkish community at Kokkina has improved as a result of yesterday's emergency air lift of food and other supplies.

b. This is only a temporary solution, however, since UN stocks will not be able to bear the added load for long. There is still the prospect of trouble over how further supply will be accomplished.

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c. Last night the Greek Cypriots claimed they spotted six Turkish ships off Kokkina. One was said to be a submarine since it "kept disappearing."

d. We have no knowledge of this, though the Turks last week threatened to put supplies ashore directly at this point. We do know that two Turkish jets flew over the area yesterday afternoon, probably in an effort to bolster the sagging morale of the Turkish Cypriots there.

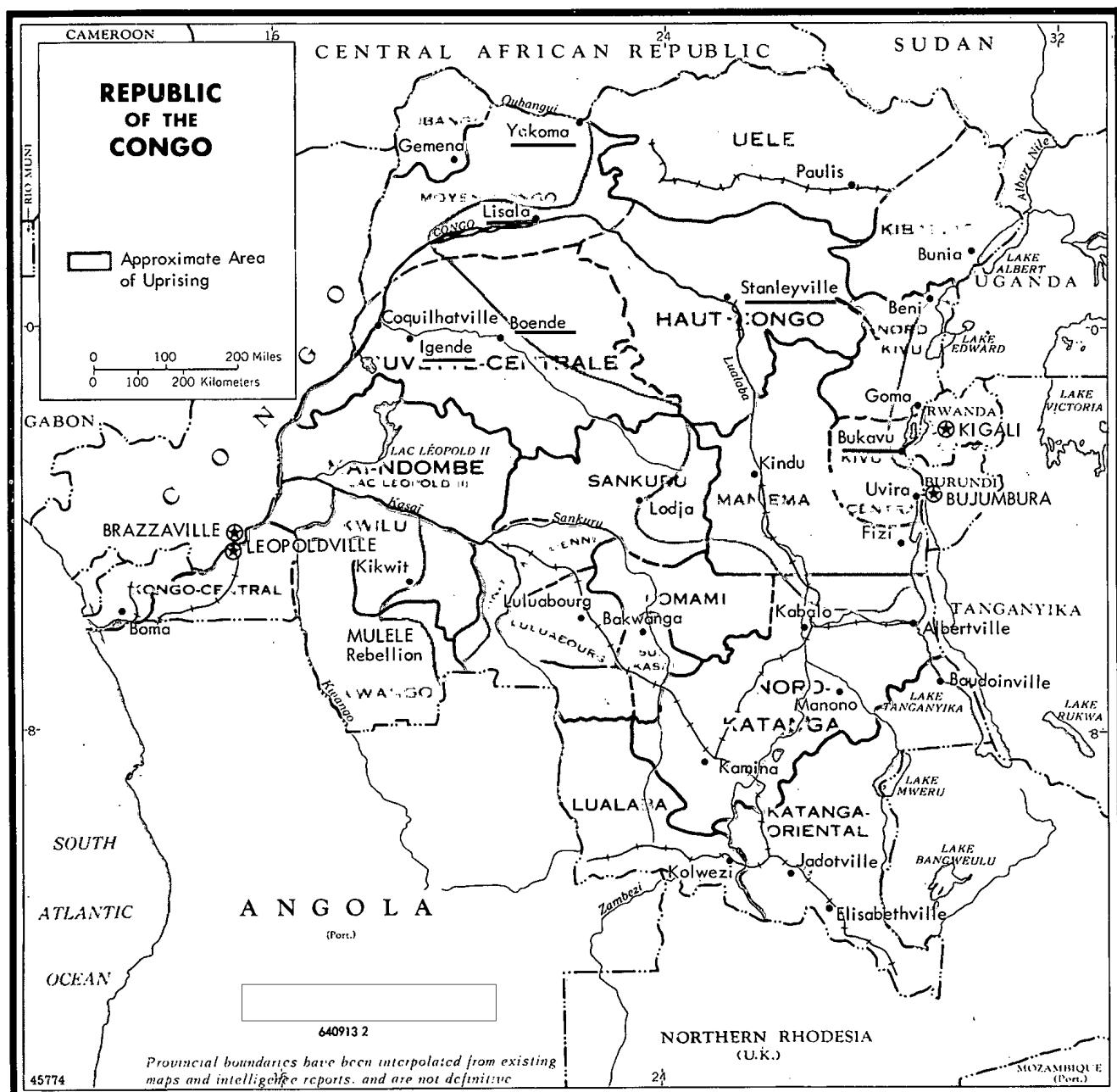
e. Continued Greek Cypriot pressures in this area could lead to a new clash.

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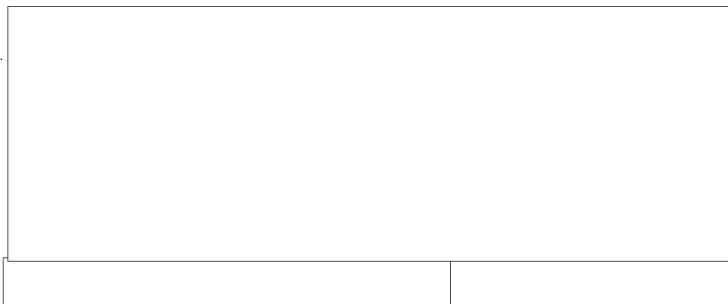
f. Beginning Wednesday, Greek nationals will be expelled from Turkey as their resident permits expire. Some 6,000 will be involved in this phased exodus.

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4. Congo

a. Tshombé is back from the OAU glowing with confidence and anticipating rapid victories to consolidate his government politically and militarily.

b. The military situation does in fact look better.

c. Government B-26s have been active in the Coquilhatville area and may even have forced the rebels to abandon Boende to the east. One small band of mercenaries has pushed out of Coquilhatville in this direction.

d. Spirits in Coquilhatville, itself near panic last week, have been buoyed by this display of initiative. They have also been lifted by the visit of Justin Bomboko, the leading political figure of the area who promised "food and beer" and urged that rebels be "shot on sight."

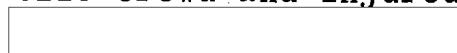
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e. Rebel forces are still  
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f. The evidence accumulates  
that the political opportunists  
who make up the rebel political  
command are as dissension torn  
as ever. We have heard that Gbenye,  
the nominal headman in Stanley-  
ville, has been set upon by a hos-  
tile crowd and injured.



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- A. USSR : Cosmos 45, launched Sunday morning, appears to be another military reconnaissance satellite. These have been launched at a rate of at least one a month since April to take advantage of the favorable photographic weather from spring to fall. [redacted]
- B. Non-Aligned Conference Invitations have gone out from Cairo to some 56 nations for the second conference of the heads of nonaligned nations which is to begin 5 October.
- C. USSR-Japan The Soviets have followed up last week's protest, which charged that the US was using Japan to support aggression in Vietnam, with a new note warning Japan that it was opening itself to retaliation by permitting US nuclear submarines to enter Japanese ports.
- D. Japan - Communist China The Japanese Government has agreed to exchange newsmen with Communist China. The initial exchanges could take place later in the month. The agreement is apt to prove embarrassing to Tokyo since the Chinese newsmen will doubtless be used for political agitation.
- E. Cambodia-US The Cambodian Government, citing what it calls a new wave of anti-American feeling, has asked that the presentation of Ambassador Kidder's credentials to Sihanouk be postponed indefinitely. The Cambodians have also suggested that the chargé leave the country and another chargé be named.

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12 - 15 SEPTEMBER 1964

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1. South Vietnam: The Viet Cong now appear ready to exploit the confusion caused by the coup attempt.

Communist broadcasts on Monday urged seizure of the initiative while the "US lackeys are tearing each other to pieces." The call was for stronger attacks in the countryside and more agitation in the cities.

[REDACTED] IV Corps troops south of Saigon--now returning tired and dispirited from their coup venture--may be vulnerable.

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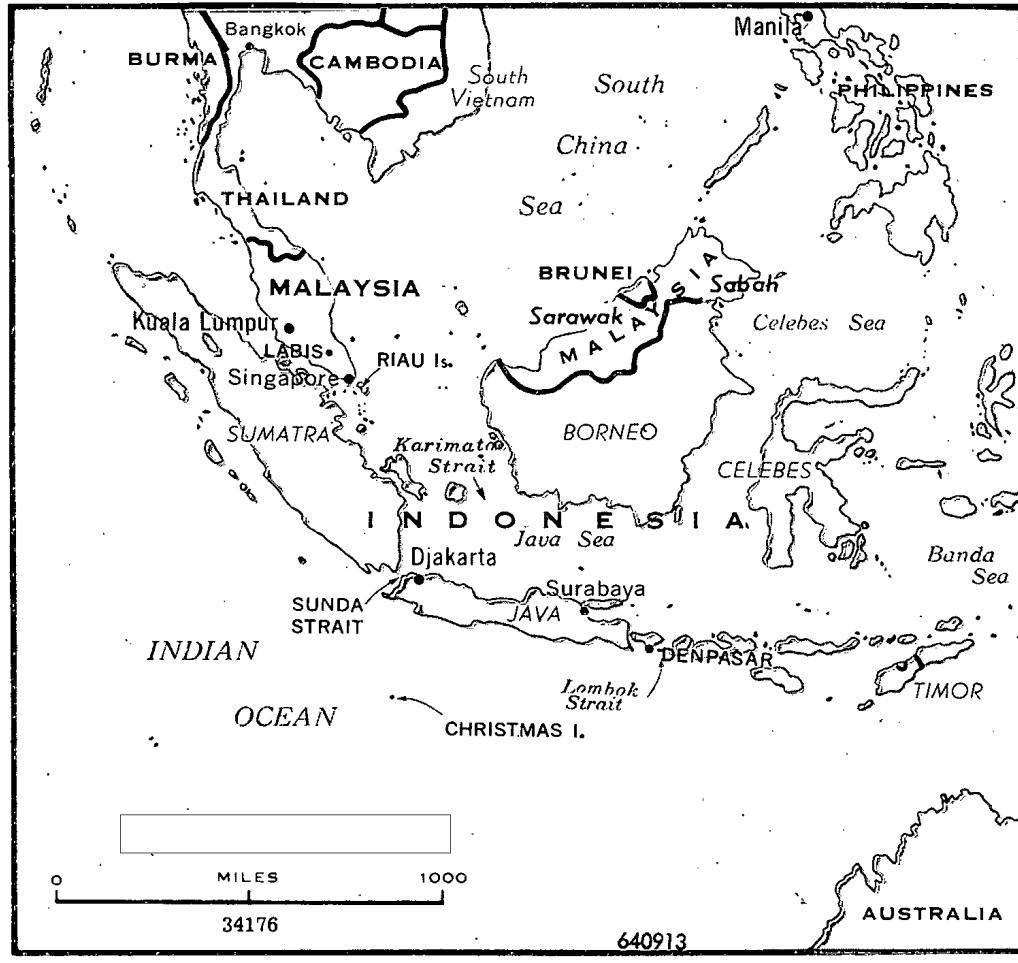
In Saigon, Khanh still faces the delicate job of conciliating the Buddhists without again arousing the resentment of certain military leaders. In addition, the students are continuing to demand a governmental purge while military officers are asking for a clean-up in the army.

Meanwhile, animosity between South Vietnam and Cambodia is growing. Sihanouk--who considers a Viet Cong victory inevitable--is treating the Communists' National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam more and more as a de facto government.

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2. Cyprus: Tension on the island has eased somewhat during the past few days.

Makarios has agreed to allow food shipments to Cyprus, and Ankara has announced that one is ready to go. The Turks will insist, however, that the UN rather than the Makarios government supervise the unloading.

General Grivas

[redacted]  
will soon dissolve all unauthorized groups of Greek Cypriot irregulars. He intends to seize "illegal" weapons, including those held by the several hundred crypto-Communists regarded by Makarios as his personal bodyguard.

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The Turkish military situation remains essentially unchanged.

3. Indonesia-Malaysia-UK:

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Any such action will probably trigger a  
British-Malaysian response.

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4. Indonesia-US: Sukarno appears to have kept his promise to cut back on anti-American demonstrations.

On Monday, Indonesian police turned back demonstrators near USIA offices in Djakarta and Surabaya. A PANAM flight also landed at Djakarta without harassment.

5. Congo: Government forces are still doing well in the north.

The rebel advance on Coquilhatville appears to have been stopped, and the rebels to the east seem to be in full retreat.

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Meanwhile, Kenyatta has scheduled the first meeting of the OAU Congo Conciliation Commission for Friday in Nairobi. Tshombé has said he will be there. Kenyatta has also invited the foreign ministers from Brazzaville and Burundi in an effort to smooth out Leopoldville's relations with its neighbors.

Kenyatta hopes to minimize the commission's involvement in the Congolese internal situation, and not until later will he try to arrange a meeting of Congolese factions to promote "national reconciliation."

6. Israel-Syria: Once again a Syrian-Israeli clash may be in the offing.

The Israelis apparently intend to resume cultivation of land within the disputed area along the Syrian border. Local UN officials fear this will provoke the Syrians to fire at the Israeli workers without first protesting through UN channels.

As always, this raises the possibility of a retaliatory Israeli action that might reach serious proportions.

7. North Vietnam-Laos: Hanoi appears to be working on reducing the vulnerability of Communist infiltration and supply routes into Laos.

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Two other camps along the supply routes appear to have been abandoned, which we think indicates an effort to disperse formerly concentrated installations.

8. Japan-Communist China: Tokyo has agreed to exchange newsmen with Peiping, the initial exchanges probably taking place later this month. The Japanese may eventually find the deal embarrassing if, as seems a good bet, the Chinese newsmen get involved in political agitation.

9. Sino-Soviet Relations: Border talks which began in Peiping early this year have been suspended, to be renewed later in Moscow.

Sino-Soviet differences over certain sections in the Far East are still unresolved, but some agreement may have been reached on the Central Asian frontier. Even if the talks are resumed--which is not entirely certain--the chances of an over-all settlement appear remote, as each side appears to prefer using the territorial issue in an effort to discredit the other.

10. USSR Space: The Soviets launched what appears to be another military reconnaissance satellite--Cosmos 45--last Sunday. They have sent up at least one a month since April, taking advantage of the good photographic weather from spring to fall. [redacted]

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11. Cuba-USSR: Havana's new fishing port will soon get a floating dock from the USSR. [redacted]  
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USSR

Further examination of  
an early August [redacted] mission  
has turned up still another ICBM  
complex with single silo launchers.

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This one, at Aleysk north  
of Semipalatinsk, has three launch  
areas about five miles apart and  
a support facility. Like the three  
other single silo complexes we  
spotted earlier, it is in the mid-  
stage of construction.

We have now identified  
a total of 15 or 16 single silos  
at the four complexes. Some of  
them could be operational by mid-  
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15 SEPTEMBER 1964

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1. South Vietnam

a. The Viet Cong appear to be gearing up to exploit dislocations resulting from the coup attempt.

b. Communist broadcasts yesterday urged their forces to seize the initiative while the "US lackeys are tearing each other to pieces." The call was for stronger attacks in the countryside and intensified agitation in the cities for "democratic rights" and an end to the "US aggressive war."

c. [redacted]

[redacted] IV Corps troops south of Saigon--now returning tired and dispirited from their coup venture--may be vulnerable. Moreover, their commanders' status is uncertain, to say the least.

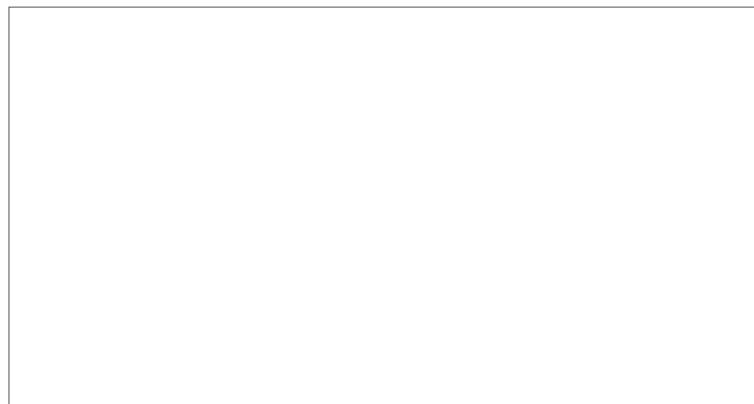
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d. In Saigon, Khanh is still being buffeted by student groups demanding a purge of the government [redacted]

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e. Meanwhile, it looks as if Sihanouk--who has long considered a Viet Cong victory inevitable--is treating the Communist's National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam more and more as a de facto government.

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2. Cyprus

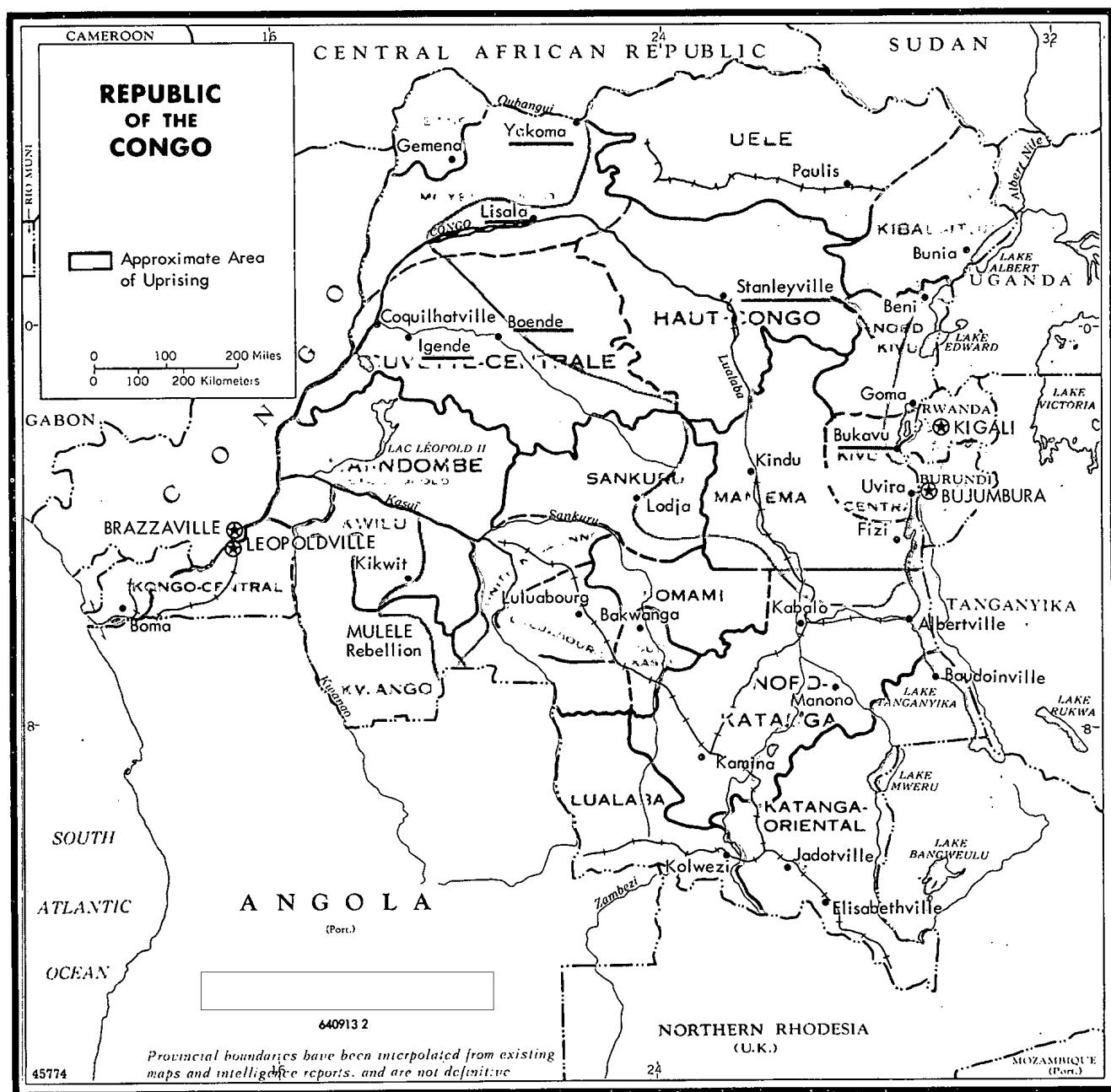
a. Tensions on the island have eased slightly.

b. Ankara, noting Makarios' agreement to allow food shipments to Cyprus, has announced that one is ready to go. The Turks will insist, however, that the UN, rather than Makarios' government, supervise the unloading.

c. Meanwhile Grivas [redacted] plans to dissolve all unauthorized groups of Greek Cypriot irregulars.

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d. As commander of Greek Cypriot forces, he intends to use the new conscription law to seize "illegal" weapons--including those held by several hundred crypto-Communists regarded by Makarios as his personal bodyguard.



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3. Congo

- a. Government forces continue to hold the initiative in the north.
- b. The advance on Coquilhatville has apparently been stopped, and the rebels seem to be in full retreat from Boende.
- c. Meanwhile, Kenyatta has scheduled the first meeting of the OAU Congo Conciliation Commission for Friday, in Nairobi. Tshombé has said he will be there.
- d. Kenyatta wants to minimize the commission's involvement in the Congolese internal situation, while trying to ease Leopoldville's strained relations with its neighbors. To this end, the foreign ministers from Brazzaville and Burundi have also been invited.
- e. Kenyatta envisages a subsequent meeting of "Congolese factions" to help promote "national reconciliation," but will not force the pace on this one despite pressure from the radical members of the commission--Ghana, Guinea, and Egypt.

4. Cuba

a. Wounded crewmen of the Spanish freighter Sierra Aranzazu, abandoned Sunday night after burning off the eastern tip of Cuba, have been taken to Guantanamo.

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5. Western Europe

a. The Common Market countries are discussing whether to hold the line on credits for the Communists.

b. We expect the Executive Commission to urge continuance of the five-year limit, despite London's recent 15-year credit to the USSR, but there is pressure in both West Germany and France in favor of longer term credits.

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c. The French Finance Ministry favors the short term, the Foreign Ministry the long-term credits. Bonn says it will have difficulty in not following Paris in any breach of the five-year limit.

NOTES

A. Indonesia-US Sukarno appears to have made good his promise to tone down anti-American demonstrations. Yesterday strong police guards turned back demonstrators at our Information Centers in Djakarta and Surabaya, and PANAM's flight landed at Djakarta without harassment.

B. Saudi Arabia - Yemen

[REDACTED]

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the Saudis have a lot  
of materiel along the border [REDACTED]

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C. Israel-Syria The Israelis evidently intend to resume cultivation in the disputed area along the Syrian border within the next few days. Local UN officials fear that the Syrians may simply fire at Israeli workers, rather than appealing to the UN machinery. This could provoke "retaliatory action" by Israel.

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E. Cuba-Japan

[redacted] Cuban-Japanese trade for the first six-months of this year has already greatly surpassed the 1963 total. [redacted] exports to Cuba consisted mostly of textiles, food, and construction materials or machines. [redacted]

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F. Yugoslavia-Rumania Tito is encouraging Rumania's opposition to Moscow's proposed 15 December conference of Communist parties. He probably fears the conference would reduce the freedom of maneuver his and other Communist parties now enjoy.

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16 SEPTEMBER 1964  
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1. USSR

a. Khrushchev, talking to a Japanese parliamentary delegation yesterday, claimed the USSR had a "monstrous new terrible weapon."

b. His wording--as reported to the press by the Japanese--suggests that if a new weapon does exist it is in the R and D phase, and in the nuclear, chemical, or biological warfare field. However, we know of no unique Soviet development in these or other weaponry fields.

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2. Indonesia-Malaysia-UK

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Jones reports Subandrio's assurances that there would be no further escalation by the Indonesians and that there were no plans for further moves like the recent parades on the Malay Peninsula. "Evidence," Subandrio claimed, would be Sukarno's junket, which starts tomorrow.

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3. Cyprus

a. Makarios goes to Athens today for the King's wedding--an event which may in itself serve to muffle the situation on the island for a few days.

b. [redacted]

[redacted] Makarios insists on concluding a military agreement with the Soviets, despite any Greek objections. [redacted]  
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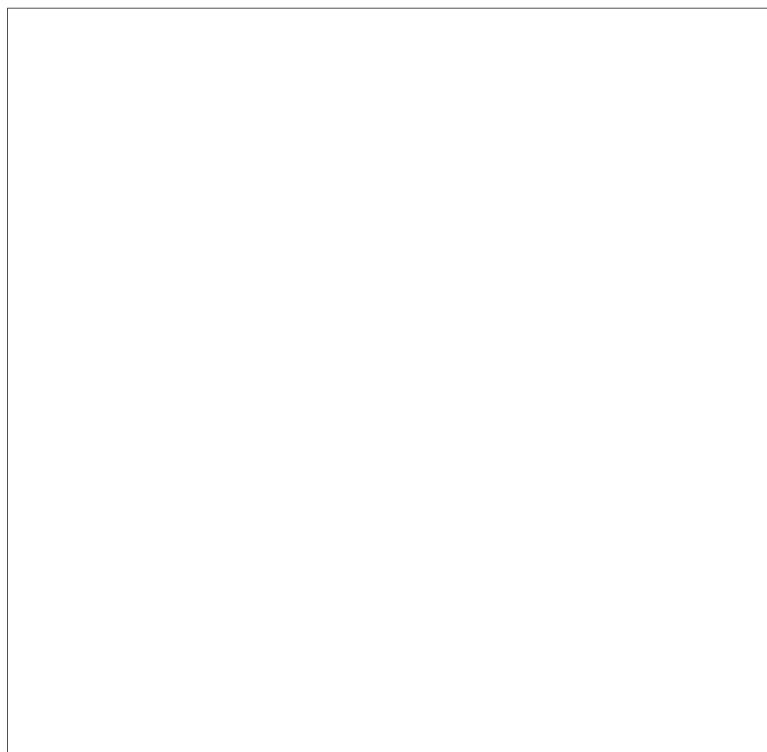
c. US service attachés in Turkey were puzzling yesterday over signs of an alert and of "busy planning." They saw no signs of troop or air movements.

d. The alert may predate Makarios' recent display of sweet reasonableness on the economic blockade issue. The Turkish troop rotation, however, has yet to be carried out.

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NOTES

A. South Vietnam After some reshuffling in the army's command structure--including the appointment of a new IV Corps commander to replace coup leader General Duc, [redacted] the military chain of command was "functioning." [redacted]

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B. Congo As government and mercenary forces continue to make gains in northern and central Congo, [redacted] some wavering of morale of rebels in their path.

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C. Congo (Brazzaville) We are seeing mounting evidence that the Chinese Communists are aiming to entrench themselves with the Brazzaville regime. Moreover, President Massamba-Delat said last week he will visit China later this month on his first formal tour outside Africa since he came to power last year. Military leaders are already there.

D. France: A French foreign office official says that long-planned French naval participation in a SACLANT exercise this week is being canceled. De Gaulle suspects French naval officers of disregarding his views on their activities within NATO command.

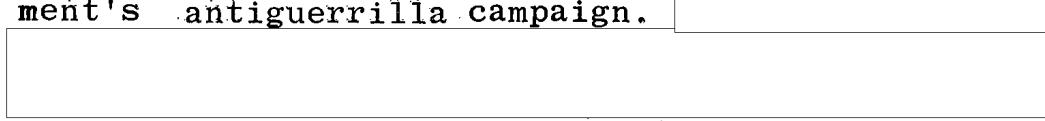
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- E. Berlin The new pass agreement--for West Berliner visits to East Berlin--is still elusive, after appearing close to signature. The impasse is over administrative arrangements which Bonn feels would imply too much for the legitimacy of the East German regime.
- F. Yemen We think that the much touted "agreement" between Nasir and Faysal to "cooperate" on reaching a settlement does mean that, at least for the time being, Faysal will hold off from any significant military assistance to the Yemeni royalists. There are still many hurdles to cross.



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- H. Ecuador There are some disturbing signs that leftist extremist factions may be closer to joining together in a "popular front" for guerrilla operations.
- I. Venezuela The Communists are now reported to be planning their new terrorist campaign [redacted] They feel they cannot sit by and accept further losses from the government's antiguerrilla campaign. [redacted]



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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--17 SEPTEMBER 1964

1. INDONESIA-MALAYSIA:

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2. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. KHANH IS UNDER GROWING PRESSURE FROM THE YOUNG GENERALS WHO SAVED HIM FROM THE COUP.

B. GENERAL XUNG, NOW COMMANDER OF THE CIVIL GUARD, SAYS KHANH HAS BEEN GIVEN HIS "LAST CHANCE." XUNG IS INSISTING

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THAT KHANH PURGE THE ARMY AND INSTALL A CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT BY 1 NOVEMBER.

C. GENERAL KY IS BACKING XUNG IN HIS DEMANDS. HE TOLD THE PRESS YESTERDAY THE YOUNGER GENERALS WILL ACT IF KHANH FAILS TO MAKE PROGRESS.

D. ALL THIS APPEARS TO HAVE HAD SOME EFFECT.

E. KHANH [REDACTED] ALTHOUGH 50X1  
AT FIRST HE INTENDED TO TAKE NO REPRISALS AGAINST THE LEADERS OF THE COUP ATTEMPT HE HAS NOW DECIDED TO HOLD A "FORMAL INQUIRY."

F. KHANH ADMITTED THAT JUNIOR AND MIDDLE GRADE OFFICERS HAVE BECOME CRITICAL OF THEIR SUPERIORS AND WOULD RESENT WHITEWASHING OF THOSE INVOLVED IN THE COUP ATTEMPT.

G. FIVE OF THE COUP LEADERS HAVE NOW BEEN ARRESTED AND PROBABLY FACE TRIAL AND POSSIBLY SEVERE PUNISHMENT.

3. UK-ISRAEL:

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4. FRANCE - SOUTH AMERICA:

A. DE GAULLE WILL PROBABLY LIMIT FRENCH OFFERS OF AID  
LARGELY TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DURING HIS TOUR, WHICH STARTS  
ON 20 SEPTEMBER.

B. FRENCH OFFICIALS CLAIM FRANCE HAS NO INTENTION OF  
TRYING TO COMPETE WITH THE US IN SOUTH AMERICA.

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5. NOTES:

A. FRANCE-USSR:

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B. KENYA - COMMUNIST CHINA: CHINESE COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES IN KENYA HAVE BACKFIRED. KENYATTA HAS THREATENED THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR WITH "DRASTIC ACTION" IF HE DOES NOT STOP CIRCULATING MATERIAL ATTACKING COUNTRIES WITH WHICH KENYA HAS FRIENDLY RELATIONS, SPECIFICALLY, THE US AND THE USSR. THE LOCAL PRESS HAS FOLLOWED UP WITH A FLOOD OF MATERIAL CRITICAL OF CHINESE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA.

C. BOLIVIA-US: BOLIVIAN STUDENTS YESTERDAY MADE THREE ROCK-THROWING ATTACKS ON THE USIA CENTER IN LA PAZ. A SMALL POLICE CONTINGENT WAS UNABLE TO CONTROL THE ATTACKERS. THE EMBASSY REPORTS ALL WINDOWS IN THE CENTER WERE SMASHED, AND THERE WAS MINOR DAMAGE TO FURNITURE, BUT NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL.

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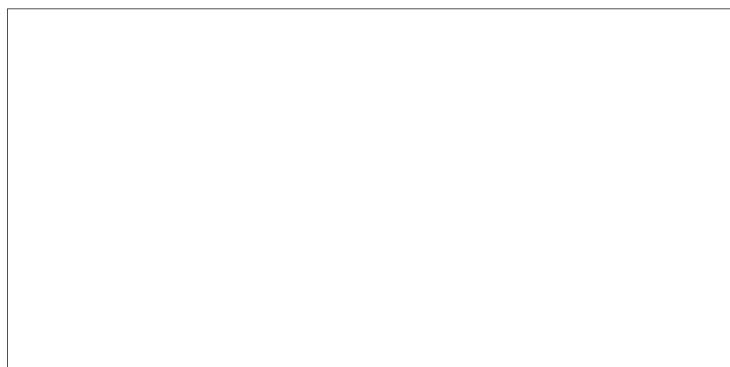
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1. Indonesia-Malaysia-UK

a. Victorious and its escorts apparently went through the Lombok Strait this morning without incident.



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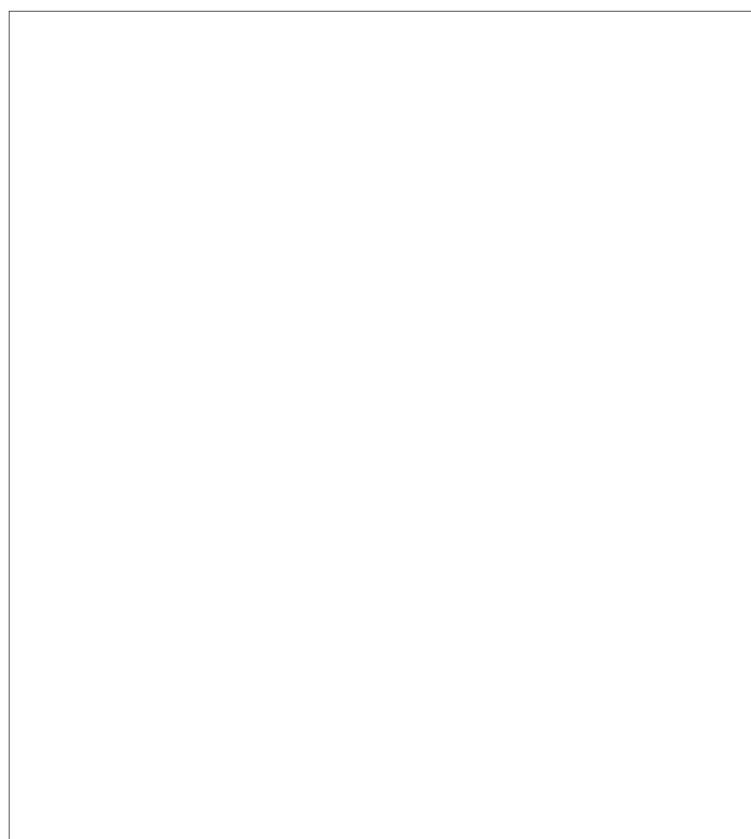
c. The Indonesians also sounded a one-hour civil defense alert in Djakarta, alleging that "enemy aircraft" were overhead.



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2. Israel



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3. Cyprus

a. The Turks have told the Greeks that, as a wedding present to King Constantine, they will renew the residence permits of Istanbul Greeks, thus removing the threat of a general expulsion.

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b. Other points of potential friction remain. Despite what the Greeks tell us, the Greek Cypriots are still saying that Turkey no longer has a right to keep troops on Cyprus, let alone rotate them.

c. The Turks say that the long-postponed rotation "must and will take place." [redacted]

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d. The supply of Turkish Cypriot communities is another explosive issue. Shipments of Red Crescent relief goods are on the way to Kokkina. Turkish Cypriots there have given "the priest" Makarios what they call "a splendid lesson" by refusing food offered by him. [redacted]

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#### 4. Congo

a. Tshombé, who seems to have acquired a taste for personal diplomacy, is in Nairobi for the initial session, beginning today, of the new OAU Congo Commission.

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c. All the same, there is a chance that Tshombé may clash with one or another of the more radical commission members.

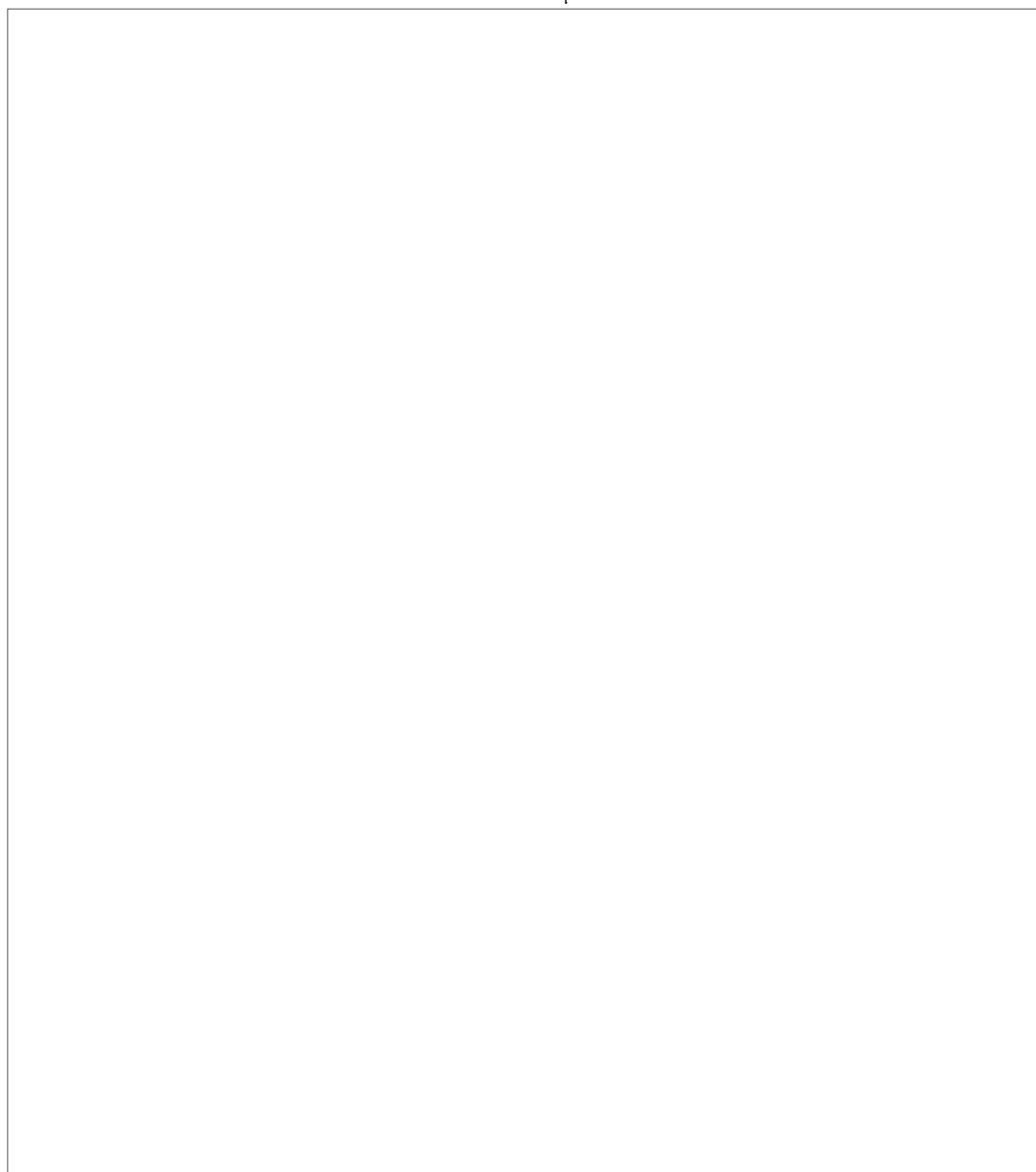
d. Back in the Congo, government forces still have the initiative. There are many signs of rebel disarray.



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NOTES

- A. USSR Soviet naval and air forces are engaged in extensive defensive exercises against the current NATO maneuvers in the Norwegian Sea.

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- B. North Vietnam - US Thus far Hanoi's reaction to the latest US naval patrol in the Gulf of Tonkin has been defensive.

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- C. Saudi Arabia - UAR Faysal, we now learn, plans to return to Cairo early next month to take part in the "nonaligned" conference. His presence there will offer an opportunity for further talks with Nasir on Yemen. According to one of Faysal's leading advisors, the Prince and Nasir hit it off surprisingly well at the Arab Summit.

- D. France-China France has hopes of being able to sell another million tons of wheat to Communist China this year. Existing contracts call for the delivery of 450,000 tons.

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E. Venezuela We may be seeing the start of the predicted Communist campaign of violence. There have been disturbances in Caracas for the first time in months, and on Tuesday a Caracas firm was robbed of police uniforms. We do not anticipate that this fall's campaign will reach the pitch of last fall's or that it will get out of hand.

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**Communist China**

a. Ambassador Dobrynin has told Ambassador Thompson that Moscow believes Communist China could explode its first nuclear device at any time.

b. Soviet concern over the impact of such an event may have motiviated at least in part Khrushchev's several references this week to "monstrous" and "terrible" Soviet weapons.

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e. The most recent satellite photography of the Lop Nor test site, dated early August, indicated that the site could be ready this year.

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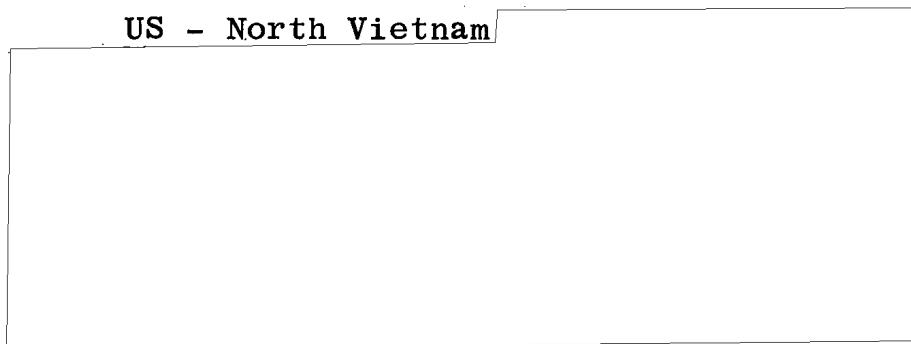


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US - North Vietnam



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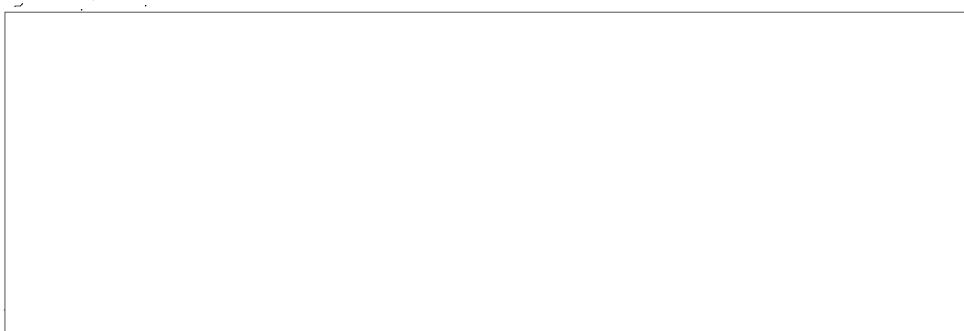
18 September 1964

1. USSR: Khrushchev, talking to a Japanese parliamentary delegation on 15 September, was initially quoted as claiming the USSR had a "monstrous new terrible weapon."

Khrushchev and the Japanese have subsequently corrected--but not as yet clarified--the reporting of his remarks. The implication now is that he is claiming for the USSR a "terrible weapon," not a nuclear bomb, and in the R and D stage.

This leaves the biological or--less likely--chemical warfare field. However, we know of no unique Soviet development in these or other weaponry fields.

Khrushchev promised a TASS release of his remarks. This could provide some clarification.



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[redacted] the fact that Khrushchev made his statement in the midst of an anti-Chinese diatribe suggest to us that the announcement was a maneuver for tactical advantage in the Sino-Soviet dispute--possibly one designed to blunt the impact of some expected Chinese Communist claim for a nuclear capability.

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2. Communist China: Ambassador Dobrynin has told Ambassador Thompson that Moscow believes Communist China could explode its first nuclear device at any time.

Soviet concern over the impact of such an event may have motivated at least in part Khrushchev's several references this week to "monstrous" and "terrible" Soviet weapons.

We are not sure just how good Soviet information on the Chinese program is, but the Soviets themselves have suggested that since 1960 they have not been well informed. Prior to that time, of course, their knowledge was both detailed and up to date.

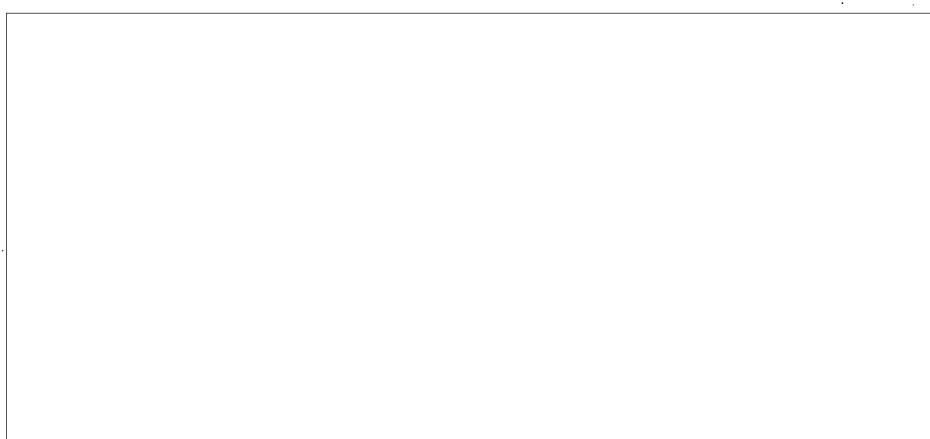


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3. Indonesia - Malaysia:

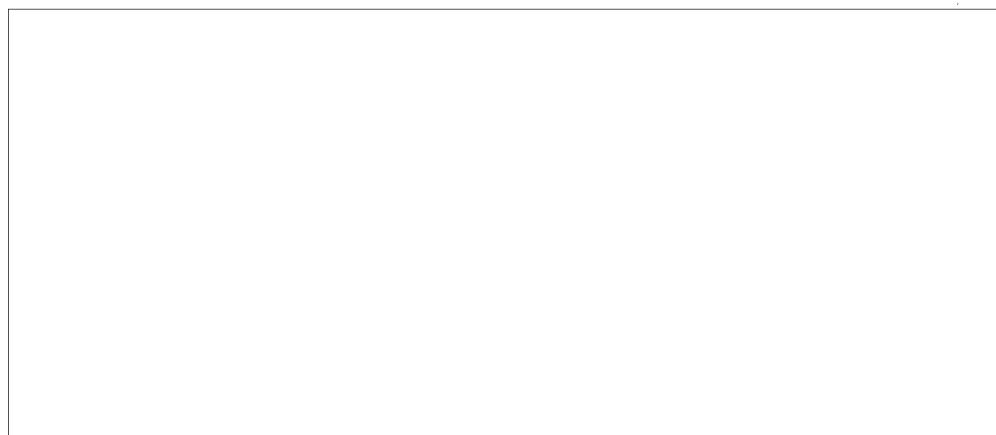


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On Thursday, Sukarno took off for his European visit. Before leaving, he told Ambassador Jones that he hopes for a peaceful settlement of the dispute and has no plans for military action, "unless the British start something."



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4. Cyprus: The Turks are still insisting on rotating their troops.

The Greek Cypriots maintain that Turkey no longer has the right to keep any troops at all on Cyprus, let alone rotate them. The showdown may come next week.

We have heard little lately from Makarios, who has been at the wedding in Athens. Before the archbishop left Cyprus, [redacted] he was still determined to go through with a military deal with the USSR. [redacted]

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The Turks, meanwhile, have told Athens that, as a wedding present to Constantine, they will renew the residence permits of the Istanbul Greeks, thus removing the threat of a general expulsion.

5. South Vietnam: Khanh is under growing pressure from the young generals who saved him from the coup.

General Xung, now commander of the Civil Guard, says Khanh has been given his "last chance." Xung is insisting that Khanh purge the army and install a civilian government by 1 November.

General Ky is backing Xung in his demands. He told the press Wednesday the younger generals will act if Khanh fails to make progress.

All this appears to have had some effect.

Khanh

[redacted] at first he intended to take no reprisals against the leaders of the coup attempt he has now decided to hold a "formal inquiry."

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Khanh admitted that junior and middle grade officers have become critical of their superiors and would resent whitewashing of those involved in the coup attempt. Five of the coup leaders have been arrested and probably face trial and possibly severe punishment.

6. Congo: Tshombé is in Nairobi for a meeting of the OAU's special committee on the Congo.

There is a good chance he may clash with radical members of the committee. The UAR, Ghana, and possibly Guinea and Somalia, may force his hand by demanding concessions to the Congolese rebels which he would find unacceptable.

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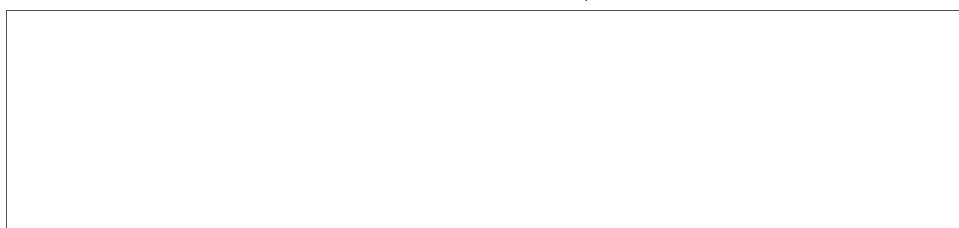
Government forces in the Congo still have the initiative. We continue to receive indications of confusion and slipping morale among the rebels.

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7. Congo (Brazzaville): We continue to see signs that the Chinese Communists are trying to entrench themselves with the Brazzaville regime.

Last week, President Massamba-Debat said he will visit China later this month. This would be his first formal trip outside Africa since he took over last year. Military leaders in his government are already there.

8. Kenya - Communist China: The Chinese Communists' propaganda activities have gotten them into trouble in Kenya.



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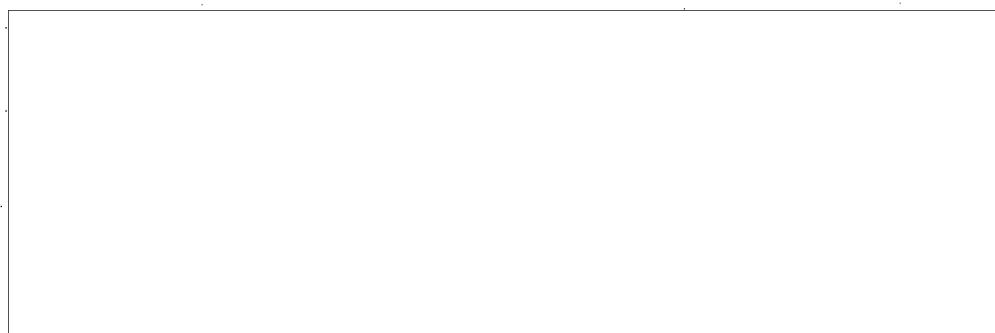
The Nairobi press has taken its cue and has loosed a flood of criticism of Chinese Communist activities throughout Africa.

9. Israel:



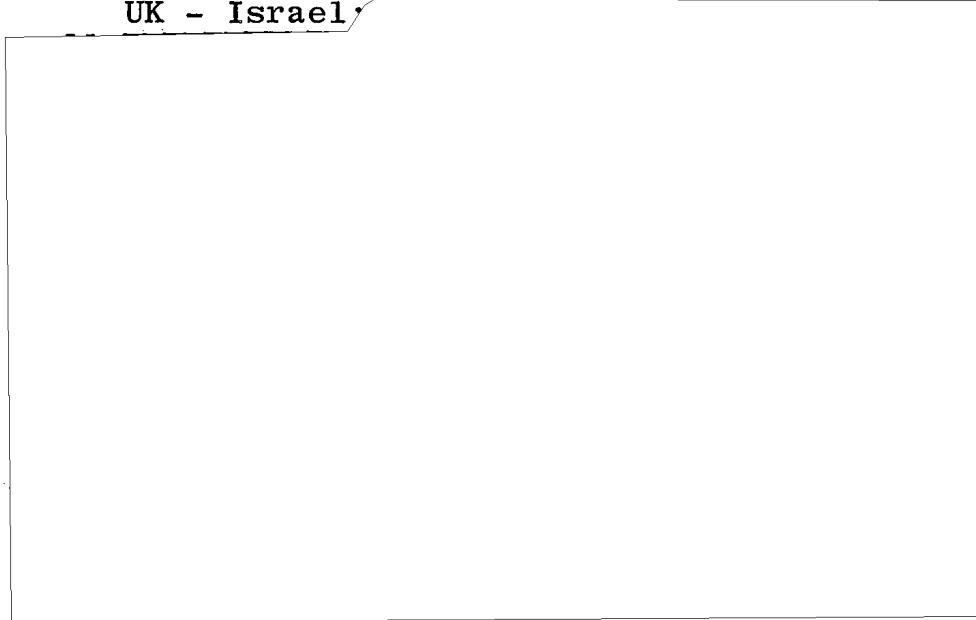
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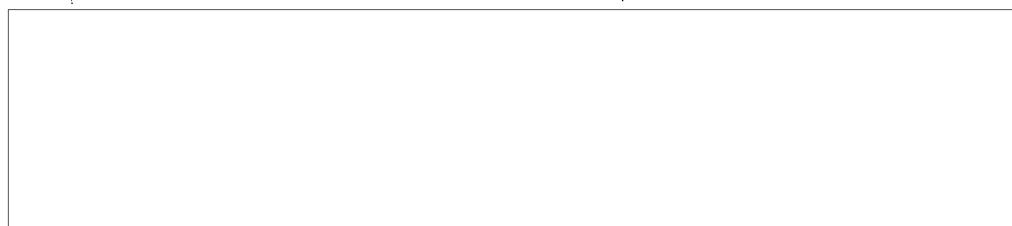
10. UK - Israel



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11. France - South America: De Gaulle starts  
his South American tour this Sunday.

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Any aid offers De Gaulle may make to his host countries during the trip are likely to be limited to technical assistance. However, he may well talk to the Colombians about an interoceanic, sea-level canal.

We think a French offer to help on a new canal would be--at this stage, at least--largely a propaganda gesture. Only preliminary steps have been taken toward determining the feasibility of such an undertaking.

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France - USSR



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13. Cuba - UK: London has announced that Cubana airlines will commence daily service between Havana and Nassau on Monday.

The British say they are bound to grant Cuba landing rights in the Bahamas under the terms of a 1948 treaty. They promise, however, to keep a close watch over the passengers in transit.

14. Venezuela: The predicted new Communist campaign of violence may be under way.

There have been disturbances in Caracas for the first time in months, and on Tuesday a Caracas firm was robbed of police uniforms.



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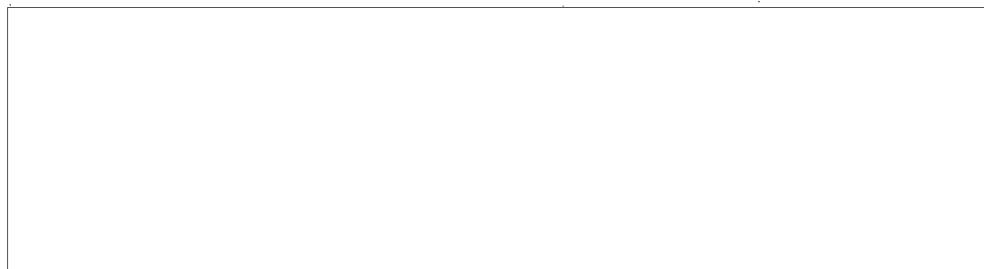
We do not expect that the campaign this fall will reach the level of last year's, however, and doubt that it will get out of hand.

15. UAR - Saudi Arabia - Yemen



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16. USSR: Soviet naval and air forces are engaged in extensive defensive exercises against the current NATO maneuvers in the Norwegian Sea. [REDACTED]

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17. Denmark: Elections are coming up in less than a week, but public interest is lukewarm at best.

A good measure of this interest is illustrated by a story told by one of the leading candidates. While out campaigning, he asked a streetcar conductor who he thought would win the election. The conductor responded: "Johnson!"

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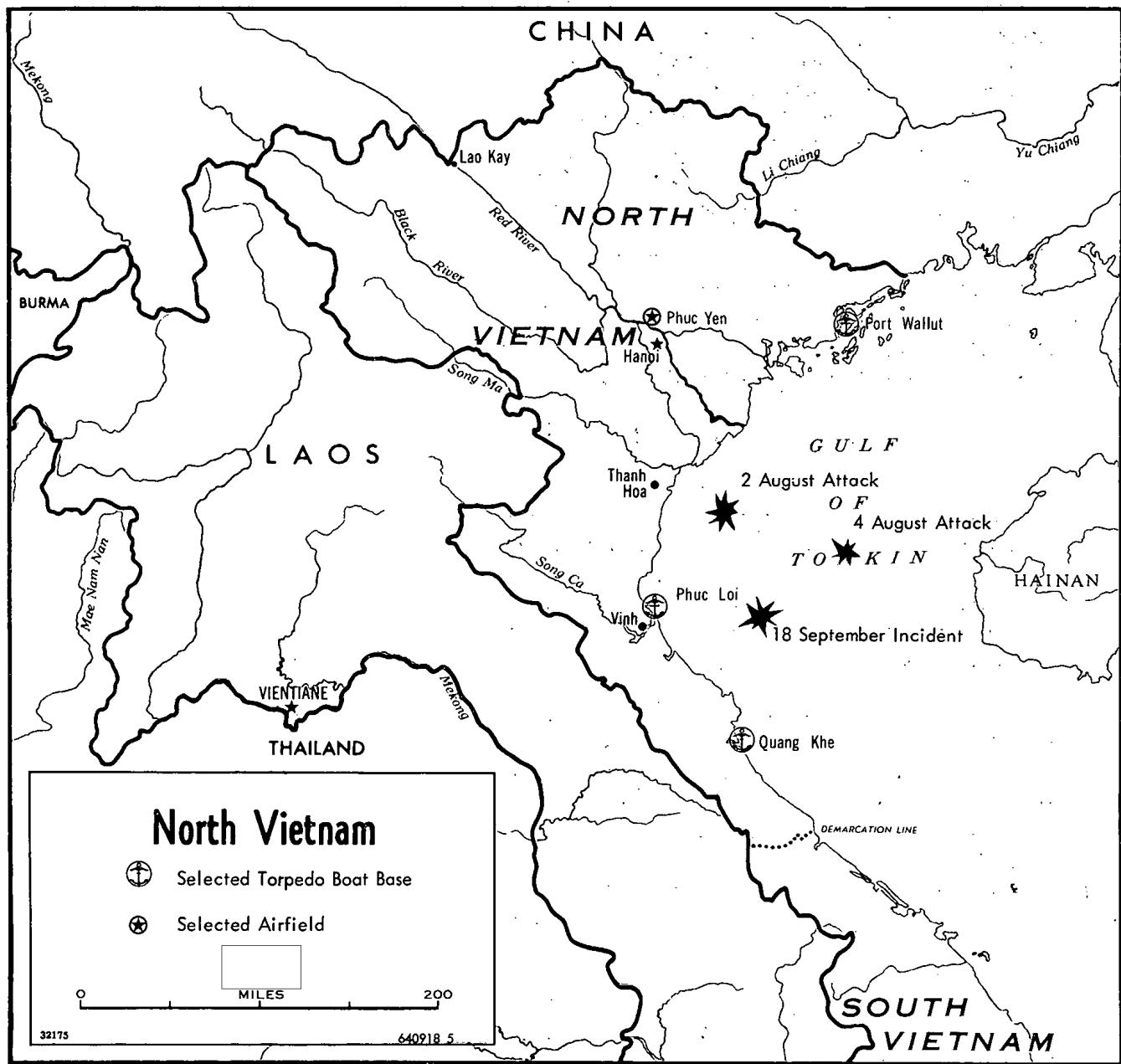
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1. North Vietnam

a. We have no evidence thus far that Hanoi had ordered an attack on the "Desoto" patrol yesterday.

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b. One alert order issued just before the incident instructed units in the south to "avoid provocation."

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c. North Vietnamese naval messages transmitted after the incident yesterday appear to be concerned with defensive action and to reflect fear of US air attack.

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e. Hanoi propaganda is taking the line that the US is seeking "once again to have a pretext for attacking the DRV." Peiping echoes this.

f. Hanoi is calling for an ICC investigation. [redacted]

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2. USSR

a. Both Khrushchev and the Japanese who heard his remarks about a "terrible" weapon have commented further on what he said. The military implications of his statement have only become fuzzier, as he may have intended them to.

b. Khrushchev himself has ruled out bombs and, apparently, nuclear weapons. This leaves BW and, less likely, CW, if indeed he was talking about a mass destruction weapon.

c. We are now waiting for a promised Soviet official version of his remarks.

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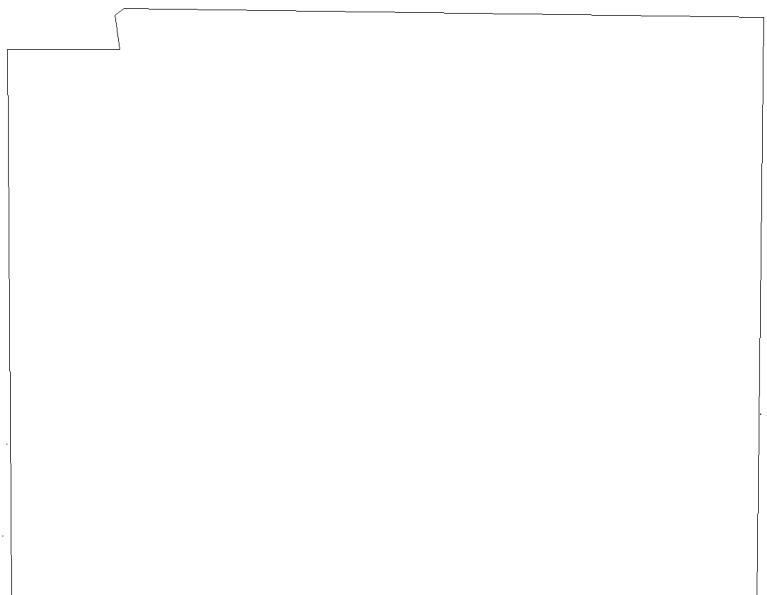
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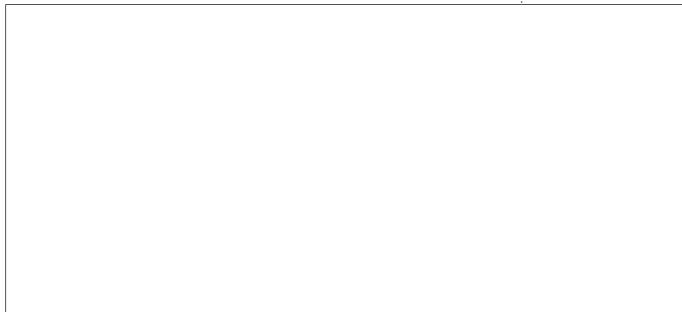
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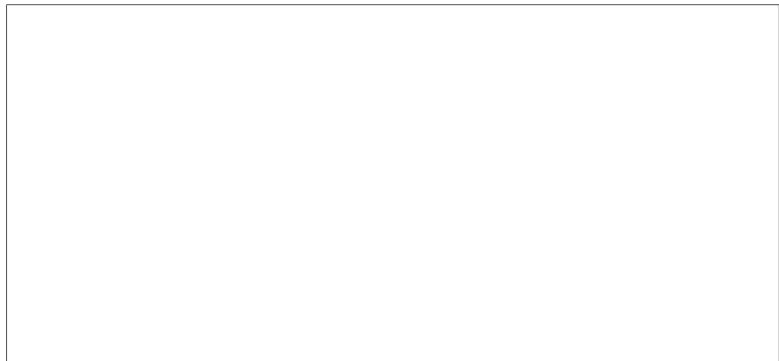
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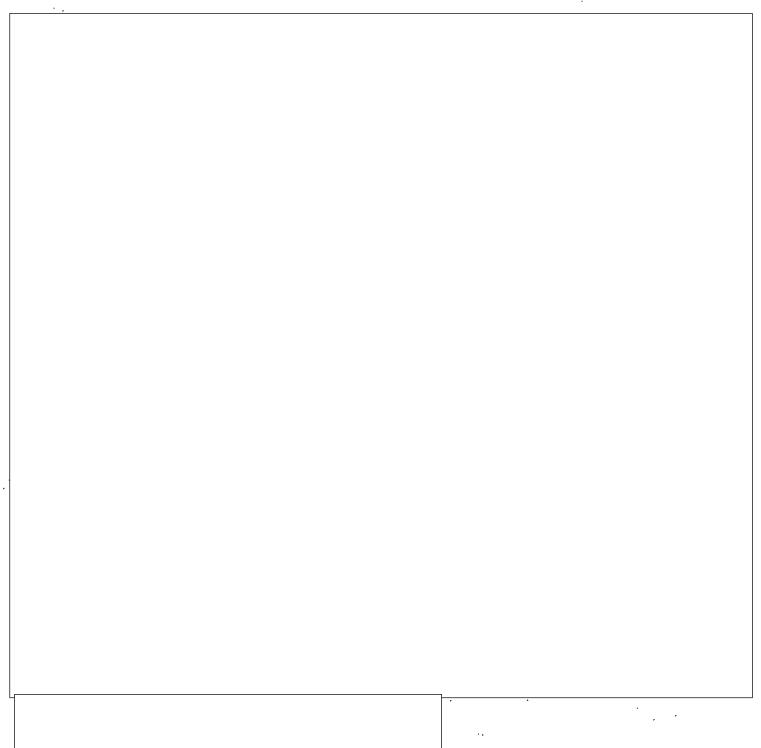
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NOTES

A. Chile-Cuba

Chilean president-elect Frei is seeking to arrange a Cuban-US meeting in a neutral country.

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B. Indonesia-Malaysia In Bangkok on the first leg of his junket, Sukarno exuded good will for Malaysia

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C. USSR-Arab States Moscow has apparently been looking into new opportunities for the USSR arising from the establishment of a United Arab command. A high-level Soviet military delegation, including one major general known to be associated with Moscow's foreign military training and assistance program, has just finished touring the UAR, Yemen, Syria, and Iraq.

D. Rumania We have another symptom of Rumania's independence. A US historian has been asked to prepare studies on Rumanian history, including one intended to prove that the regime's policy has been "consistently anti-Soviet."

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E. Congo. The rebels intend to send a delegation to the OAU Congo Commission session in Nairobi which began yesterday. They spoke of using a Red Cross plane, at one time due into Stanleyville from Burundi with medicines, but later rejected it in favor of an "African plane."



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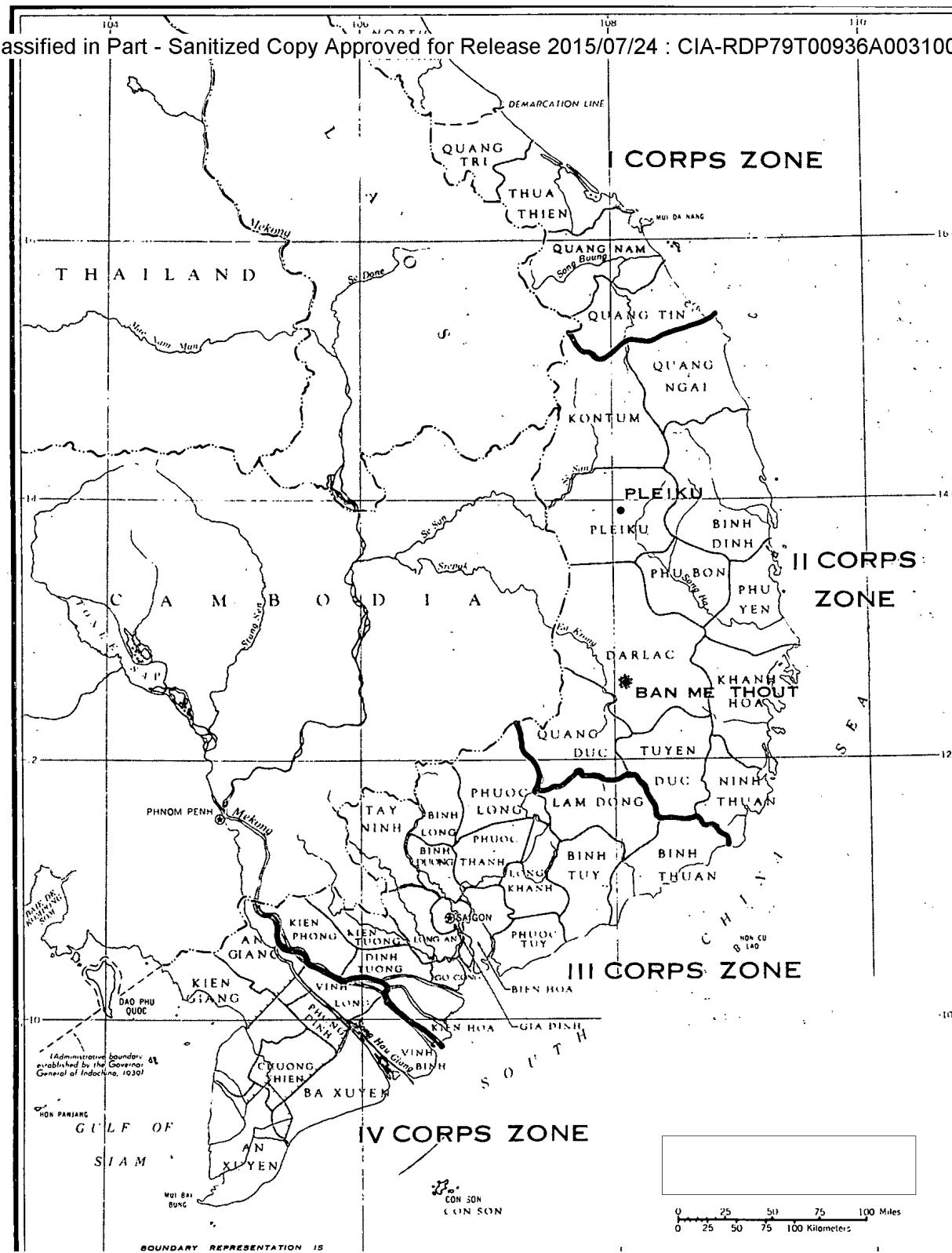
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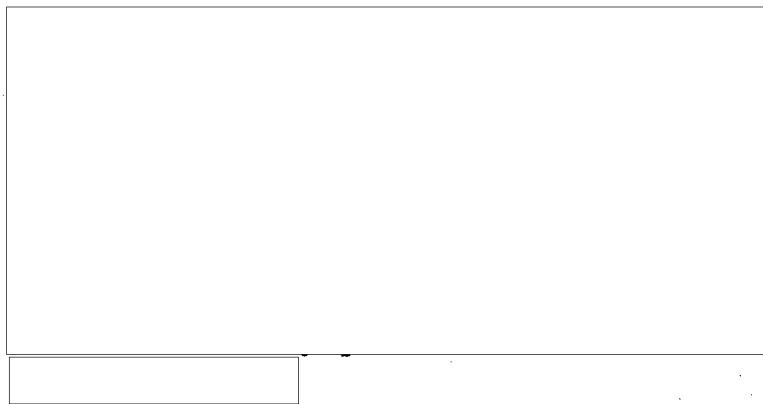


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1. North Vietnamese -  
Communist China

a. The Desoto patrol destroyers  
have completed their mission and  
are now off South Vietnam.



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2. South Vietnam

a. As Khanh continues his  
efforts to form a Supreme National  
Council which is to prepare the  
country for civilian rule, he has  
new thorns in his side.

b. Rhade tribesmen in four  
Civilian Irregular Defense Group  
camps revolted yesterday. They  
seized the radio station at Ban Me  
Thuot, a nearby ammunition dump,  
and a district headquarters in  
northern Quang Duc Province.

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c. They complain of mistreatment and demand autonomy. Some Viet Cong inspiration is suggested by complaints of US "imperialism."

d. Local authorities appear to be containing the situation. They are trying to arrange a meeting between Khanh and the key rebel leader.

e. Meanwhile, a strike scheduled to last 48 hours is paralyzing utility and transport services in Saigon. The strike is illegal under current emergency regulations, but so far there are no signs of stern government measures.

3. Indonesia-Malaysia

a. Sukarno is still pushing his current line of negotiation and peaceful settlement.

b. A joint Sukarno-Ayub communiqué issued in Rawalpindi on Saturday called for settlement by an Afro-Asian conciliation commission.

c. Nasution told Ambassador Jones that no new military actions against Malaysia are planned but political actions will continue. He admits that a peaceful settlement is unlikely.

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d. Nasution told Jones that the PKI has the "bit in its teeth." He foresees further deterioration in US-Indonesian relations.



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4. Congo

a. Things seem to have been going well so far for Tshombé at the OAU Commission session in Nairobi.

b. Meanwhile, the Belgians are moving to strengthen their advisory mission in Leopoldville.



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c. A rebel column approaching from the west appears to offer a new threat to Bukavu, but elsewhere government forces continue to make some limited progress.

d. The Red Cross now hopes to get a chartered Swiss plane in to Stanleyville with medical supplies, possibly by Wednesday.

5. USSR

a. Moscow has announced the end of Soviet, Rumanian, and Bulgarian joint maneuvers in Bulgaria.

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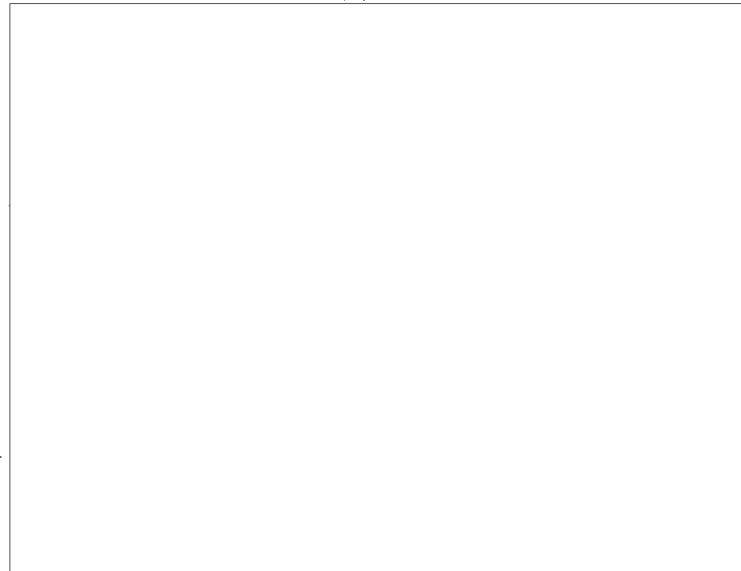
b. The Soviets continue to watch the NATO exercise in the North Atlantic.

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6. India-USSR

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7. Communist China

a. With a deal for 400,000 tons of Argentine wheat, Peiping has now contracted for about six million tons of foreign grain this year. The 1963 total was 5.7 million tons.

b. China will get 300,000 tons annually from Argentina in 1965 and 1966. Negotiations for next year are also under way with France, Canada, and Australia.

NOTES

- A. Bolivia The situation is quiet following the discovery and suppression yesterday of an alleged plot to overthrow President Paz. We think there is some possibility the government may have invented the plot as a pretext for moving against opposition elements before they capitalized on labor unrest. Former vice president Juan Lechin is still at large and could cause trouble if he reaches the tin mine area.
- B. South Korea - Japan Stepped-up South Korean seizures of Japanese fishing boats offer the latest obstacle to normalization of Japanese-Korean relations. President Pak wants an agreement but for domestic reasons he cannot ignore the presence of large numbers of Japanese boats near Korean shores.

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1. South Vietnam

a. US and Australian advisers have persuaded most of the Rhade strike force elements to return to their bases, but the tribesmen could still cause trouble.

b. At one base, ten US military personnel are being held as hostages, but are not believed in any danger.

c. Khanh told Ambassador Taylor yesterday that he suspected some US Special Forces personnel had encouraged the Rhade plot or, at least, withheld foreknowledge of it from the government. He agreed to keep his suspicions to himself pending receipt of more facts.

d. Students in the capital of Binh Dinh Province carried out noisy demonstrations over the weekend, presenting the government with the familiar demands that alleged Diem remnants be thrown out of office. As is becoming usual in these cases, local authorities stood aside and gave the demonstrators their head.

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e. The labor walkout which began yesterday has been called off, with the labor leadership crowing that the government was forced to give in.

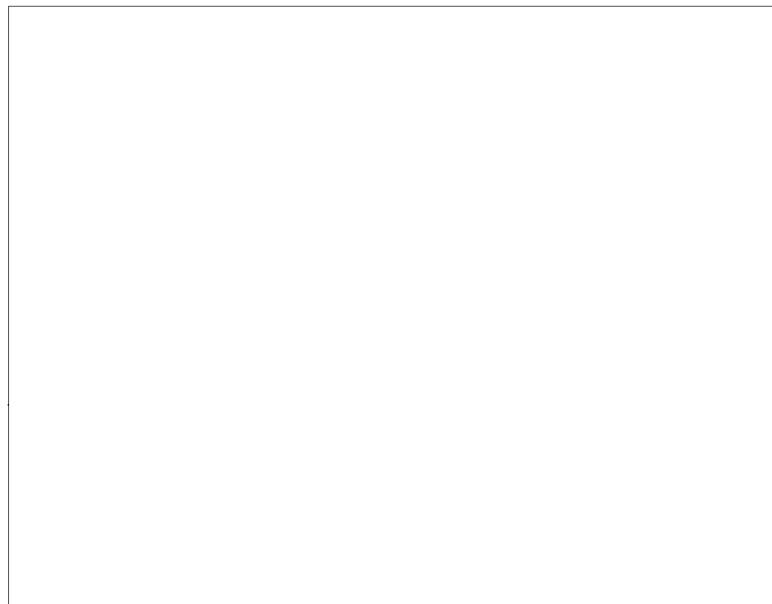
f. Viet Cong incidents over the past several days have been at near record levels.

g. Much of this has been terrorism and harassment in rural areas, but several small-scale attacks produced relatively heavy government losses.

2. Indonesia-  
Malaysia

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3. Congo

a. The OAU's committee on the Congo was not satisfied with Tshombé's performance at the Nairobi meeting.

b. They feel he should have agreed to talk with Congolese rebel leaders during the meeting. Tshombé left abruptly to go to Elisabethville yesterday.

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c. Christophe Gbenye, "President" of the "Congolese People's Republic," is now expected to arrive in Nairobi soon. Ambassador Attwood believes the stage is set for him to appear as a "true" nationalist devoted to ousting the foreigners.

d. Attwood reports that the US is sharing the blame for Tshombé's behavior. The Africans feel US support, the use of US aircraft in the fighting, encourages Tshombé to resist compromise with the rebels.

e. The OAU's secretary general told Attwood yesterday that the private, unanimous opinion of the special committee was that the US planes must be removed, since this was a precondition to rebel acceptance of a ceasefire.

NOTES

- A. North Vietnam There has been no significant change in the Communist military posture.

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- B. North Vietnam - South Vietnam Peiping radio has broadcast a claim by the North Vietnamese that they are holding a [redacted] pilot allegedly shot down while flying a Laotian T-28 over their territory.

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[Redacted] comments that the T-28 lost on 18 August could have wandered across the border. However, the pilot may have been captured by the Communists after crashing in Laos and is now good propaganda fodder for Hanoi.

- C. Laos [redacted] the three princes argued [redacted] then broke up over Souvanna's preconditions. They have decided to have their deputies continue the talks in Paris.

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- D. Bolivia The situation remains quiet, but the state of siege declared on Sunday continues. There is still no evidence of a genuine plot sufficient to justify the government's stringent action. Our embassy speculates that Paz is taking no chances on an incident during De Gaulle's visit.

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E. United Nations The UN working group charged with working out a compromise on the USSR's refusal to pay its UN arrears has bogged down. The members are clearly reluctant to offend the USSR, and India and the UAR want to let the matter revert to the General Assembly. The Indians believe nothing can be done until after the US elections.

F. West Germany Bonn is considering whether to ask for an amendment to the Western European Union treaty to allow German development and production of missile components. [redacted]

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[redacted] The treaty has already been changed so that West Germany can make antitank missiles and larger destroyers.

G. Zanzibar A showdown between Karume and radicals on his revolutionary council could be shaping up in the wake of the killing of four members of an Asian Moslem sect by one of the council. [redacted]

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[redacted] The radicals have already arrested other sect members on charges of plotting to overthrow the Zanzibar government.

H. Western Europe No decision on credits to the Soviet bloc was taken during the EEC Council of Ministers' meeting last week. Belgium and the Netherlands are apparently looking for a way to break the five-year limit and the West Germans say they are under pressure from industry to do so. The French, who may extend ten-year terms during commercial negotiations with the USSR next month, apparently sought to keep a free hand.

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22 September 1964

1. South Vietnam: As Khanh continues his efforts to form a Supreme National Council which is to prepare the country for civilian rule, he has new thorns in his side.

US and Australian advisers have persuaded most of the Rhade strike force elements who revolted on Sunday to return to their bases, but the tribesmen could still cause trouble. They complain of mistreatment and demand autonomy. Some Viet Cong inspiration is suggested by Rhade complaints of US "imperialism."

On the other hand, Khanh told Ambassador Taylor on Monday that he suspected some US Special Forces personnel had encouraged the Rhade plot or, at least, withheld foreknowledge of it from the government. He agreed to keep his suspicions to himself pending receipt of more facts.

Students in the capital of Binh Dinh Province carried out noisy demonstrations over the weekend, presenting the government with the familiar demands that alleged Diem remnants be thrown out of office. As is becoming usual in these cases, local authorities stood aside and gave the demonstrators their head.

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The labor walkout which paralyzed utility and transport services in Saigon on Monday has been called off. The labor leadership is crowing that the government was forced to give in.

Viet Cong incidents over the past several days have been at near record levels.

2. Congo: The OAU's committee on the Congo wound up dissatisfied with Tshombé's performance at the Nairobi meeting. They feel he should have agreed to talk with Congolese rebel leaders there. Tshombé left abruptly on Monday to go to Elisabethville.

Christophe Gbenye, "President" of the "Congolese People's Republic," and other top rebel leaders are now expected in Nairobi, where they can appear as "true" nationalists devoted to ousting the foreigners.

The Africans feel US support, especially the use of US aircraft in the fighting, encourages Tshombé to resist compromise with the rebels. The OAU's secretary general says that the [redacted] unanimous opinion of the special committee is that US planes must be removed, since this is a precondition to rebel acceptance of a ceasefire. They want now to send a delegation to Washington.

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A rebel column approaching from the west appears to offer a threat to Bukavu, but elsewhere government forces continue to make some limited progress. The Red Cross still hopes to get a chartered Swiss plane in to Stanleyville with medical supplies.

3. Cyprus: The island has been relatively quiet, aside from the usual shooting incidents. The Turks still talk of carrying out their troop rotation before the end of September. They are now trying to work out an arrangement through the UN.

Khrushchev has met the Cypriot emissaries in Moscow looking for a military agreement, but the Soviets do not appear to be rushing to sign one. The US Embassy in Moscow, after studying Soviet news coverage of the negotiations, has the impression that Moscow may come up with economic aid rather than any military assistance or commitment.

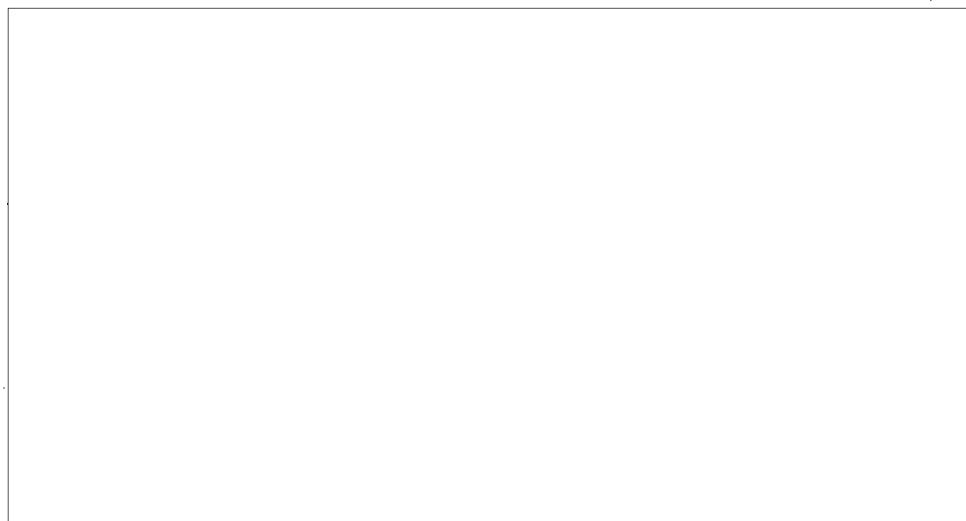
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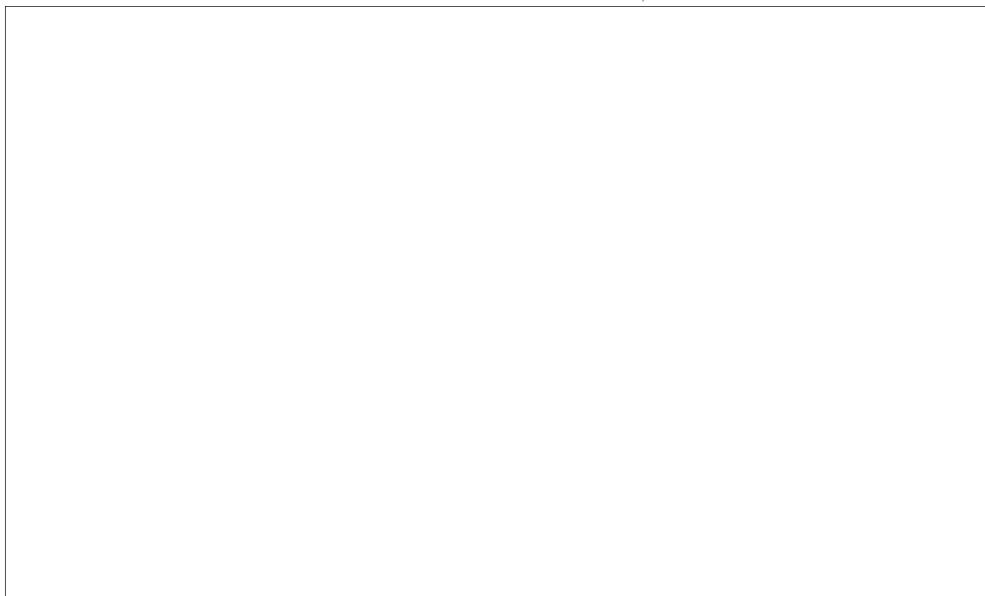


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6. USSR: Four days after the furor caused by the various versions and interpretations of Khrushchev's remarks about a "terrible weapon" to Japanese parliamentarians, Moscow released an official English "text."

As issued for the record, Khrushchev's remarks were still cast in a Sino-Soviet context, but were most modest and made no new claim.

Khrushchev is quoted as saying: "...I had to spend the day yesterday inspecting new types of weapons. I stayed all day long with military, with the scientists and engineers who work in this sphere. I had to do this because there are still wolves in the world and one is compelled to have means to protect himself from them. This is why we are developing the most up-to-date means for the defense of our state, our people, means for defending international peace. We know very well the destructive power of this terrible weaponry and we should not like to use it ever."

7. USSR:

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8. North Vietnam - Communist China: We have no evidence thus far that Hanoi ordered an attack on the "Desoto" patrol on 18 September although naval units had been alerted to its movement.

North Vietnamese naval messages transmitted after the incident have been concerned with defensive action and appear to reflect fear of US attack.

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Hanoi and Peiping, in their quite prompt propaganda exploitation of the incident, claimed among other things that the US is seeking "once again to have a pretext for attacking the DRV."

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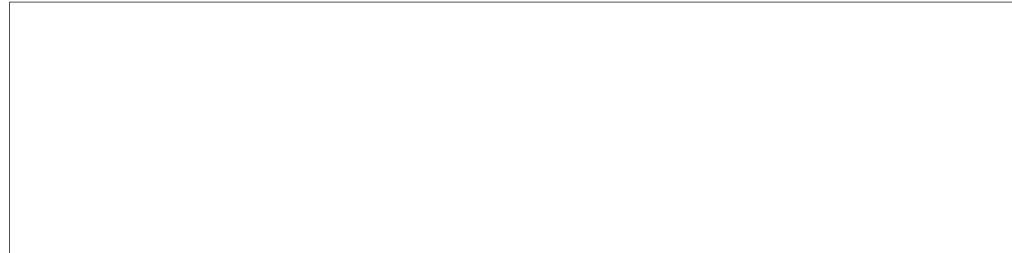
9. Communist China: With a deal for 400,000 tons of Argentine wheat, Peiping has now contracted for about six million tons of foreign grain this year. The 1963 total was 5.7 million tons.

China will get 300,000 tons annually from Argentina in 1965 and 1966. Negotiations for 1965 are also under way with France, Canada, and Australia.

10. Indonesia-Malaysia: Sukarno, now in Europe, is pushing his current line of negotiation and peaceful settlement. He has also just invited himself to Moscow.

In Djakarta, General Nasution has told Ambassador Jones that no new military actions against Malaysia are planned but political actions will continue. He admits that a peaceful settlement is unlikely. Nasution told Jones that the Indonesia Communist Party has the "bit in its teeth." He foresees further deterioration in US-Indonesian relations.

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11. Laos: Souvanna has left the Paris talks, after a stormy session on 21 September where the three Laotian provinces argued for four hours over his preconditions for a 14-nation conference. Their deputies are to continue the talks. We expect little from them unless there should be a substantial shift in the military or political balance in Laos.

12. India-USSR:



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13.      Western Europe: No decision on credits to the Soviet bloc was taken during the EEC Council of Ministers' meeting last week. Belgium and the Netherlands are apparently looking for a way to break the five-year limit, and the West Germans say they are under pressure from industry to do so. The French, who may offer ten-year terms during commercial negotiations with the USSR next month, apparently sought to keep a free hand.

14.      Cuba: The Algerians apparently expect Castro in mid-October. He has twice postponed visits to Algeria. He may be going to the Cairo "nonaligned" conference 5-9 October and may plan to visit Algeria on the way back.

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Cuban decision to do nothing whatsoever that might cause Mexico to break relations. [redacted]

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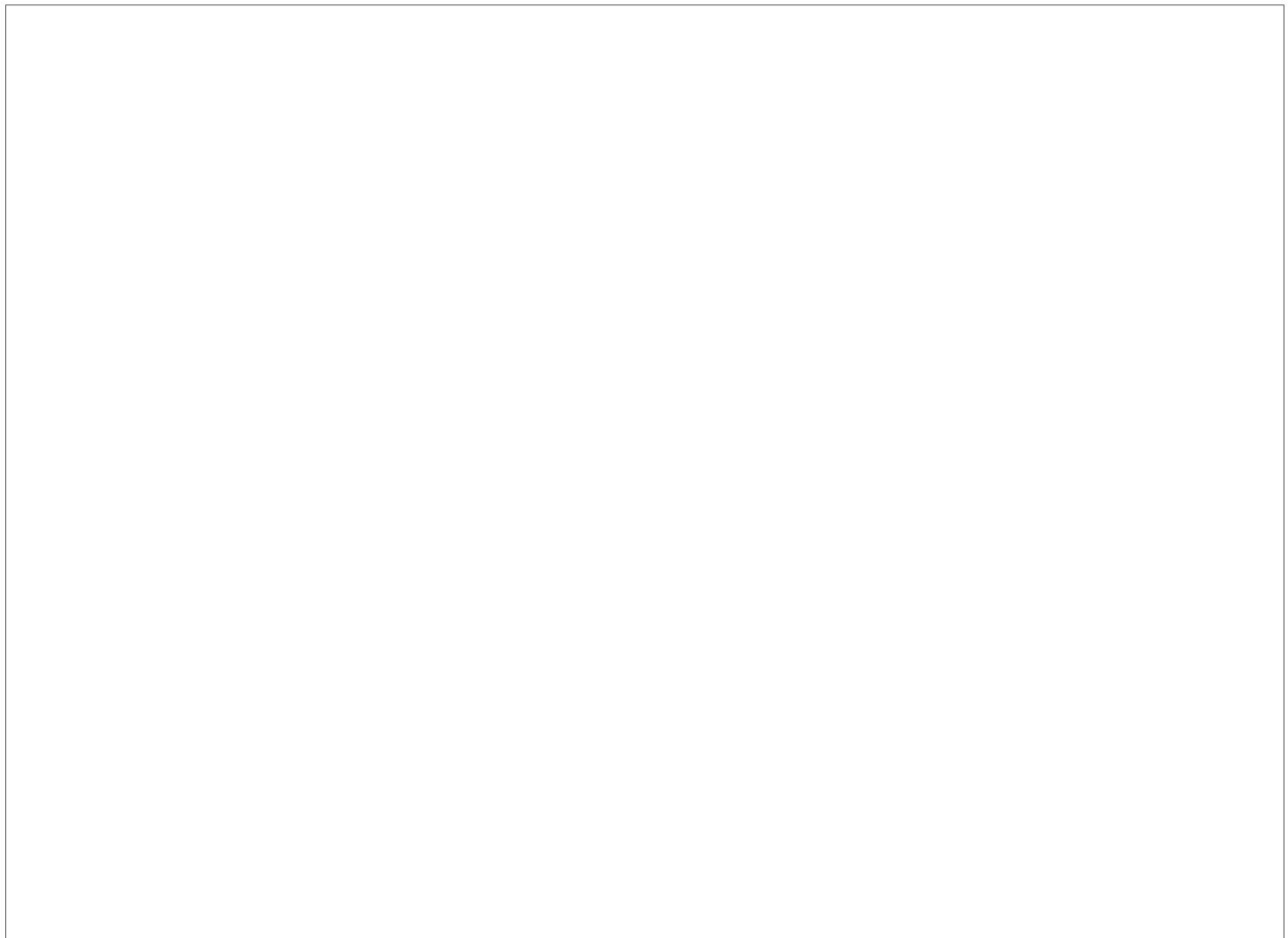
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15.      Bolivia: The situation is quiet following the discovery and suppression on 20 September of an alleged plot to overthrow President Paz, but the "state of siege" declared then continues.

There is no evidence of a genuine plot sufficient to justify the government's stringent action. The government could have cooked it up as a pretext for moving against opposition elements before they capitalized on labor unrest. Another factor could be a desire to avoid incidents during De Gaulle's visit next week.

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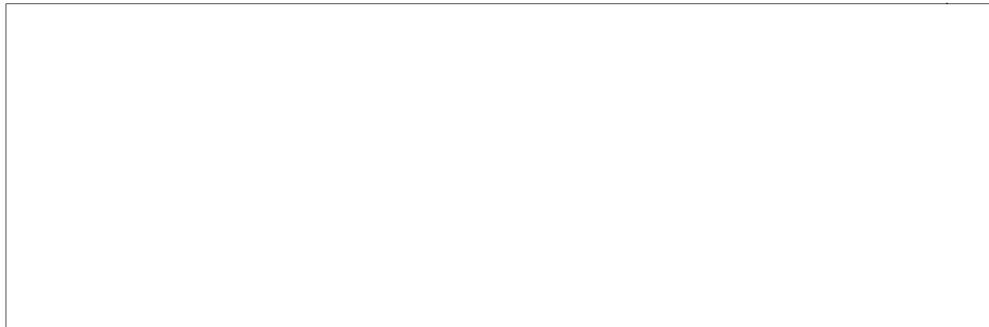


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1. South Vietnam

a. "Big" Minh intends to unveil his new national council later in the week, perhaps tomorrow. He hopes to come up with a new governmental list by the 1 November deadline.

b. He agrees with Ambassador Taylor that this could be Vietnam's last chance for orderly and peaceful evolution to a stable government.

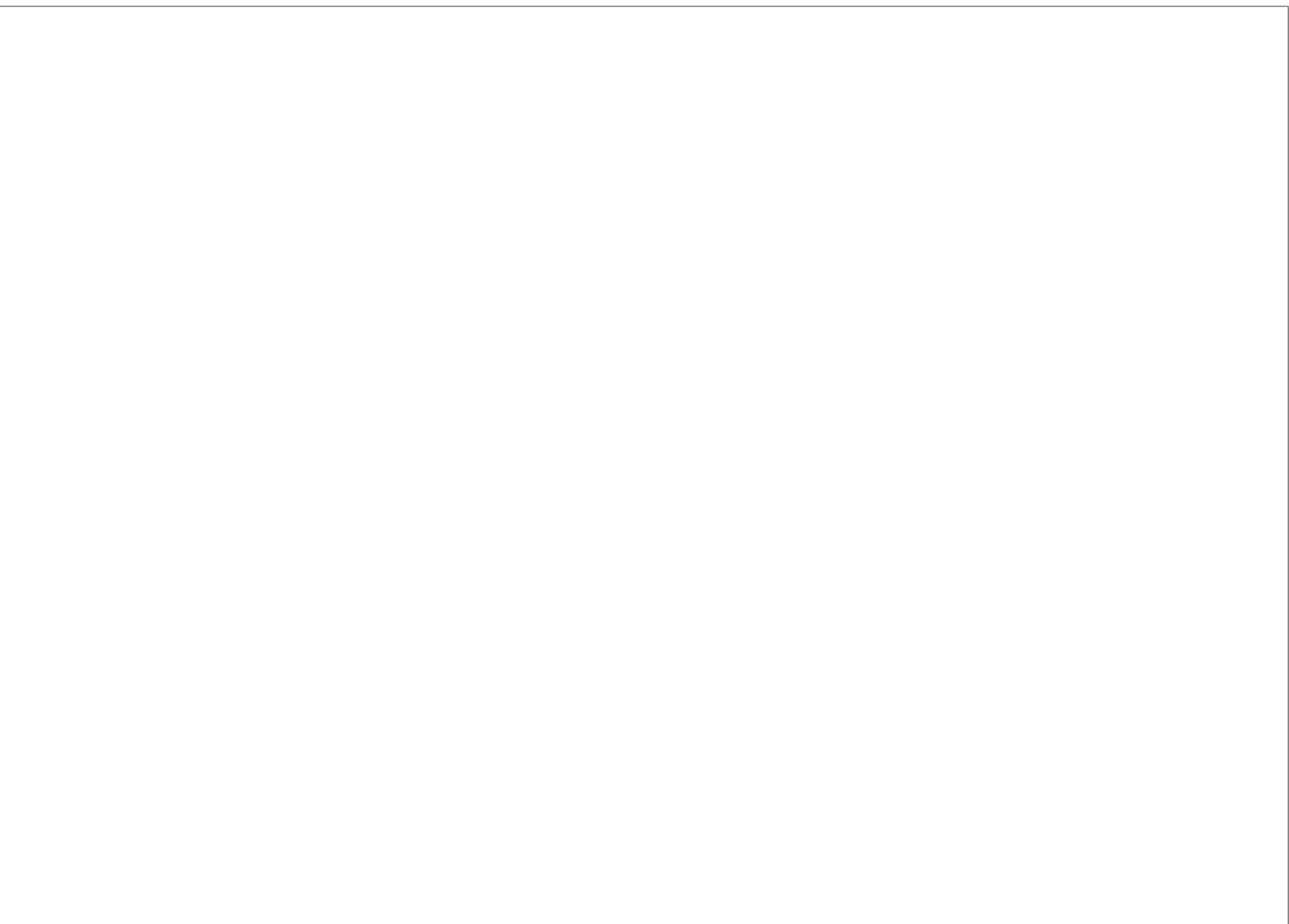
c. Meanwhile, the mutiny of the Rhade tribesmen is still unresolved and, according to the press, strikes have now broken out on French-owned rubber plantations north of Saigon.



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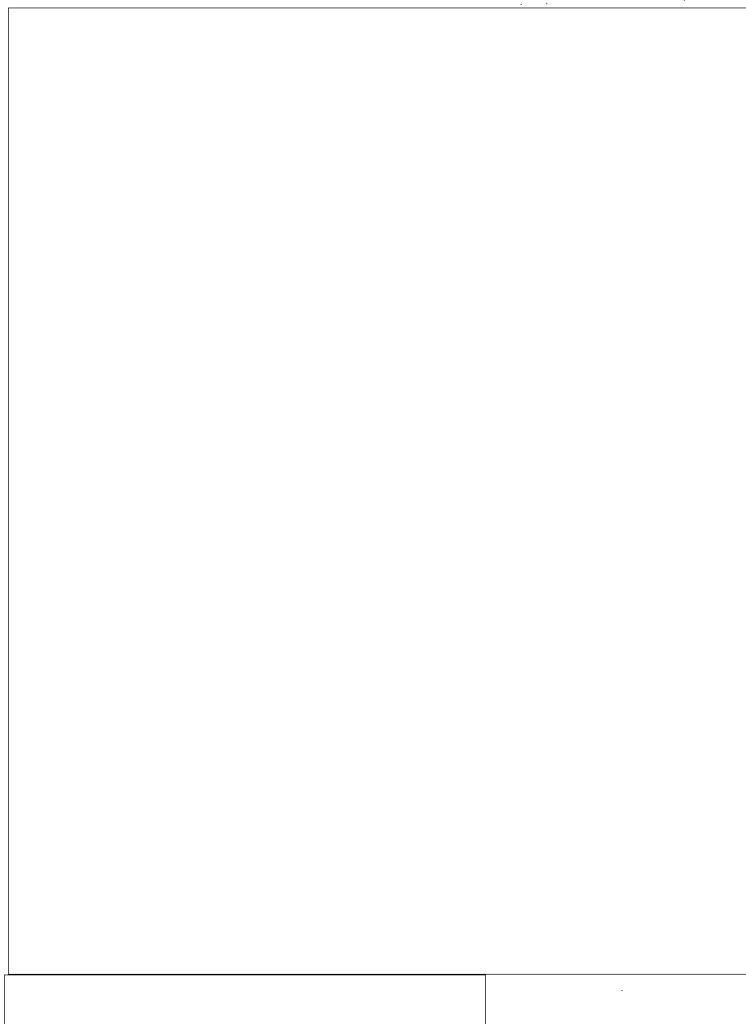
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2. Communist China -  
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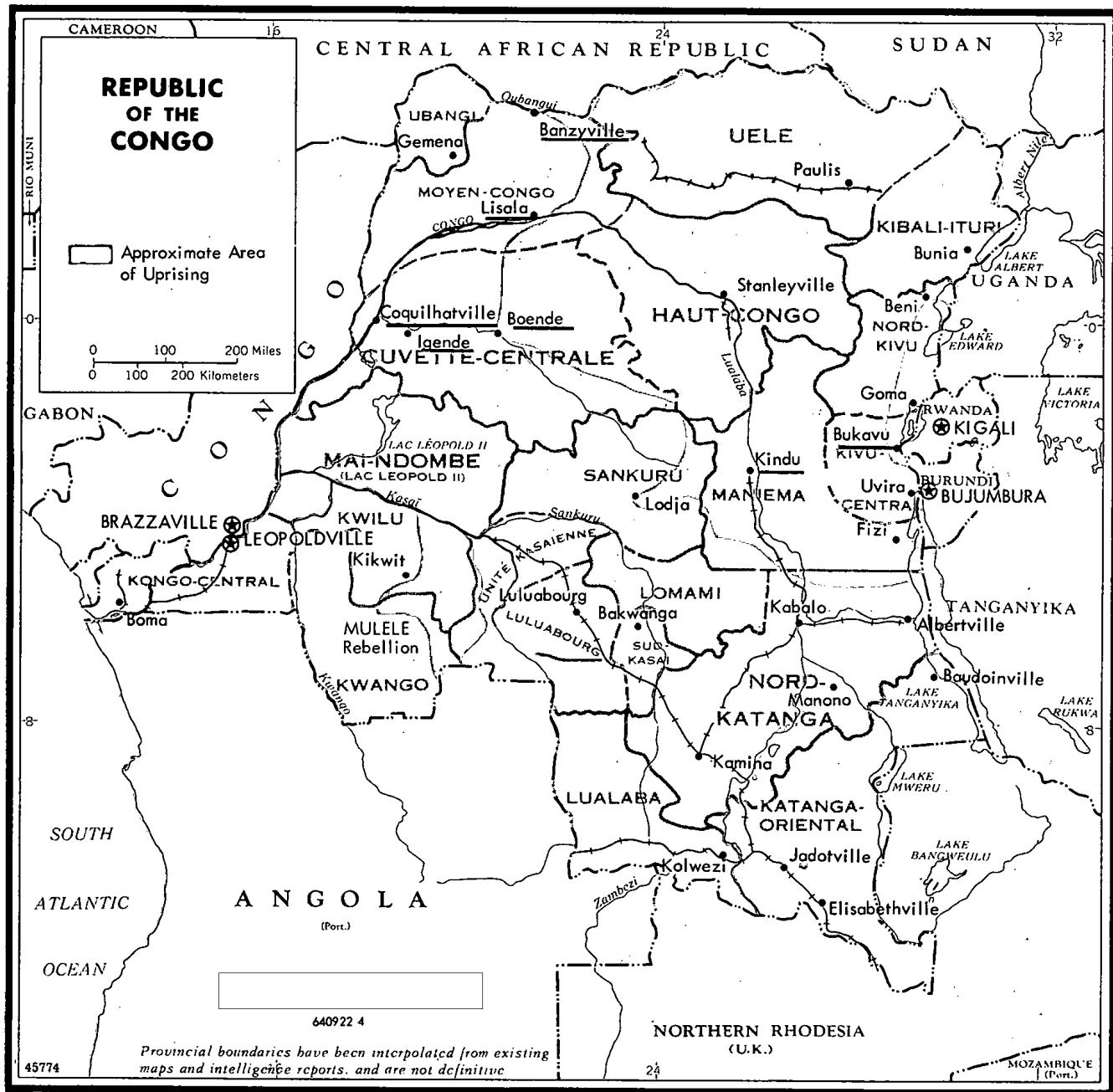
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3. Congo

a. With Tshombé back in the Congo, radicals on the OAU Congo commission are having things pretty much their way. Their idea is to lend dignity and stature to the rebels at the Tshombé government's expense.

b. Yesterday, the commission heard representatives of the rebels and then announced it was sending a mission to Washington. The US is trying to discourage this.

c. The radicals have also been pressing for their own version of a Congolese "national reconciliation" without regard for the views of the government. They are trying to get Tshombé to accept a cease-fire applicable to "both sides." Similar proposals were turned down by the OAU foreign ministers earlier in the month.

d. One reason for the radicals' success so far has been their ability to feed on Kenyatta's fears that his reputation as an African leader would suffer from too close an identification with Tshombé.

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e. In the Congo itself,

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[redacted] rebel bands are stirring once again in the north around Boende and near the northern border. Bukavu is being menaced.

f. The Red Cross relief flight into rebel-held Stanleyville is set for Thursday if final clearance comes through. This is by no means certain since we have tenuous indications that trouble has broken out among the wrangling rebels there.

4. Dominican Republic

a. Friday is the first anniversary of the overthrow of Juan Bosch, and the pro-Communist student leaders in Santo Domingo hope to make it "a day of patriotic struggle against dictatorship."

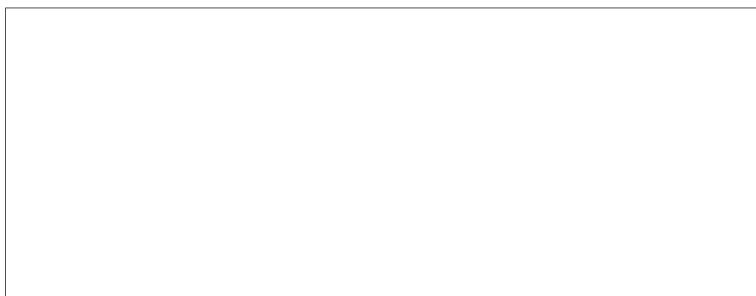
b. We think it improbable that their challenge will unsettle the Reid regime, but too much enthusiasm on the part of the students or a too hard-nosed handling of them by the security forces could lead to some blood letting.

5. Indonesia-  
Malaysia

a. Before taking off to see the world again, Sukarno set up a series of "regional executive authorities," headed by army men for the most part.

b. We take this to be a typical Sukarno maneuver, designed in this case to keep the island's obstreperous Communists in line while he is away. He had been giving them their head until recently.

c. Although these "authorities" were handed broad local powers, Sukarno stopped considerably short of giving the army the kind of power it had before May 1963 when martial law was in effect.



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e. In connection with the soothing sounds Sukarno was making as he left, the Tunku now says he is prepared to meet Sukarno again, provided all Indonesian troops are taken off Malaysian soil and he is convinced that the Indonesian sincerely wants peace.



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6. Cyprus

a. The Greek Cypriots are putting the best face they can on the talks in Moscow, which are obviously not going in the direction they wished. Foreign Minister Kyprianou, tied up with the UN debate, still hopes to fly to Moscow this week to try to get the talks back on the track.

b. Ambassador Kohler has the impression from Soviet coverage of the talks that Moscow may come up with economic aid proposals rather than large doses of military equipment.

c. The Soviets have also been pointing to Warsaw Pact exercises like the one just completed in Bulgaria as evidence of bloc "combat readiness" in the context of NATO threats to Cyprus.

d. After much hemming and hawing, the Greeks have finally agreed to talks with the Turks under the auspices of NATO Secretary General Brosio. They say they will talk about any existing problem except Cyprus which they hold is under UN jurisdiction.

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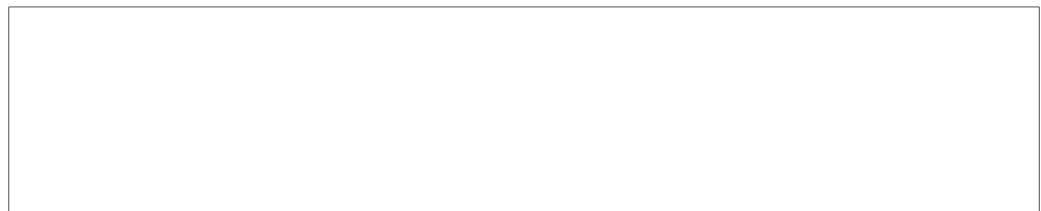


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- B. Singapore Racial antagonisms have been further fanned by a highly partisan speech by the Tunku in which he declared that "politicians in Singapore" were not blameless in the recent riots. Singapore political leaders, Chinese for the most part, feel they must answer the attack and the upshot could well be another outburst in the troubled port.



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- D. Malta Contrary to press accounts of street violence during Malta's independence celebrations, US observers on the island report that the police prevented all but two or three minor scuffles.



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E. Venezuela-Brazil [redacted]

[redacted] the Venezuelans intend to  
restore diplomatic relations with Brazil [redacted]

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been in limbo since the ouster of Goulart.

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1. South Vietnam

a. General Khiem, recently relieved as armed forces commander and just back from a week's detention in Dalat, is unburdening himself to US officials.

b. He claims many Vietnamese officers, including Minh, are increasingly dissatisfied with Khanh because of his apparent complaisance toward Buddhist leader Tri Quang. They believe this will lead Khanh down the neutralist path.

c. Khiem said he and other top officers would support Khanh if he turned the premiership over to a "respected civilian" and devoted his full attention to the military. He warned, however, that if the present drift continued, a "radical solution" would have to be considered.

d. Khanh, he also said, is increasingly suspicious of the Americans. This fits with Khanh's earlier remarks to Ambassador Taylor about the Rhade dissension.

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e. The latter, contained for the moment, has still to be dealt with. Tribal leaders, waiting for a response to their demands, are increasingly restive, and are said to be talking of a new outbreak in conjunction with the Viet Cong.

f. Taylor yesterday was trying to work up a meeting between Khanh and the apparent Rhade spokesman, who had disappeared.

## 2. Cyprus

a. Makarios and his government, at least, would appear to expect a Soviet military aid agreement. Minister of Interior Georkatzis told our people Monday of their hopes to avoid taking Soviet technicians along with military equipment "now being negotiated for."

b. Georkatzis also said that the Soviets were delaying meaningful negotiations pending the arrival in Moscow of Cypriot Foreign Minister Kyprianou from New York in order to add political impact to anything arrived at.

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c. We also think the Soviets are stalling, but we are not so sure of the reason. Embassy Moscow has suggested they are trying to divert the Cypriots from military to economic aid.

d. Cypriot Communists and fellow travelers are organizing a "peace march" through British bases for 11 October. The British plan to serve tea to the marchers.

3. Mexico

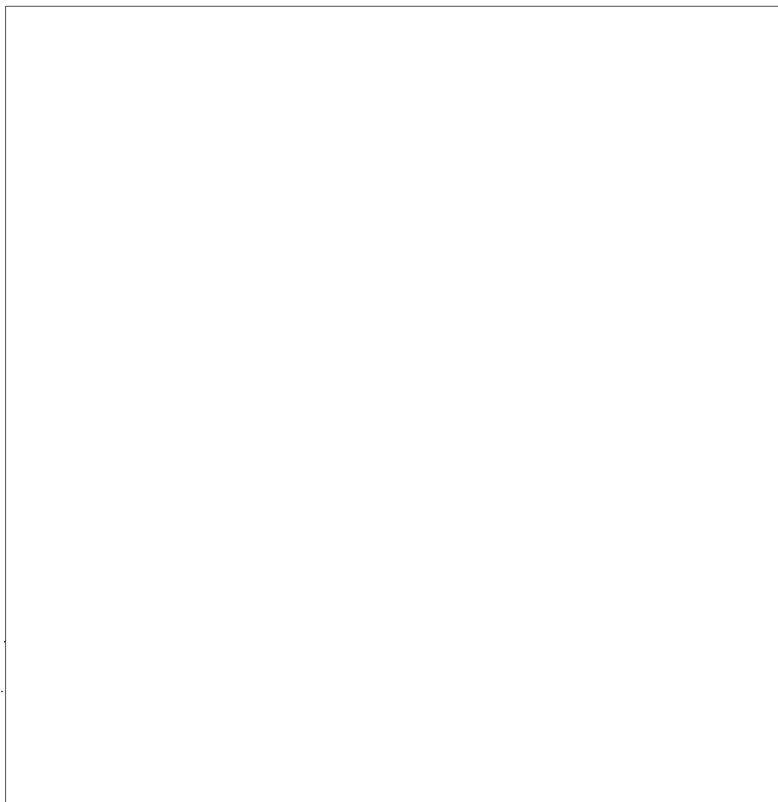
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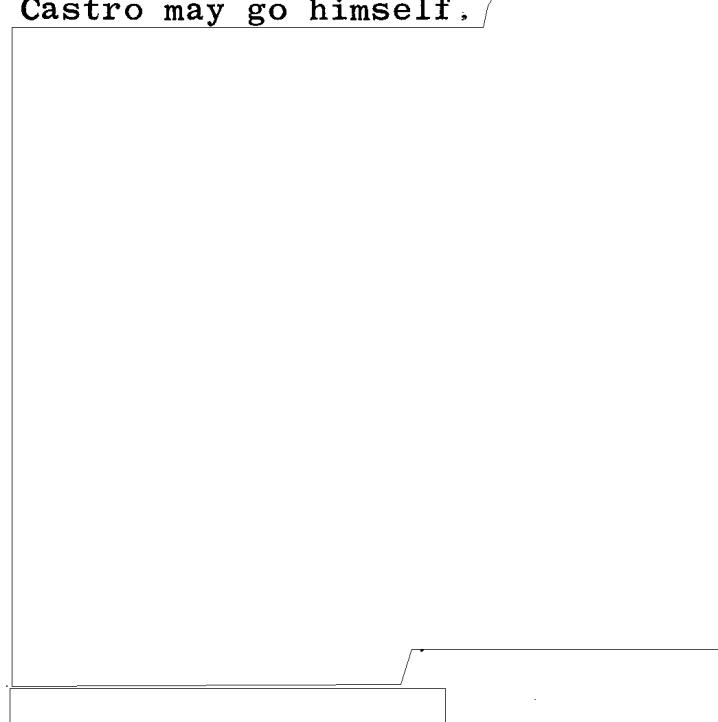
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5. Cuban Roundup

a. The Castro regime sees the early October "nonaligned" conference in Cairo as an opportunity to break out of its isolation from the non-Communist world. Castro may go himself.

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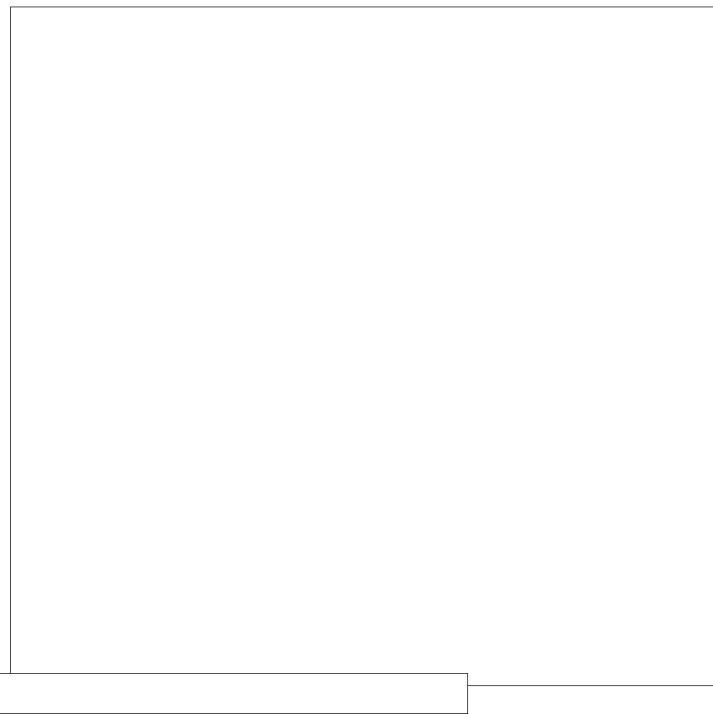
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- C. Soviet Bloc - Communist China Rumanian Prime Minister Maurer is going to Peiping's 1 October National Day celebrations, but he may be lonely.

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a number of Soviet bloc leaders, including Khrushchev, suggested pointedly they might be "too busy" to attend. Sihanouk, however, is going, probably in search of some strong political guarantees.

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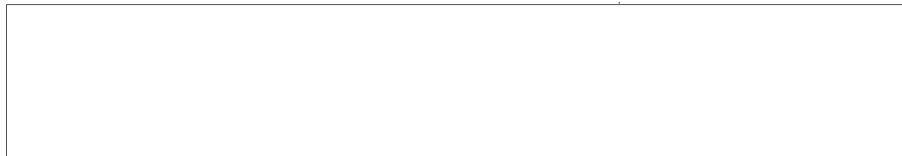
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- E. Congo [redacted] the OAU committee on the Congo will not visit Stanleyville. They fear both sabotage of their aircraft, [redacted] and being shot down or killed by the rebels there. 50X1  
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- F. Israel-Syria The Israelis plan after 28 September to resume cultivation in the Southern Demilitarized Zone (southeast of Lake Tiberias) up to a UN de facto line still not agreed upon between Israel and Syria. [redacted] 50X1  
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- G. Ethiopia [redacted] the officers planning a coup against Haile Selassie are getting desperate as security forces close in on them. [redacted] We think their chances are poor. 50X1  
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- H. USSR The grain harvest now looks to reach 120-125 million tons [redacted] 50X1  
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- I. USSR A satellite was launched from Tyuratam at 0800 EDT today. We do not yet know its mission but it is not the manned one we have been expecting. [redacted] 50X1

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1. South Vietnam

a. General Minh has taken the first step toward forming a provisional civilian government by 1 November, but there are still several hurdles to be topped.

b. A new 17-man Supreme National Council met yesterday. Its members are so divergent, however, that their ability to work together effectively is doubtful.

c. Ambassador Taylor, noting the recently accelerated deterioration of the processes of government, questions whether the Khanh regime can finish the task.

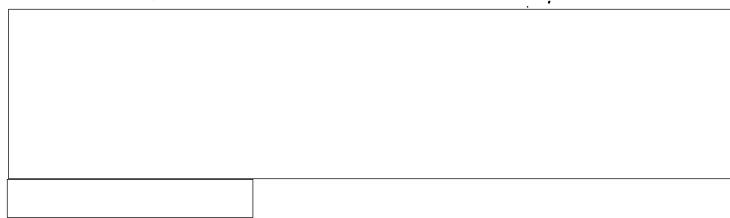
d. He points out that Khanh has been hanging on by making concessions to every pressure group, a situation that cannot last indefinitely.

e. Meanwhile, Khanh has flown to Ban Me Thuot to try to get a settlement with rebellious Rhade paramilitary forces in Darlac and Duang Duc provinces. [redacted]

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f. Taking advantage of the situation, the Communist National Liberation Front has broadcast an appeal for all highland tribesmen to revolt.



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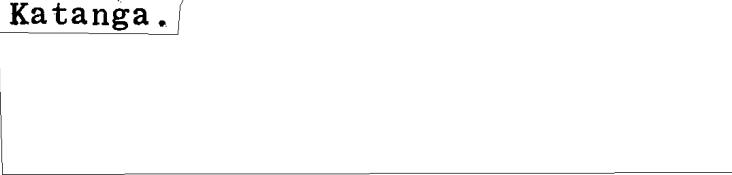
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2. Congo

a. Kenyatta has ordered his minister of state Murumbi to proceed to Washington as his "personal representative," not as head of an OAU delegation.

b. The situation may become sticky, however, if other delegation members from the UAR, Guinea, and Ghana also arrive here.

c. Tshombé, meanwhile, is still touring his home province of Katanga.



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e. The security situation in the northwest has deteriorated somewhat in recent days, but the government is sending help.

3. India-Pakistan

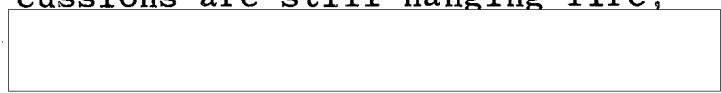
a. Incidents along the cease-fire line are becoming virtually continuous, according to the chief UN observer.

b. The UN official told our embassy in Karachi on Wednesday that the situation had reached the state of an "undeclared war" and could escalate into open conflict.

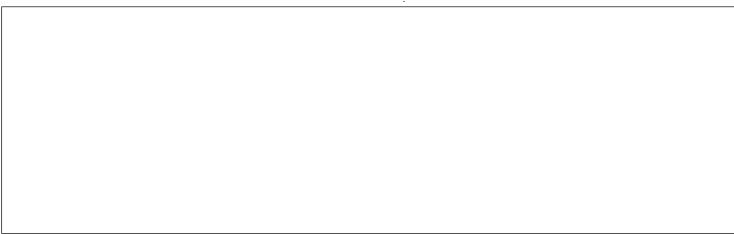
c. The official claims that the Indians in particular have become bolder. He attributes this to the increased military aid they have been receiving. He says hundreds of thousands of rounds of machine gun and mortar ammunition have been fired recently.

4. Cyprus

a. Soviet-Cypriot aid discussions are still hanging fire,

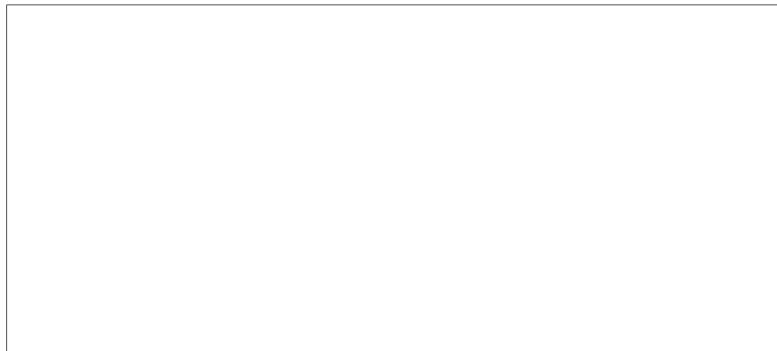


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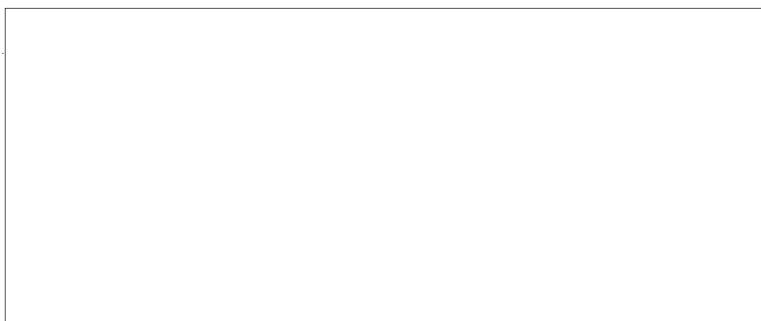
c. Meanwhile, the Security Council will probably extend the UN's mandate in Cyprus along previous lines. Both Turkey and the Greek Cypriots, for different reasons, oppose any important increase in UN authority.



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- A. USSR Soviet naval and air exercise activity, at a high level in the European area for the past several weeks, is being extended to the Soviet Far East and possibly the Arctic. [redacted]
- B. Laos General Phoumi was scheduled to leave Vientiane for Paris yesterday and then proceed to Washington on the 28th. Ambassador Unger believes that Phoumi, who wishes to talk with US State Department and Defense officials, including Admiral Sharp in Hawaii, is preparing for what he foresees as eventual Laotian alignment with the US. Phoumi apparently feels that events are moving Laos away from neutralism, and he has hopes of being in charge if a more overt and extensive US-Laotian military relationship is established.
- C. France [redacted]

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D. USSR The satellite launched Thursday morning from Tyuratam was the tenth photoreconnaissance satellite this year.

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E. Haiti

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F. East Germany - Yugoslavia The Yugoslavs apparently gave Ulbricht very frosty treatment during the German's brief visit last week. His arrival time and place were not announced, and he was not allowed to speak publicly. The Yugoslavs also "accidentally" hung many East German flags upside down.

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USSR

a. A preliminary study of the first package from [redacted] Mission

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[redacted] reveals significant new information of a Soviet large-missile program and the Chinese Communist nuclear program.

b. On 18 September the mission photographed a large missile in a horizontal position on one of the newer launch pads at Tyuratam. The missile is tentatively measured as 130 feet long [redacted]

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[redacted] The SS-6, previously the largest known Soviet missile, is estimated to be about 100 feet long.

c. It is not yet possible to say whether this new missile is intended for space operations, ICBMs, or both. It is clear, however, that it is part of a new system which, if successful in its flight tests, will give considerably increased payload capabilities.

d. The mission also gives further evidence that major construction at the Chinese Communists' probable nuclear test site at Lop Nor is closer to completion. Many of the tents previously noted around the tower at Lop Nor have been removed and a security fence appears to have been erected.

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## 1. SOUTH VIETNAM:

WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE MILITARY, THERE ARE SIGNS OF CONTINUING TENSION AND GROWING DISHEARTENMENT.

GENERAL KHIEM, RECENTLY RELIEVED AS ARMED FORCES COMMANDER, HAS CLAIMED THAT MANY VIETNAMESE OFFICERS ARE INCREASINGLY DISSATISFIED WITH KHANH BECAUSE OF HIS APPARENT COMPLAISANCE TOWARD BUDDHIST LEADER TRI QUANG. THEY BELIEVE THIS WILL LEAD KHANH DOWN THE NEUTRALIST PATH. KHIEM SAID THAT IF THE PRESENT DRIFT CONTINUED, A "RADICAL SOLUTION" WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED.

GENERAL THANG, J-3 OF THE ARMED FORCES, HAS INDICATED HIS DISCOURAGEMENT. HE QUESTIONS THE UTILITY OF FURTHER PACIFICATION EFFORTS WITHOUT A STRONG GOVERNMENT.

THE US EMBASSY CONCLUDES THAT ALL THE INGREDIENTS FOR A MAJOR EXPLOSION ARE PRESENT.

KHANH HAS BEEN TO SEE THE DISSIDENT RHADE TRIBESMEN AND KHIEM IS GOING. SO FAR, HOWEVER, LITTLE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AND THE RHADE HAVE BEEN REPORTED AS CONSIDERING NEW ACTION. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION, THE COMMUNIST NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT HAS BROADCAST AN APPEAL FOR ALL HIGHLAND TRIBESMEN TO REVOLT.

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IN THE FIRST STEP TOWARD FORMING A PROVISIONAL CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT BY 1 NOVEMBER, GENERAL MINH HAS FORMED A 17-MAN SUPREME NATIONAL COUNCIL. ITS MEMBERS ARE SO DIVERGENT, HOWEVER, THAT THEIR ABILITY TO WORK TOGETHER EFFECTIVELY IS DOUBTFUL, AND AMBASSADOR TAYLOR QUESTIONS WHETHER THE KHANH REGIME CAN FINISH THE TASK. KHANH HAS BEEN HANGING ON BY MAKING CONCESSIONS TO EVERY PRESSURE GROUP.

VIET CONG TERRORIST AND MILITARY ACTIVITY REMAINS AT A HIGH LEVEL.

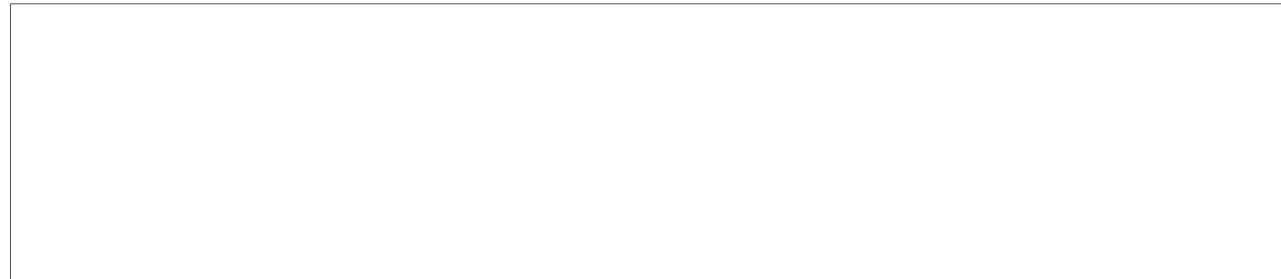
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2. CONGO:

THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE NORTHWEST HAS DETERIORATED SOMEWHAT IN RECENT DAYS, BUT THE GOVERNMENT IS SENDING HELP. THE REBELS ARE ALSO STIRRING IN THE EAST. THEY STILL APPEAR TO BE CONCENTRATING FOR AN ATTACK ON BUKAVU, NOW DEFENDED BY 1,500 TROOPS WITH AIR SUPPORT.

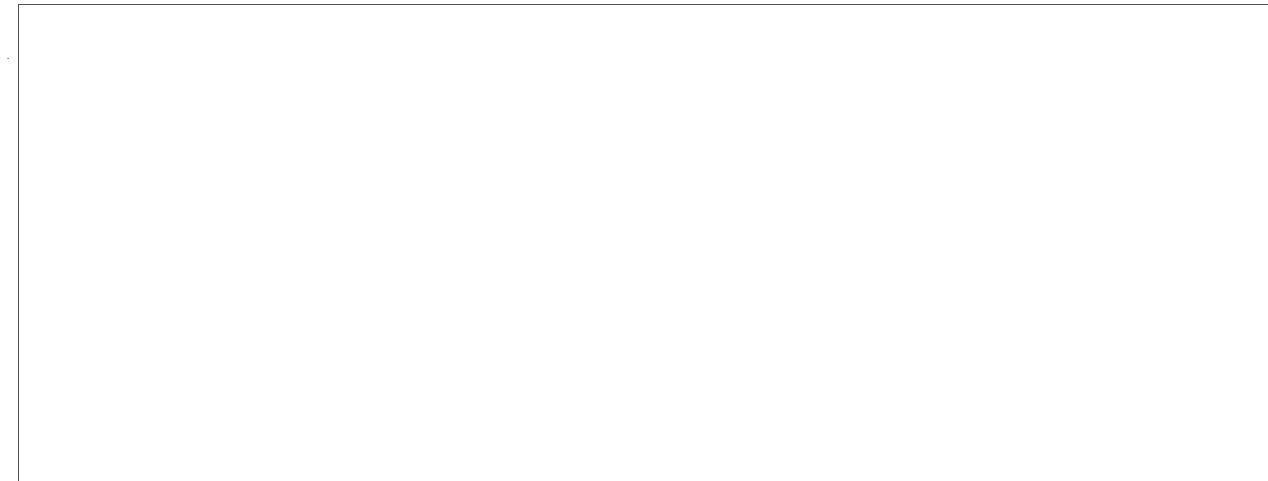
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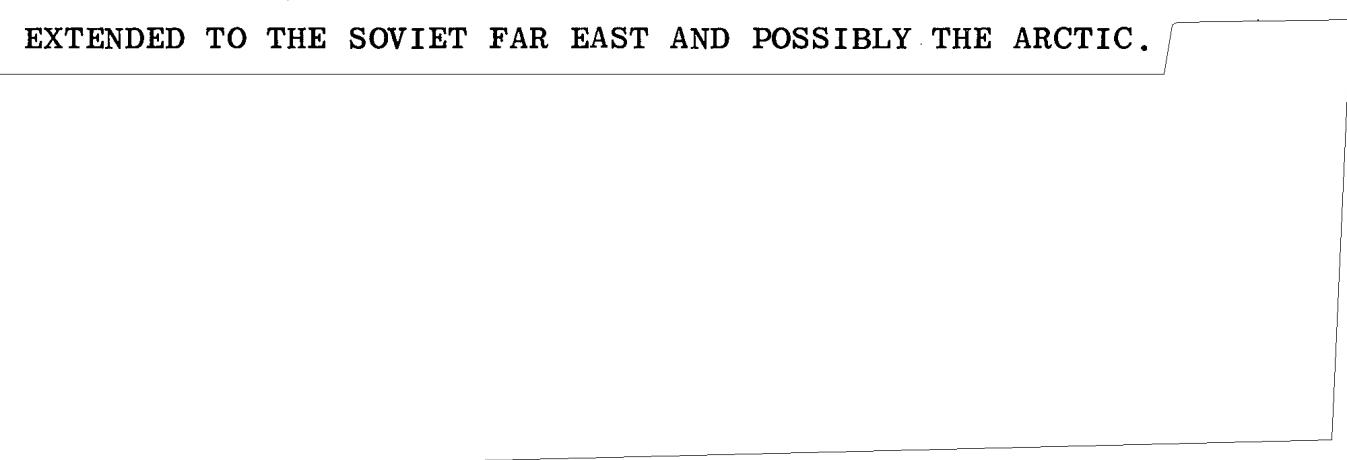
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4. USSR:

SOVIET NAVAL AND AIR EXERCISE ACTIVITY, AT A HIGH LEVEL  
IN THE EUROPEAN AREA FOR THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, IS BEING  
EXTENDED TO THE SOVIET FAR EAST AND POSSIBLY THE ARCTIC.



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5. CAMBODIA:

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SOUTH VIETNAM AND THAILAND APPEAR TO BE PROCEEDING WITH JOINT AID TO CAMBODIAN DISSIDENTS.

6. INDIA-PAKISTAN:

THE CHIEF UN OBSERVER SAYS INCIDENTS ALONG THE KASHMIR CEASEFIRE LINE ARE BECOMING VIRTUALLY CONTINUOUS. HE HAS TOLD OUR EMBASSY IN KARACHI THAT THE SITUATION HAD REACHED THE STATE OF AN "UNDECLARED WAR" AND COULD ESCALATE INTO OPEN CONFLICT. THIS OFFICIAL CLAIMS THAT THE INDIANS IN PARTICULAR HAVE BECOME BOLDER. HE ATTRIBUTES THIS TO THE INCREASED MILITARY AID THEY HAVE BEEN RECEIVING.

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7. ISRAEL-SYRIA:

THE ISRAELIS PLAN AFTER 28 SEPTEMBER TO RESUME CULTIVATION IN THE SOUTHERN DEMILITARIZED ZONE (SOUTHEAST OF LAKE TIBERIAS) UP TO A UN DE FACTO LINE STILL NOT AGREED UPON BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA.

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8. YEMEN:

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9. CYPRUS:

SOVIET-CYPRIOT AID DISCUSSIONS ARE STILL HANGING FIRE

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THE CYPRIOTS EXPECT TO GET A MILITARY AGREEMENT OR AT LEAST MILITARY EQUIPMENT. THE US EMBASSY, IN MOSCOW, HOWEVER, HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SOVIETS WILL COME UP WITH ECONOMIC AID. NONETHELESS, THE SOVIETS WILL ATTEMPT TO CAPITALIZE POLITICALLY ON WHAT EVER EMERGES.

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THE ISLAND IS RELATIVELY QUIET, ALTHOUGH INCIDENTS CONTINUE. SOME EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO SOLVE THE TURKISH ROTATION ISSUE BY PUTTING THE TURKISH MILITARY CONTINGENT UNDER THE UN COMMANDER. HOWEVER, MAKARIOS STILL MAY NOT BUY THIS.

## 10. FRANCE:

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## 11. LAOS:

GENERAL PHOUMI IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON MONDAY. AMBASSADOR UNGER IN VIENTIANE BELIEVES THAT PHOUMI IS PREPARING FOR WHAT HE FORESEES AS EVENTUAL LAOTIAN ALIGNMENT WITH THE US AND AN OVERT AND EXTENSIVE US-LAOTIAN MILITARY RELATIONSHIP.

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1. SOUTH VIETNAM:

[ATTEMPT]

- A. THERE ARE RUMBLINGS OF YET ANOTHER COUP IN SAIGON.  
B. DISILLUSIONMENT WITH KHANH'S VACILLATION IS SPREADING, ESPECIALLY AMONG OLD-LINE GENERALS. OTHERS, MAINLY  
CATHOLICS, RESENT THAT THEY CONSIDER HIS CAPITULATION TO THE  
MILITANT BUDDHISTS.

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- D. THE RHADE AFFAIR IS STILL *Unsettled* FESTERING AND COULD BECOME  
ENTANGLED WITH THE DISSENSION AMONG THE GENERALS.

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- E. KHANH TOLD TAYLOR YESTERDAY THAT HE HAD CONFERRED  
FULL AUTHORITY TO DEAL WITH THE TURBULENT TRIBESMEN ON THE  
AMBITIONOUS AND UNSCRUPULOUS GENERAL DINH. THIS AUTHORITY, KHANH  
ADDED, INCLUDES A "MILITARY SOLUTION" IF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT  
CANNOT BE EXPEDITIOUSLY REACHED.

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G. EVEN IF ANOTHER COUP ATTEMPT DOES NOT COME OUT OF ALL THIS, THE GOVERNMENT'S AUTHORITY WILL PROBABLY BE FURTHER ERODED AND ITS ATTENTION FURTHER DISTRACTED FROM THE VIET CONG /  
~~AND THE INTERNAL TASKS AT HAND.~~

2. CONGO:

A. A RED CROSS PLANE FLEW INTO STANLEYVILLE YESTERDAY  
AND AT LAST REPORT WAS STILL THERE. IT WILL BRING OUT AMERICAN AND OTHER FOREIGNERS IF THIS IS AT ALL POSSIBLE.

B. THE LEAD MAN OF THE OAU DELEGATION IS IN WASHINGTON. IT IS CLEAR THAT KENYATTA, WHOSE IDEA THIS WAS IN THE FIRST PLACE, WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE REST OF THE DELEGATION COME HERE TOO.

C. SOME OF THE MEMBERS SEEM TO BE DRAGGING THEIR FEET, HOWEVER, PERHAPS REALIZING THAT THERE IS A FEELING ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA THAT KENYATTA'S OAU COMMISSION MAY HAVE OVERREACHED ITSELF. STILL IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING TO SEE ADDITIONAL DELEGATES SHOW UP.

D. THE CONGOLESE REBELS HAVE, QUITE NATURALLY, APPLAUDED THIS MOVE. THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN NAIROBI HAVE BEEN TALKING SOFTLY AND REASONABLY, HOPING TO ENCOURAGE THE COMMISSION ALONG THE SAME LINE. WHAT THEY SAY IS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE BELLIGERENT NOISES ISSUING FROM RADIO STANLEYVILLE.

3. BOLIVIA:

A. THE HUANUNI TIN MINERS HAVE RELEASED THE BOLIVIAN AND GERMAN HOSTAGES THEY HAVE BEEN HOLDING FOR THE PAST WEEK. HUANUNI IS SOME 20 MILES FROM THE CATAVI-SIGLO MINES WHERE US OFFICIALS WERE HELD LAST DECEMBER.

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C. ANTI-PAZ DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED ON THE US CONSULATE IN COCHABAMBA LAST EVENING AND BROKE SOME WINDOWS BUT DID NOT ATTEMPT TO FORCE AN ENTRY.

D. THESE DISTURBANCES PROBABLY ARE RELATED TO A SCHEME, COOKED UP BY LEFTIST FORMER VICE PRESIDENT LECHIN, TO EMBARRASS PAZ ON THE OCCASION OF DE GAULLE'S VISIT. THE LATTER ARRIVES MONDAY, DEPARTS TUESDAY.

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4. NOTES:

A. ITALY: IT LOOKS AS IF MORO'S COALITION WILL BE ABLE TO RIDE OUT THE THE LATEST POLITICAL STORM, WHICH ROSE WHEN THE SENATE VOTED DOWN A GOVERNMENT TAX BILL. MORO IS STILL ON THIN ICE, HOWEVER.

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C. KASHMIR:

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D. INDONESIA

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E. BRITISH GUIANA: GOVERNOR LUYT HAS SET 7 DECEMBER FOR  
THE ELECTIONS UNDER PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION. JAGAN'S  
CHANCES OF REMAINING IN OFFICE ARE NOT GOOD.

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USSR



The measurements of the large missile turned up by [redacted] Mission [redacted] were incorrectly given in yesterday's Checklist. The missile is tentatively measured at 130 feet long [redacted]

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1. South Vietnam

a. The case of the Rhade tribesmen is far from settled today.

b. Yesterday things were looking up when several Vietnamese hostages were snatched from a Rhade camp at Bon Sar Pa by US helicopters. In addition, Rhade units had agreed to resume fighting the Viet Cong after officers of Rhade extraction were put in command.

c. This favorable trend was reversed when government forces today occupied Bon Sar Pa at Khanh's express orders. This was done against US advice, with Khanh agreeing only to delay long enough to get some US special forces out of the camp.

d. Now, we understand, Khanh intends to arrest certain Vietnamese, French, and Rhade personalities alleged to have instigated the mutiny. [REDACTED]

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e. If he so proceeds, he could well provoke a further outburst of trouble with the armed tribesmen.

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f. Saigon seems still to be in the grip of the latest coup scare. Extra troops are in evidence in the city though no move has yet been made by any of the many disgruntled military elements.

g. In the face of all this, "Big" Minh's High National Council has begun work on the selection of a provisional assembly which by 1 November is supposed to install a new civilian government.

2. Congo

a. Red Cross officials who flew into Stanleyville last Friday were unable to bring out any Europeans or Americans.

b. They did not see the five US consular personnel, but heard that the Americans were in good health although under house arrest.

c. The near-term prospects for getting them out do not look bright. The rebels evidently consider them an insurance policy against bombing raids.

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d. The officials found that the rebel leaders had little control over their troops. There was evident bitterness between civilians and the rebel troops. Food was in short supply. Near chaos reigned outside the city.

e. The OAU Congo commission is due to arrive in Leopoldville on Thursday. Kasavubu is willing to receive it but insists that it must not in any way give legality or equality to the rebels. He feels the commission has already gone dangerously far along this road.

f. Ambassador Attwood says that Kenyatta, the commission chairman, has decided that Tshombé must go. Kenyatta seems convinced that the rebels are reasonable men with whom a political bargain can and must be struck.

g. Though rebel representatives talk in Nairobi of a ceasefire, we see no rebel disposition for a ceasefire on the scene. On the contrary, they seem to think they can win a military victory.

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h. Kasavubu, for his part, says that the only way to get the Congo back on the tracks is to defeat the rebels militarily.

i. There has been no change in the military picture.

3. UAR - Yemen -  
Saudi Arabia

a. Although the atmosphere following the Arab summit has been conducive to a settlement in Yemen, Nasir and Faysal have made little progress in arranging one.

b. There is no sign that the necessary first step, a ceasefire between warring Yemenis, will be achieved soon. Power struggles and tribal disputes on the republican side, which Nasir has been unable to stop, appear to be the most immediate obstacle.

c. Something may yet be worked out, however, since Faysal gives every indication of being willing to accept the exclusion of the Imam Badr from any subsequent government. He may even be willing to subsidize the Imam's exile.

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d. Nasir is certainly willing to sacrifice ineffectual President Sallal.

e. If all of this can be settled and a joint republican-royalist commission set up, Nasir might even be willing to pull out some of his troops.

4. Cyprus

a. Galo-Plaza, about to begin his first round of talks as UN mediator on Cyprus, seems to think that more attention must be paid to Makarios if his mediation is to succeed.

b. He thinks the archbishop is by far the dominant figure on Cyprus, beyond the reach of significant influence or action by Cypriot political movements, Grivas, or the Greek Government. He is convinced [redacted] that Makarios does not want enosis.

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5. De Gaulle in  
Latin America

a. US observers in Bogota and Quito report that De Gaulle looked fit and, to all appearances, bore up well under the rigors of his schedule.

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c. Ambassador Bohlen, pointing out that De Gaulle customarily introduces his chief themes early on, finds that he has not so far been blatantly anti-American.

d. De Gaulle is, however, suggesting to his South American hosts that they could profit by joining a trans-Atlantic Latin Club with him and conducting their affairs with Washington as he does.

e. He is due in Cochabamba, Bolivia today and security arrangements are extensive.

6. Laos

a. Pathet Lao leader Souphan-nouvong, who is due to leave Paris on his way back to Laos today, has been taking a harsh line with representatives of the Laotian co-chairmen, the ICC, and the press.

b. He has brushed aside suggestions about a ceasefire and has intimated that a new round of fighting may come if Pathet Lao demands are not met.

c. Back in Laos, the military situation has been relatively quiet, and the government has been generating what little action there has been.

7. Communist China

a. Sihanouk is in Peiping, exuding pro-Chinese sentiments. He appears to be the stellar attraction for the celebration of the Peiping regime's 15th anniversary on 1 October.

b. As far as we know, the only other chiefs of state in attendance will be Massamba-Debat from the Congo (Brazzaville) and Modiba Keita of Mali. Rumania's Premier Maurer is also due to show.

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A. France


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- B. Argentina Peronist labor leaders, who have been conducting a campaign of sporadic anti-government agitation for several months now, are pressing for a 24-hour general strike. To get the maximum mileage, they would like to set it off during De Gaulle's 3-6 October visit.
- C. Morocco-Algeria The Moroccans have been telling us that Algeria is getting ready to attack them again and point to the 8 October anniversary of last year's fighting as a likely jump-off date. We have no evidence to support this. Indeed, the bulk of the Algerian Army seems now to be tied down in parts of Algeria removed from the border.

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1. Communist China



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2. Congo

a. Tshombé's 3,000 ex-Katangan gendarmes, camped in Kolwezi in Katanga after their arrival from Angola, rebelled yesterday over back pay.

b. Money squeezed out

[redacted] partially mollified them, but for how long is questionable.

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c. Red Cross officials recently in Stanleyville believe that a guarantee by Tshombé that there will be no air action against the city is required if they are to evacuate more than a token number of hostages.

d. The government garrison at Bukavu was bracing this morning against the long-expected rebel attack. A rebel force was reported some 24 road miles to the southeast.

3. Colombia

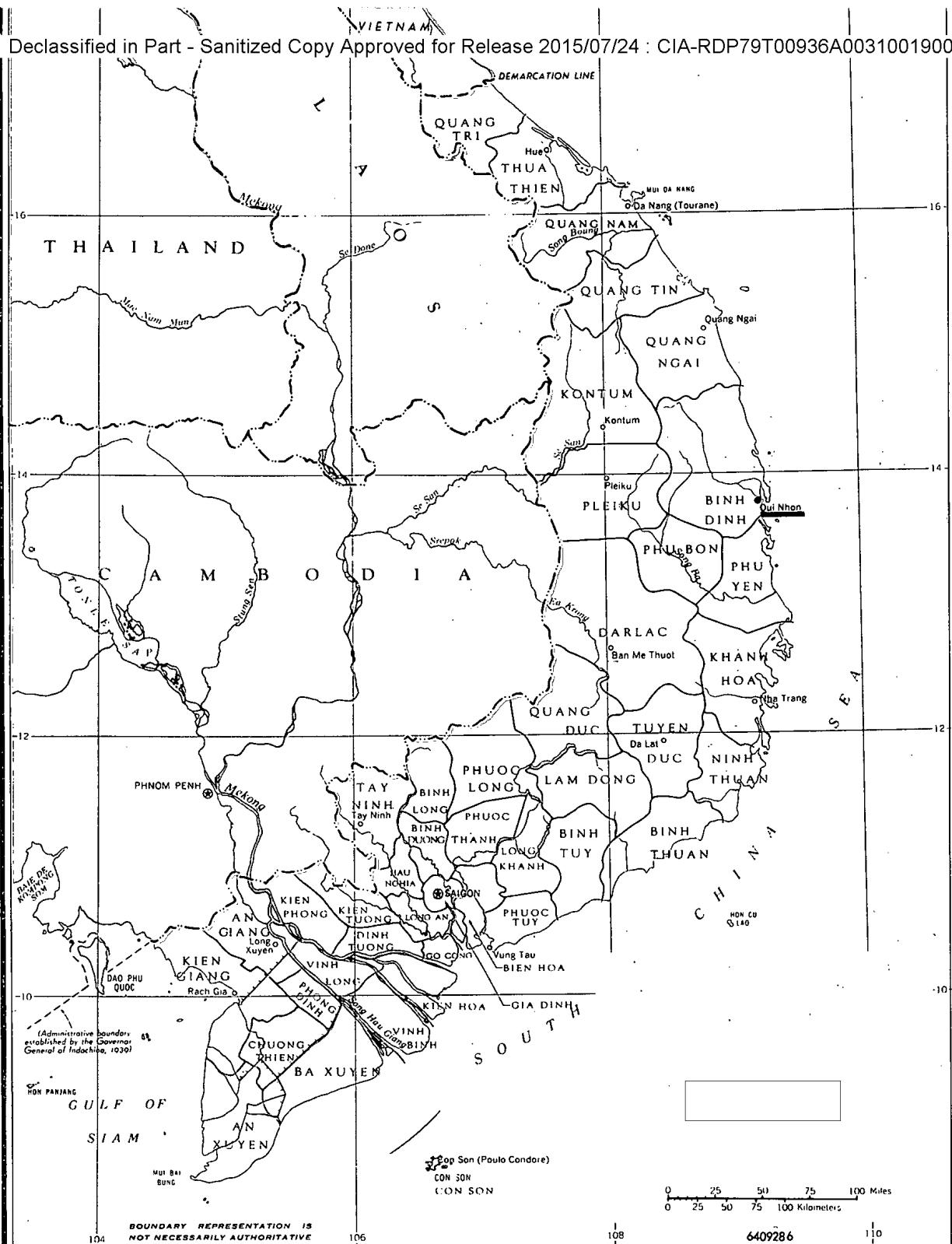
a. Ambassador Oliver foresees a period of political drift in Colombia during which any serious political crisis could lead to a military takeover.

b. The government's coalition is so divided by personal rivalries and factionalisms that it may not be able to pass necessary legislation.

c. Economic difficulties continue, and the antiguerrilla campaign in Marquetalia drags on without apparent success.

d. Military leaders, particularly Minister of Defense Ruiz Novoa, are complaining openly, and may eventually be tempted to move in.

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4. South Vietnam

a. So far, Khanh seems to have carried off his action to establish control of the Rhade camp at Bon Sar Pa. He promised the Rhade that there would be no reprisals and that he would move quickly to solve montagnard problems.

b. Viet Cong activity continues at a high level, but without large-scale attacks.

c. The US Embassy comments that the political deterioration in Saigon is eroding governmental authority in the provinces, especially in central Vietnam. Here to a considerable extent, law and order in the cities has passed by default to extremist groups maintaining their own vigilante systems.

d. The gunfire in Qui Nhon over the weekend, for instance, was touched off by the formation of a local chapter of Dr. Quyen's People's Revolutionary Committee.

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- A. Ethiopia - Communist China The Chinese Communists have again been pressing Ethiopia for recognition. The US Embassy feels they are now about to urge a definite Ethiopian commitment. The embassy thinks the Ethiopians, anxious to prove their nonalignment and to strengthen their position in the OAU, are likely to make the move after the US elections.

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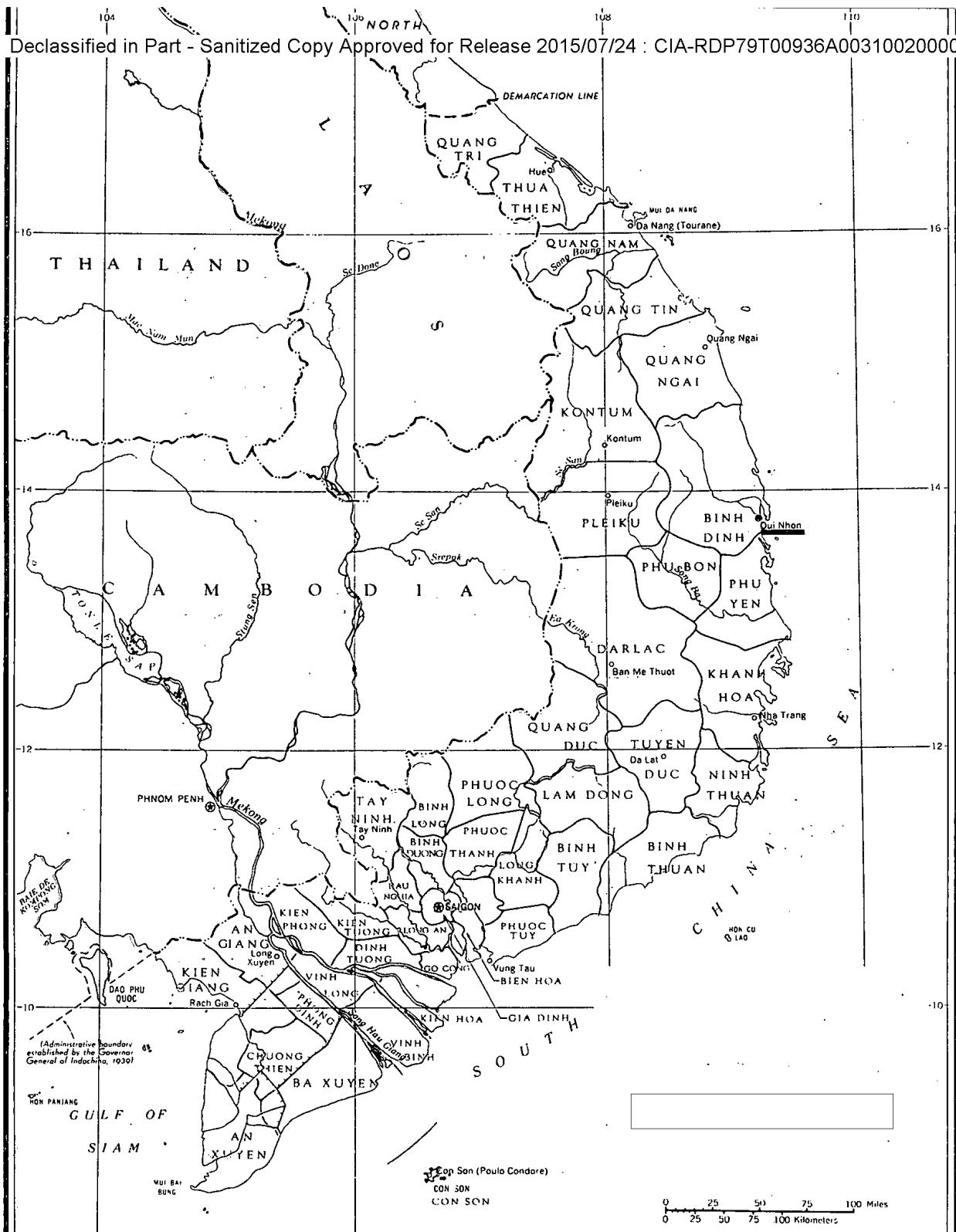
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1. South Vietnam: The drift in South Vietnam continues.

Khanh is talking publicly about resigning, even before the 1 November investiture of the new civilian government "Big" Minh is working out. Khanh has, it seems, met still another demand on him by giving in; this time to the young generals who saved him from the latest coup try. He is sending General Khiem on a trip to Europe.

Ambassador Taylor notes governmental paralysis is setting in. Central government offices are dealing with only the most noncontroversial matters. Even though Vietnamese officials are meeting with their US counterparts on pacification matters, there is no follow-up.

This sort of thing has spread beyond Saigon, most notably to the central provinces along the coast. There, responsibility for law and order has to a large degree passed to extremist groups maintaining their own vigilantes.

One of these, Le Khac Quyen's People's Revolutionary Council, is closely allied with militant Buddhists who are strong in the area. The aims of Quyen's group are not clear, but his movement strikes us as highly vulnerable to Viet Cong exploitation.

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In addition, the Rhade affair is far from settled. Khanh has occupied their camps, but it is not yet clear whether he intends to exact retribution from the Rhade or negotiate with them. If he takes the former course, further trouble with the armed tribesmen seems almost inevitable.

2. Congo: The UN plane which flew to Stanleyville last Friday returned to Bangui without any Europeans or Americans.

The five American consular officials were reported to be in good health, but under house arrest. The prospects for getting them and other Americans out are not bright. The rebels regard them as hostages against air attacks and probably will not agree to their removal unless Tshombé guarantees no raids, if then.

Conditions in Stanleyville were about as chaotic as expected. Rebel leaders had little control over their troops. There was tension between the troops and the civil population. Food was in short supply.

The OAU Congo commission is due in Leopoldville Thursday. The government will receive the commission but insists it must not confer legality on the rebels.

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A rebel attack on Bukavu got under way Tuesday. About 1,000 rebels are said to be involved; if so, it is the largest rebel military effort to date. There are 1,200 Congolese Army troops and 40 mercenaries defending.

3. UAR - Yemen - Saudi Arabia: The atmosphere after the Arab summit has been conducive to a settlement in Yemen, but the principals, Nasir and Faysal, have made little progress in arranging one.

Indeed there is little reason to believe that a necessary first step, a ceasefire in Yemen, can be achieved soon.

Something may yet be worked out, however, since Faysal now seems willing to stop supporting the Imam Badr and to subsidize him in exile. [redacted]

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Meantime, the fighting continues. [redacted]

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4. Cyprus: Galo-Plaza, about to start on his first round of talks as UN mediator, seems to believe that since Makarios is by far the dominant figure on Cyprus more attention must be paid to his views.

The UN mediator says [redacted]

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a proposed solution bearing the archbishop's brand would stand the best chance all around.

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There is still no word from Moscow, where Greek Cypriot representatives are trying hard to pry arms out of the reluctant Soviets.

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This is a potentially divisive issue back on Cyprus. General Grivas has questioned the advisability of seeking such aid. Makarios and his leftist backers are committed to this course, however.

Grivas and Makarios are of course old antagonists and while disagreeing on this point their basic difference is over enosis, which Grivas wants and Makarios does not.

5. Colombia: President Valencia's National Front government has come under heavy fire.

The coalition is beset with factionalism and bickering, the antiguerrilla campaign has bogged down, and a host of economic problems remains. Political leaders on all sides are now saying that Valencia must go.

In a situation like this a military take-over is always a possibility,

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6. De Gaulle in Latin America: Observers along his tour route report that De Gaulle has looked fit and, to all appearances, bearing up well under the rigors of his schedule.

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Ambassador Bohlen, pointing out that De Gaulle customarily introduces his chief themes early on, finds that he has not been blatantly anti-American.

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De Gaulle is, however, suggesting to his South American hosts that they could profit by joining a trans-Atlantic Latin Club with him and conducting their affairs with Washington as he does.

7. France:

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We suspect that these are aimed at the development of thermonuclear weapons.

8. Communist China: Sihanouk is in Peiping, exuding pro-Chinese goodwill. He appears to be the stellar attraction for the celebrations Thursday of the Peiping regime's 15 anniversary.

As far as we know the only other chiefs of state due to show will be Massamba-Debat from the Congo (Brazzaville) and Modiba Keita of Mali.

Premier Maurer of Rumania leads the bloc delegations. He stopped in Moscow and may be once again trying to serve as a go-between in the Sino-Soviet dispute.

9. Laos: Before leaving Paris for Laos, Pathet Lao leader Souphanouvong warned that a new round of fighting could come if Communist wishes for a 14-nation conference are not met.

Military activity in Laos has been in a minor key for some time now, and the government has generated most of the action we have had.

10. Italy: Nenni has sharply criticized the Christian Democrats. He declared that the center-left coalition should fold up shop if Moro's party cannot close ranks and help enact agreed-upon reforms.

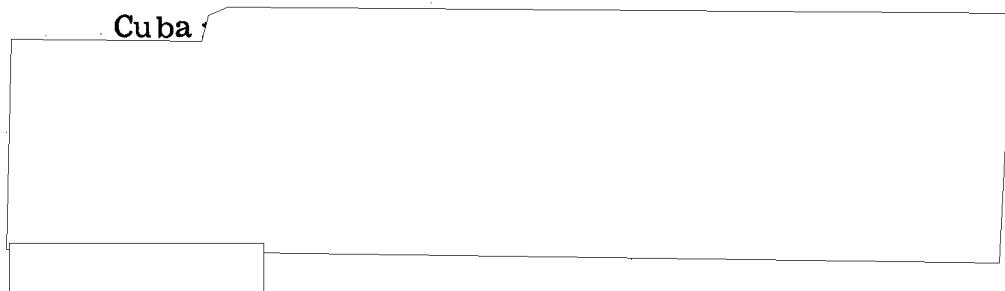
We doubt that Nenni means to pull out of the coalition right now. His blast was probably intended to boost Moro's efforts to push reforms in the face of resistance from the right wing of the Christian Democrats.

11. Argentina: Peronist labor leaders, who have been conducting a campaign of sporadic anti-government agitation for several months now, are pressing for a 24-hour general strike. To get the maximum mileage, they would like to set it off during De Gaulle's 3-6 October visit.

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USSR: [ ] Mission [ ]

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[ ] turned up a large missile in a horizontal position on one of the newer launch pads at Tyuratam. The missile is tentatively measured as 130 feet long [ ]

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[ ] The largest known Soviet missile is estimated to be about 100 feet long.

It is not yet possible to say whether the new missile is intended for space operations, as an ICBM, or both. It is clear, however, that it is part of a new system which, if successful, will give an increased payload capability.

The current Soviet missile program also involves the construction of a series of new complexes. Since June we have identified five new ones, raising the Soviet total to 23. About 25 single silos have been identified at these new complexes and at the Olovyanaya operational complex.

Mission [ ] also gave us evidence that major construction at the Chinese Communists' probable nuclear test site at Lop Nor is closer to completion. Many of the tents previously noted around the tower at Lop Nor have been removed and a security fence appears to have been erected.

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[ ] Interestingly, this summer's satellite photography shows that at least four of Communist China's 15 SAM sites have been abandoned.

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# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. South Vietnam

a. Khanh is now talking publicly of resigning. He said yesterday that in the near future he may give the prime ministership to a civilian.

b. Apparently yielding to another demand from the young generals who saved him from the coup, he is going to send General Khiem on a three-week trip to Europe.

c. Meanwhile, paralysis is spreading through the government in Saigon and in outlying areas. Government authority has declined sharply in the central coastal provinces, and in some cities law enforcement has passed into the hands of extremist groups.

d. One of these is Dr. Le Khac Quyen's People's Revolutionary Committee, which in some coastal cities is serving as the de facto local government. Quyen is a member of the 17-man High National Council in Saigon.

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e. The aims of his committee are unclear. However, it is allied with militant Buddhists and has advocated a return to civilian rule and the purging of Diemist influence.

2. Congo

a. After an initial scare yesterday, a threatened rebel attack on Bukavu appears to have evaporated.

b. US Consulate officials, hearing gunfire yesterday morning, closed the consulate and began making preparations for evacuation. There has been no more word, which suggests the alarm may have been false, or at least premature.

c. The previously reported rebel concentrations scattered around Bukavu, however, are presumably still in place.

d. Yesterday, Tshombé announced he would leave Leopoldville on Sunday for the nonaligned conference in Cairo. He may get a frosty reception, since he apparently was not asked to attend.

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e. In his press conference, Tshombé said a few good words on behalf of Kenyatta and implied he would welcome the OAU's special committee on the Congo if it comes to Leopoldville.

3. Cyprus

a. Makarios and Grivas may be approaching an open break.

b. Last Sunday, Grivas publicly accused the Cypriots of ingratitude for the support given them by Greece and belittled Cypriot expectations of help from other countries. The archbishop and his backers, however, are continuing to play up the importance of getting Soviet and Egyptian aid.

c. The aid problem is a major irritant, but the basic Makarios-Grivas difference is still over enosis. Grivas sees union as the only solution to the Cyprus problem, while Makarios continues to give it only lip service.

d. Besides the personal difference between the two leaders, there is also a growing Cypriot mistrust of Greek intentions on Cyprus. The Cypriots apparently are increasingly suspicious that Greek forces on the island are to be used eventually in a coup against the present government.

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e. The Greek Cypriots are reported to believe that Athens is adopting a more pro-Western stance and will finally force a NATO-type solution on the island.

4. Laos

a. Souvanna is convinced the Communists intend to start a major military offensive in Laos next month.

b. He told Ambassador Unger yesterday that he believes Souphanouvong's current trip through Hanoi and Peiping is to get assurances of assistance for such a move.

c. Souvanna stressed the need for doing everything possible now to cut the North Vietnamese supply routes into Laos. He said he intends to talk to his generals about getting ready to resist the expected offensive.

d. Responding to Unger's suggestion, Souvanna said that he would soon speak to the King about settling the differences among the neutralists and establishing Kong Le as the sole commander of the neutralist forces.

5. Colombia

a. President Valencia may have made a deal with Defense Minister Ruiz Novoa as insurance against the early demise of his tottering government.



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c. Valencia has now stated publicly that Ruiz would make a capable candidate for president. He added that although Carlos Lleras, whom he already endorses, will be unbeatable in 1966, Ruiz' turn will come in the future.

NOTES

A. Central African Republic Radio Bangui announced yesterday that the government of President Dacko had decided to establish diplomatic relations with Peiping. The day before, Dacko told the US ambassador that the Chinese Communists had conditioned a \$4 million loan on recognition. He did not, however, indicate that a decision was so imminent.

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C. Honduras A sizable band of Communist-led guerrillas is reported planning attacks on two towns in northwestern Yoro Province. The government believes about 300 rebels will be involved and has sent 245 troops to intercept them. Government forces are adequately armed, but lack communications equipment.

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- D. UAR The UAR press, never noted for objectivity in dealing with East-West issues, may soon take an even more consistently anti-Western line. Nasir recently shuffled key positions in the government-controlled press, inserting a number of leftist and pro-Communist journalists. A newly created "higher press council," apparently designed to see that the press toes the line, will be headed by Khalid Muhyi al-Din, a long-time advocate of Communist causes.
- E. Ecuador Security forces have had to crack down on demonstrators in Guayaquil, where the military junta's tax reforms have aroused intense public resentment. The cabinet in Quito has recommended that the junta rescind its tax decrees to head off further trouble.

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