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**1 MARCH 1963
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1. Cuba

a. One of the three Soviet passenger ships now en route to Cuba, the Gruzia, arrives in Havana today. It has a normal capacity of 770, but has often carried over 1,000.

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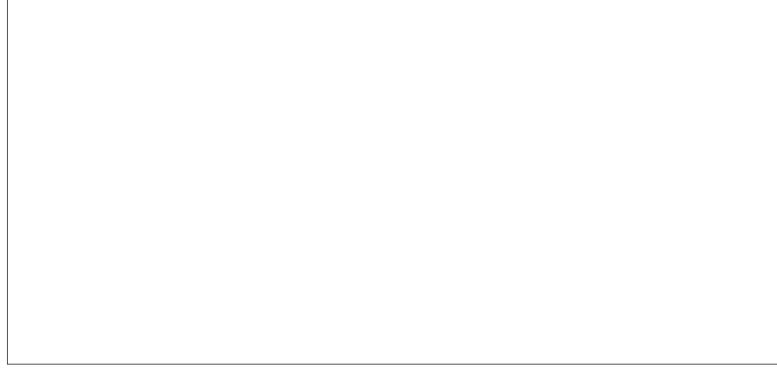
c. We have nothing new on the Khirurg Vishnevsky, now berthed at Bahia Honda, 50 miles west of Havana, and unloading what we suspect may be a military cargo.

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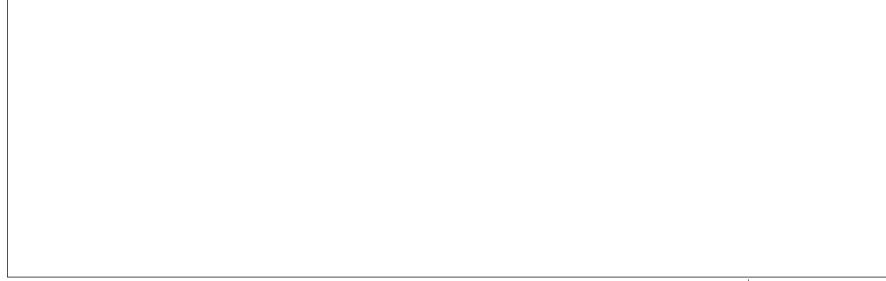
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[redacted] over three-fourths of those in Cuban prisons are there for political "crimes."

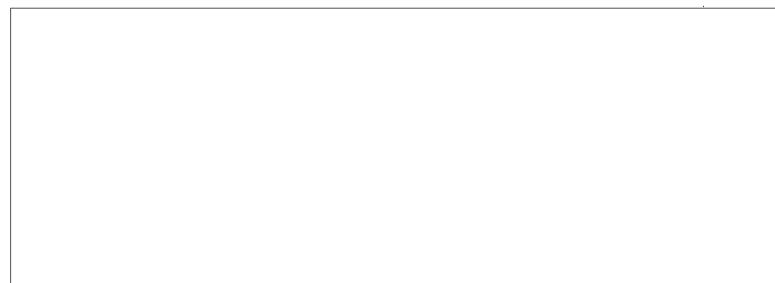
h. Photography on 27 February shows all 42 Mig-21s for the first time gathered in one place--at Santa Clara (Camilo-Cienfuegos) airfield in central Cuba. Some fifteen of these had previously been stationed at San Antonio de los Banos, south of Havana. We have no ready explanation for this action.

2. USSR

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c. [redacted]

[redacted] the Navy plans to scrap over half its present submarine fleet because of age. We know that about half of the 290-odd Soviet subs now in commission are W-class, medium-size units based on World War II era design. Some are 13 years old.

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3. Test ban Negotiations

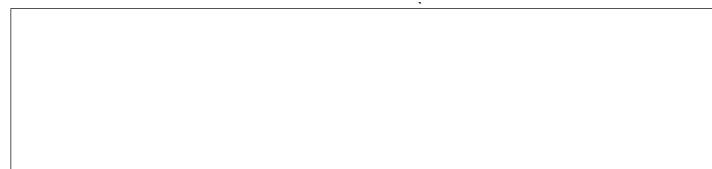
a. A Soviet delegate in Geneva has indicated to our representatives that the USSR expects to mark time on negotiations from now until May. He said that neither the US nor the USSR wants a test ban at this time.

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4. Sino-Soviet Dispute

a. Peiping is currently publishing (in four installments in Peoples' Daily) the longest and, from what we have so far, the most vituperative blast in the history of the Sino-Soviet dispute.

b. The article charges that some comrades hypocritically call for an end to controversy while they are really bent on continuing the public dispute. "Well, then" says Peiping, "let it continue."

c. At another point, Moscow is held to be "mortally afraid" to publicize Peiping's point of view. "They are even using a powerful station to jam our broadcasts."

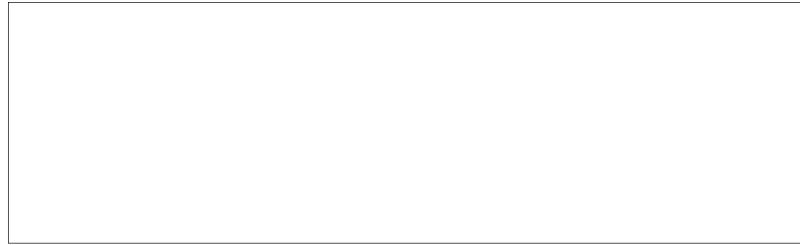
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A. Warsaw Pact Top ranking Warsaw Pact commanders have gathered in Warsaw, probably to set training plans for this year. We look for a resumption of the ambitious exercises scheduled for last fall but put off by the Cuban crisis.

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B. West Germany-Yugoslavia West Germany has decided to take several steps to improve relations with Yugoslavia. Bonn intends to make the following approaches to the Yugoslavs within a few days:
(a) a new offer for compensation in Nazi medical experiment cases; (b) a reply to the Yugoslav note regarding the bombing last fall of the Yugoslav mission in Bonn; and (c) a proposal for a German-Yugoslav commission on trade.

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F. Peru The ruling military junta may yet cancel the national election it has promised for 9 June, but preparations to hold it are still going ahead. The three leading presidential candidates who ran in 1962 have been nominated again by their respective parties, and share the ballot with one minor party candidate. If the junta allows the election, it would find a victory by the leftist, anti-Communist APRA party as unpalatable as it did in 1962 and would look for ways to prevent it.

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2 MARCH 1963
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1. UAR-Yemen

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[redacted] several items including armored cars and MI-6 assault-type helicopters. [redacted]

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b. [redacted] could be used for raids into Saudi territory from Yemen.

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[redacted] the Egyptians are improving the coastal road between Hudaydah and Harad, on the Saudi border--building reinforced concrete bridges capable of taking vehicles as heavy as the T-54 tank.

c. UAR bomb runs continue. [redacted]

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[redacted] Mecca Radio, reporting this raid, claims no damage was done and that the Saudis shot down one Egyptian aircraft.

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d. On the ground, UAR and Yemeni Republican forces have made some further gains against royalist tribesmen.

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2. UAR-Iraq

a. Cairo and Baghdad are moving
warily toward limited cooperation.

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f. [redacted]

Khrushchev
protest over Cairo's support for the
Iraqi regime and its "butchery" of
Iraqi Communists; [redacted]

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3. Cuba

a. The Soviet passenger ship
Mikhail Kalinin left Havana yesterday.

[redacted] she was
crowded with Russians--at least 500
on deck; they were unable to determine
whether these were military or civilians.
Her "normal" capacity is about 340 pas-
sengers.

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b. Preliminary analysis [redacted]

[redacted] shows
the Khirurg Vishnevsky--suspect arms
carrier--at Bahia Honda unloading
"probable crates" 8 by 10 feet. Also
seen were trucks, smaller vehicles, and
several cranes. The size of the crates
so far unloaded would rule out strate-
gic missiles or aircraft of any kind.

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- C. Syria An army power play may be imminent. [Redacted] 50X1
[Redacted] army officer faction [Redacted]
plans to confront President Qudsi [Redacted] with
demands for the ouster of Prime Minister Azm and for
federation with Iraq; this could precipitate a counter-
move by conservative or by pro-Nasir elements. 50X1
- D. Turkey-Greece Tempers are flaring over several issues:
Local government on Cyprus; Turkey's intention to extend
territorial waters; and alleged Turkish pressure on the
Greek Orthodox Patriarchate in Istanbul. Should all this
continue, their cooperation in NATO might be jeopardized.
Within Turkey, Inonu's coalition is troubled by oppo-
sition calls for amnesty for ex-followers of Menderes.
- E. Algeria-USSR Forty-eight Algerian Army officers left
Thursday for training in the USSR--the first sizable con-
tingent to go to the bloc since independence.

F. Pakistan Karachi police fired on striking workers yesterday, killing four and wounding others; opposition leaders may exploit this by provoking additional incidents. Fear of unrest in East Pakistan, where the National Assembly is to meet next Friday, has already led to stiffened controls there. The Karachi incident may lead Ayub to a further crackdown; he may even be edging toward a reimposition of martial law--a move which might restore his standing with the army.

G. Brazil-Cuba

[redacted] should Brazil have to choose between breaking relations with Cuba and withdrawing from the OAS, it would probably choose the latter. This diverges from what President Goulart told Ambassador Gordon in mid-February; Goulart then said Brazil would reluctantly join in OAS diplomatic sanctions against Cuba. [redacted]

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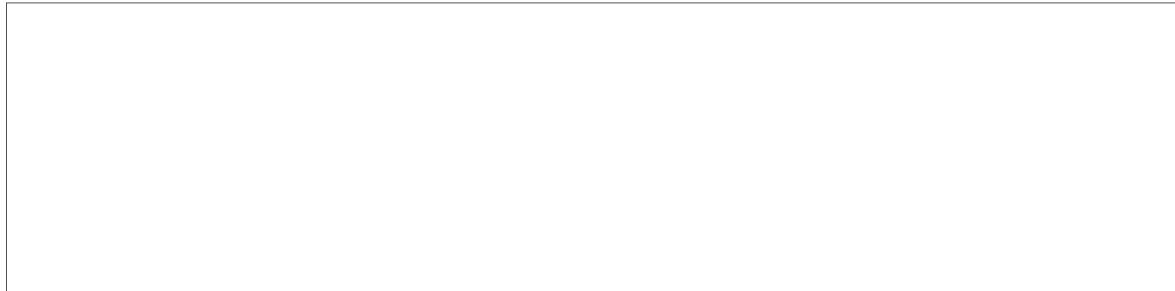
H. Peru Police are bracing against an expected resumption of terrorist activities by various extremist groups, including Communists, this coming week; targets are said to include police garrisons, banks, petroleum facilities and US-owned properties.

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4 MARCH 1963
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1. Cuba-Soviet Forces

a. The passenger ship Gruzia (normal capacity: 770; troop-fitted: 1,500) arrived in Havana Friday, and may have begun embarking passengers

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b. The Admiral Nakhimov (normal capacity: 1,200; troop-fitted: 4,500) and the Maria Ulyanova (340; and 1,400) have hit bad weather. They will probably arrive in Havana 7-8 March and 12-13 March respectively.

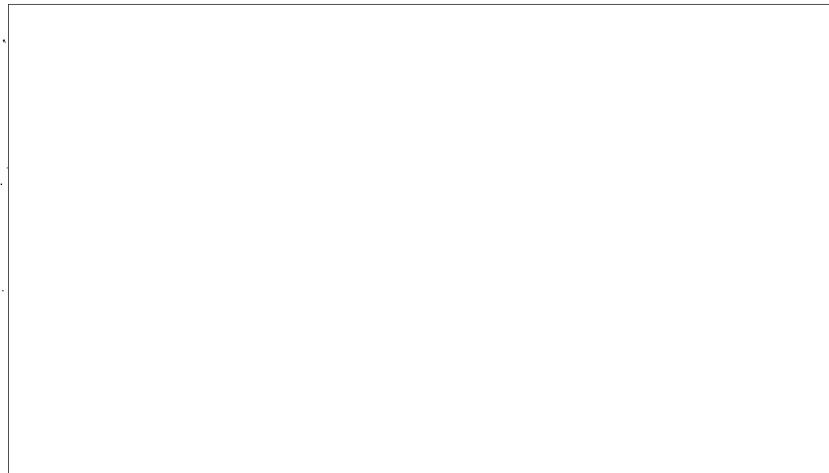
c. [redacted] photography thus far shows no indications of preparations for movement by Soviet forces. Several camps were obscured by clouds on Saturday, however.

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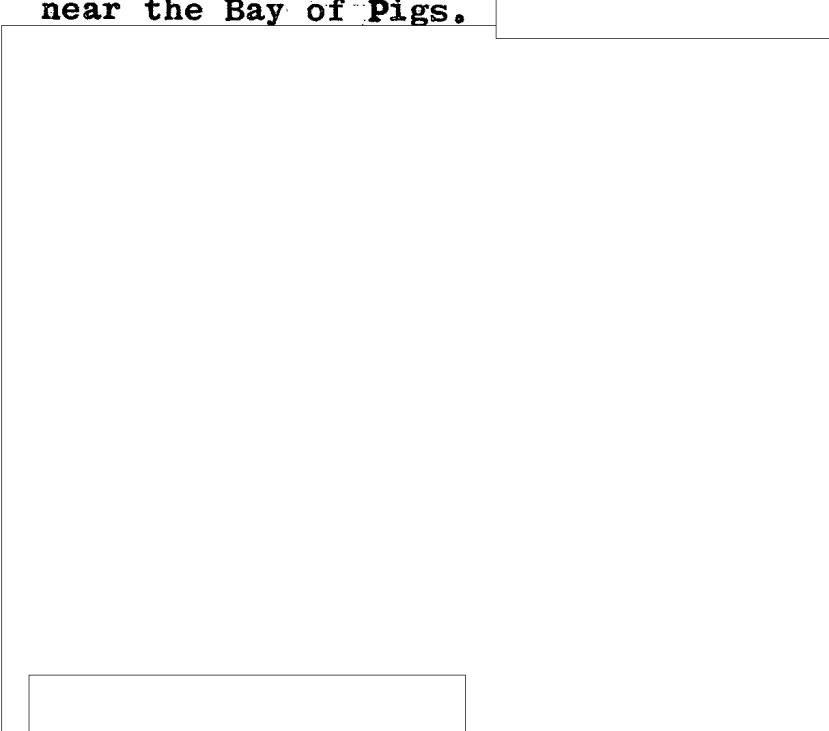
2. Cuba-
Insurgency

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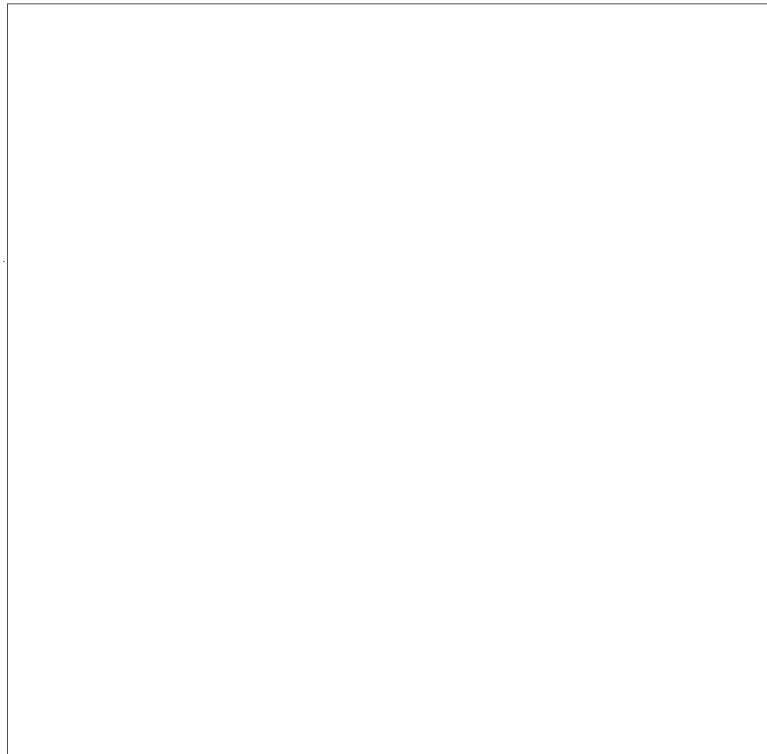
c. A French press item from
Havana reports widespread arrests
among insurgent elements in southern
Matanzas and Las Villas Provinces
near the Bay of Pigs.

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3. Cuba



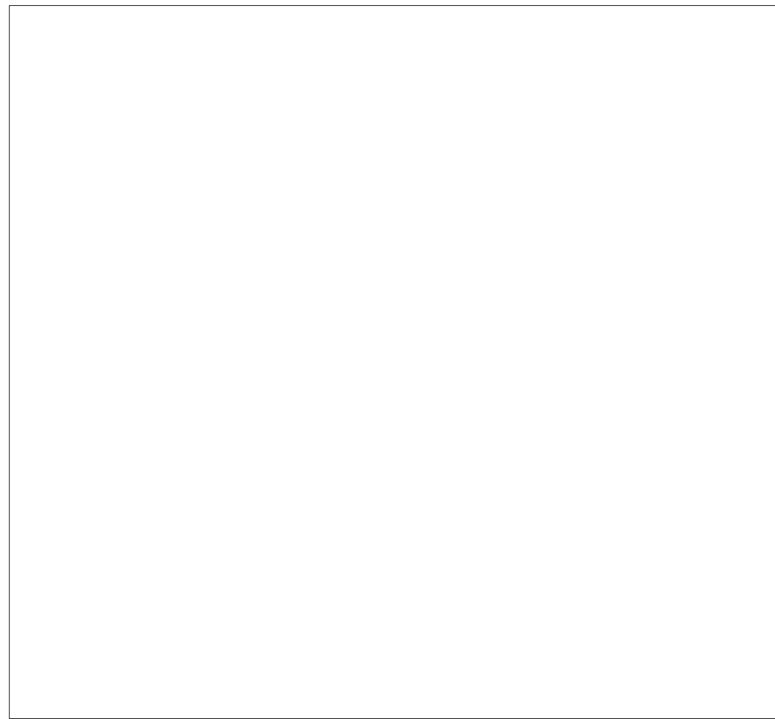
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4. Yemen

a. Nasir continues to add to his stake as his troops gradually gain ground in the north and the east.

b. Ambassador Badeau in Cairo has heard from a "good source--50% correct in the past"--that the UAR intends some withdrawal in two weeks "if the situation continues to improve."

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e. Ralph Bunche on his arrival Saturday in Yemen was greeted by a hostile demonstration run by junior Yemeni officials. The trip from the airport to Taiz, normally a 15-minute drive, took three hours and was marked by "menacing and disrespectful" gestures and the "standard Communist, anti-American banners." Senior officials, however, received him warmly.

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B. Peru Sunday's ouster of General Perez Godoy as head of the military junta was apparently triggered by the validation of APRA candidates for the June election. It may be followed by a decree outlawing APRA. The party's secretary-general said Saturday night such a move would result in "civil strife, especially in the north." All is calm today.

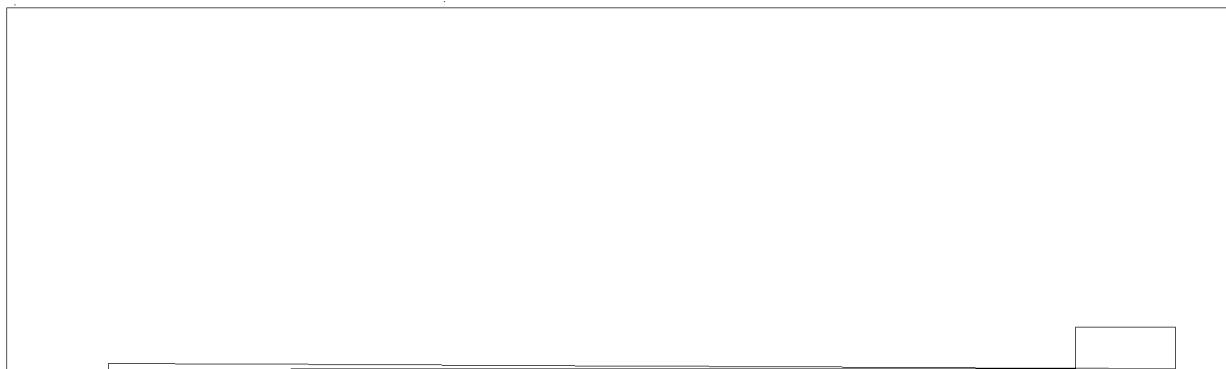
C. Iraq The Kurdish truce is increasingly uneasy. The government in Baghdad, fearful of showing weakness, has yet to come up with a formula meeting Kurdish demands for autonomy and Mulla Mustafa al-Barzani is getting impatient.

D. USSR There are signs of a SNAFU in the major reorganization launched last November to strengthen party control over industry and agriculture and there may be infighting among the leadership. An edict dated 21 January, but published only 22 February, rescinded some provisions of the reorganization and important new administrative positions have yet to be filled.

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G. Syria Cairo Radio last night broadcast reports of a Syrian army mutiny. We have no other word and Radio Damascus has not mentioned it and is broadcasting normally. Cairo may have been alluding to an episode which occurred several days ago and was fended off:



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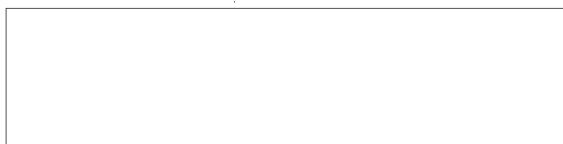


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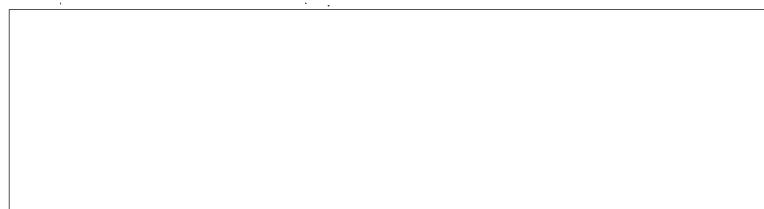
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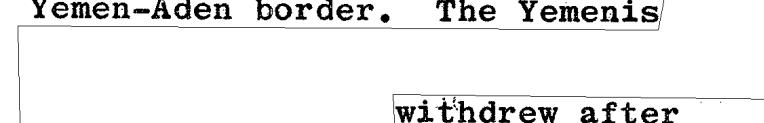
1. UAR-Saudi
Arabia-Yemen

a. UAR naval units shelled
Qizan on the Saudi Arabian coast on
Saturday.



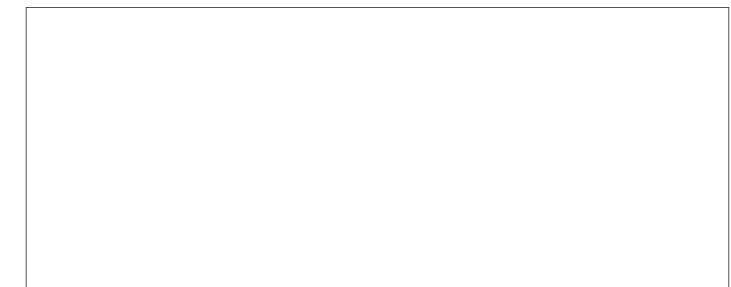
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c. British-led forces of the
Aden Federation have clashed again
with Yemeni republicans along the
Yemen-Aden border. The Yemenis



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withdrew after
suffering several casualties.



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2. Cuban economy

a. "Che" Guevara is saying
candidly that the Cuban economy will
be in far worse condition this year
than last, which was bad enough.
He told this recently to the Swedish
Ambassador to Havana, who circuit
rides between several Middle American
posts.

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b. The Swedish envoy, visiting Havana for the first time since last October, said his own observation was that, apart from food, consumer goods are in increasingly short supply.

c. Cubans are grumbling more, but the regime's ubiquitous security system makes resistance difficult.

d. The Ambassador forecasts a very poor sugar harvest for this year. His estimate (3 million odd tons) is close to the gloomy figure given by [redacted] Raul Castro and Rafael Rodriguez.

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e. On top of this, the USSR, according to the Ambassador, has been paying only four cents a pound for sugar, although the world market price has risen to six cents a pound since the Soviets made their contract in 1961.

3. Soviet forces in Cuba

a. [redacted]

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eight truckloads of Russians and four trucks carrying olive-green boxes moving from Torrens, the site of a major Soviet headquarters and supply organization, toward the Havana area.

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c.

[redacted] military supplies [redacted]
moved by the Cuban army out of the
Bahia Honda area, soon after the
suspect arms carrier Khirurg Vish-
nevsky unloaded there late last week.

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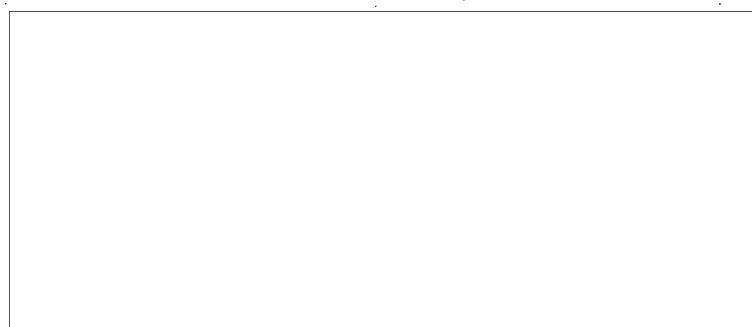
d.

[redacted] photography [redacted]
[redacted] revealed unidentified
gear standing alongside the barracks
at the Soviet encampments at Remedios
and Artemisa.

4. Syria

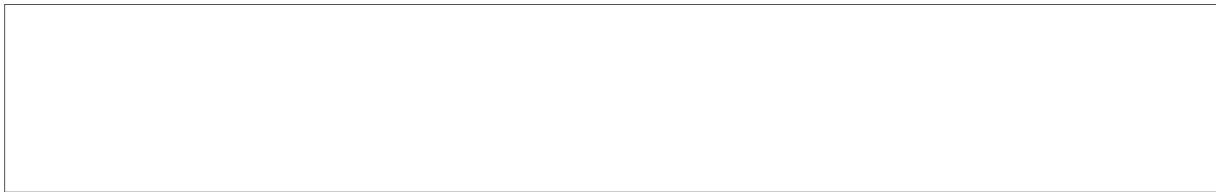
a. Cairo Radio's report of a
mutiny in the Syrian Army has proven
baseless--undoubtedly an attempt to
unnerve the government in Damascus.

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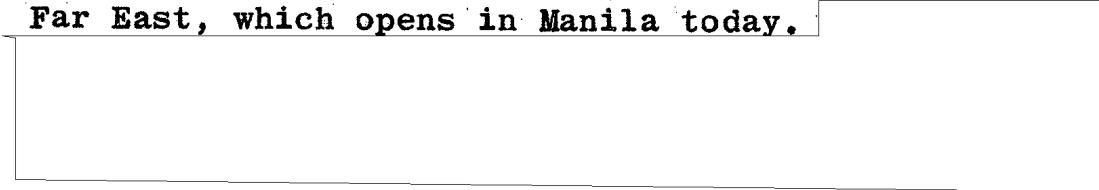
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A. Iraq-US The Iraqi foreign minister has asked if the US might be willing to supply large helicopters for troop-transport use. He made it clear that he had in mind the possible resumption of fighting with the Kurds. Iraq, he said, had in an order with the USSR for 12 such helicopters, but did not now expect to get them.



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C. USSR-US-Asia The Russians have indicated that they will try to bring two topics to the fore in the meeting of the UN Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, which opens in Manila today.



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D. Congo-Belgium Spaak is speaking of a "new era" of friendly cooperation between the Congo and Belgium following Adoula's visit to Brussels. The Belgians have indicated willingness to take part under the UN in a military training and economic assistance program for the Congo.

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F. USSR-Austria Austria's renewed show of interest in associate membership in EEC has drawn a sharp reminder from Moscow that it considers neutrality and the EEC incompatible. The Austrians had been lulled by a long Soviet silence into thinking they would face no serious objections from Moscow.

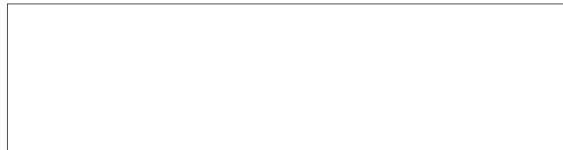
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H. Uruguay Communist plans call for a general strike to get under way today.

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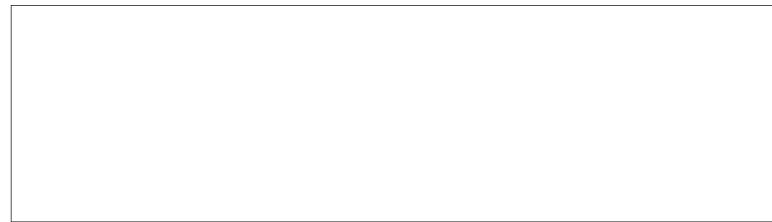
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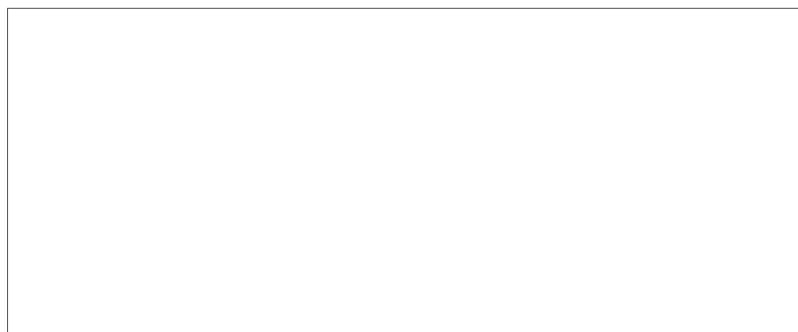
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1. Cuba



b. [redacted] 50X1
photography [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] does not show any significant 50X1
new activity by Soviet forces in 50X1
Cuba or preparations for their de-
parture.



d. Sixteen free-world cargo
ships called at Cuban ports in
February, up one from January's low
of fifteen. [redacted]

[redacted] Six were British, six Greek,
and two each Norwegian and Yugoslav.

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e. Six free-world tankers arrived during the month, compared with four during January and December. Five were British and one was Norwegian.

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2. Yemen

a. Nasir told Ambassador Badeau yesterday he would call off the attacks on Saudi territory "for the immediate future" pending the outcome of the Bunker and Bunche missions.

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c. Bunche, during his quick look around Yemen, was favorably impressed with Sallal and the popular support his regime commands. He says he is optimistic that a solution to the civil war can be found.

d. Bunche is now in Cairo, he will wait there through tomorrow to see if Prince Faysal can be persuaded to allow him to visit Saudi Arabia without posing conditions.

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3. Iraq

a. Anti-Baathist military officers in Iraq are planning a coup

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b. Their plan is to eliminate Baathist domination by marshalling an overwhelming display of military force and demanding the ouster of Baathists, including President Arif, Prime Minister Badr, and a number of cabinet members.

c. The group appears to include a large number of nationalist military officers, some of them pro-Nasir.

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4. Iran

a. A rash of tribal attacks on government units in south and north-central Iran has Tehran worried. Air and ground units, including an armored car company from Tehran, have been ordered to relieve at least one gendarmerie outpost. This outpost is beleaguered by seminomadic tribes who fear the effect of the government's land reform program on their way of life and resent government efforts to disarm them.

b. Pacification may require a prolonged and costly campaign which would embarrass Tehran and impede the Shah's reform program.

NOTES

- A. Berlin The Soviet Intourist Travel Agency in West Berlin was blasted last night by a time bomb which wrecked the office but no one was hurt. We have no word yet of Soviet reaction to the incident.
- B. South Korea - Japan South Korean Prime Minister Kim Hyon-chol has told us that Chairman Pak is determined to come to an agreement with Japan on the fisheries issue before he retires and is preparing new instructions for his negotiators. We are told he has the backing in this of the National Council, the Cabinet, and opposition leaders.
- C. South Africa Racial violence may increase sharply in South Africa in the next few weeks. [redacted] the leaders of the banned Pan-Africanist congress have ordered action to begin shortly. It would be instigated by the congress' terrorist organization, Poqo. Anti-white feeling has grown markedly in recent months.

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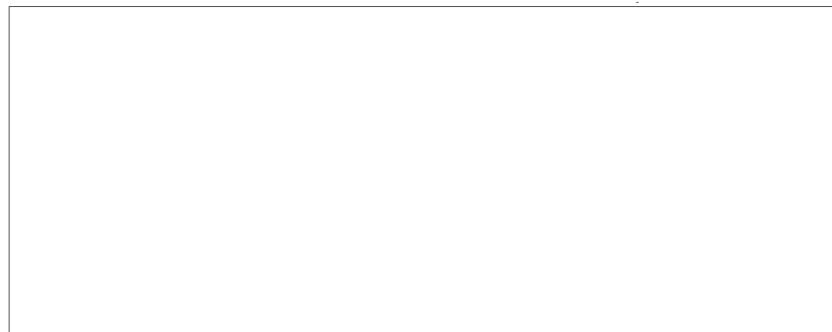


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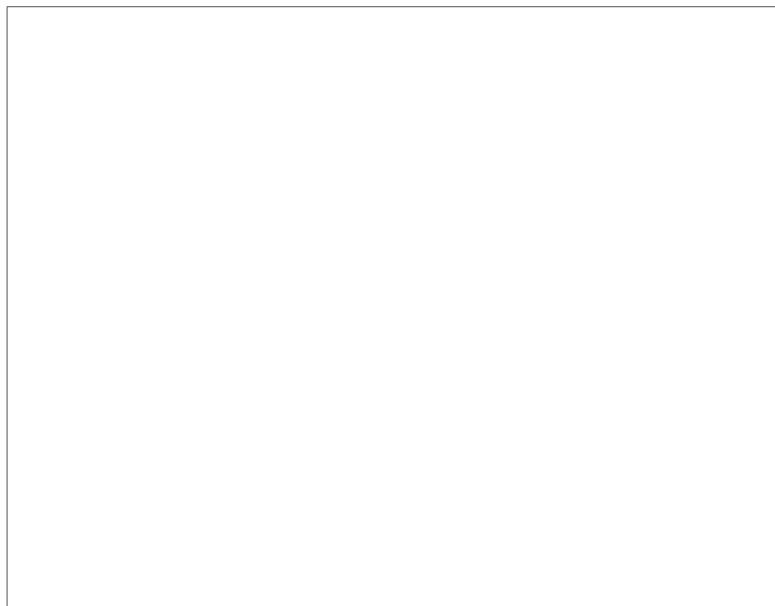
1. Cuba--
Military

a. Moscow has begun beaming to Cuba a daily 30-minute Russian language program--obviously intended for Soviet personnel in Cuba although labeled as simply "for Soviet comrades abroad." It carries news (none on Cuba) and a review of Pravda.



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2. Saudi Arabia



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c. Bunche may yet get to see Faysal, although he had planned to return to New York tonight. Faysal now says he has not refused permission for Bunche to come; he just wanted to register a complaint over Bunche's not visiting the Yemeni royalists.

3. Iraq



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c. Soviet military advisers are tightening up on their Iraqi trainees. Missile specialists at the SAM site west of Baghdad, which also has a training function, are not permitting the Iraqis to see instruction manuals and are now refusing information on missile fuels and radio frequencies used in the guidance system.

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d.

Mulla Mustafa Barzani has given Baghdad an ultimatum; unless it is announced at midnight tonight that negotiations are underway to form an autonomous Kurdish state, he will resume hostilities.

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4. UK-US

a. "Europe News Agency," a respected information service specializing in Common Market affairs, has carried a report that the British have been sounding out Washington on an early tariff-cutting agreement between the US and the British-led European Free Trade Association. Tariff reductions would not necessarily be extended to other countries--or the EEC--unless they reciprocated.

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b. This story may carry more weight in Europe and generate more suspicions than other French-instigated press reports hostile to US trade policies.

c. A right-wing Brussels newspaper has already picked it up, commenting that such an arrangement must be opposed since it would "dilute the EEC into a large free-trade zone under Anglo-Saxon domination."

5. Thailand

a. Ambassador Young notes increasing concern--and some threat to the US image--in Thailand over the threat of subversion from Laos. This has been sparked by press coverage of the Chinese Communist road-building operation in Laos and fed by disappointment over US failure to act more forcefully to curb Communist operations in Laos.

b. He hears frequently the theme: "Communism in Cuba must be opposed urgently; Communism in Laos can be attended to later."

c. After a private preview of "The Ugly American," he sees it "a clear minus for the US and a vague plus for the USSR" and as "detrimental to the US position in Thailand and Asia."

6. France

a. French Security, fearing new OAS terrorism sparked by the current strikes and by death sentences imposed on De Gaulle's would-be assassins of August 1962, [redacted]

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7. Bolivia

a. The National Peasants Organization Congress which opens Saturday may be the scene of the first real skirmish--and a violent one at that--in next year's presidential election.

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b. President Paz Estenssoro fears that leftists will attempt to gain control of the organization as a step toward gaining the Nationalist Revolutionary Movement (Paz' party) presidential nomination for leftist vice president Juan Lechin.

c. Paz' supporters are organizing [redacted] to overwhelm his opposition in the congress; observers expect him to use any outbreak of violence as a pretext for declaring a state of siege and for using the armed forces to control the peasants' organization.

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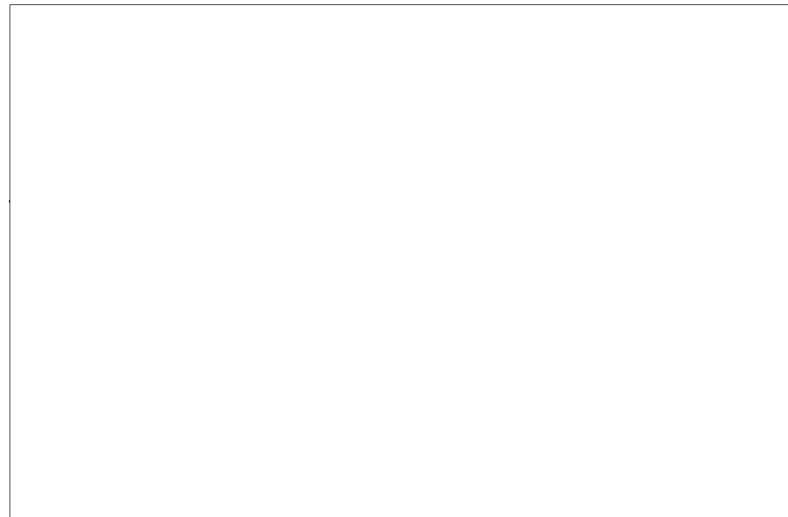
8. Brazil

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A. Indonesia

Ambassador

Jones has now heard that the Chinese Communists have outlined a way for Indonesia to run the oil industry profitably in the event no agreement on marketing is reached with Caltex. It would involve processing Sumatran crude oil in Chinese refineries.

B. China-Afghanistan The Chinese Communists, anxious to support their contention that New Delhi is the intransigent party in the Sino-Indian dispute, are soon to negotiate another border agreement--with Afghanistan. The Afghans say they expect no difficulties in the talks; the de facto border already follows the general line of the watershed between them.

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E. USSR American Broadcasting Company correspondent Jaffe shot a film on Soviet election day of the aged Marshal Voroshilov making the sign of the cross as he entered a polling station. Jaffe has been told that the Moscow ABC bureau would be closed down immediately if the film is shown in the US.

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G. Congo Tshombe may be returning to Elisabethville today. An awkward, if not dangerous, period is in prospect. Integration is dragging. There is an up-surge of separatism in Katanga, where the security situation is worsening; and the most effective UN troops--the Indians--are about to withdraw.

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1. Syrian coup

a. The military coup carried out in Syria early this morning came exactly one month to the day after the overthrow of Qasim in Iraq. Both actions were led by Baathists.

b. Present indications are that the move has the backing of major army elements. There may, however, be trouble with the air force. Syrian jets were this morning making low passes over Damascus in a display of dissidence. Army headquarters in Damascus are under heavy guard and the center of the city is cordoned off.

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2. Soviet forces
in Cuba

a. [redacted]
photograph

[redacted] shows some evidence of preparations for movement at two of the Soviet military encampments.

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b. Unidentified gear was again observed alongside barracks at Remedios, but not the same barracks where similar material was seen last Saturday. Several cargo trucks were parked near the barracks.

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c. At Holguin, the [redacted] 50X1
photography [redacted] 50X1
seems to show that equipment--believed
to be two radars, a large and a small
tent--was being moved. Photographs
[redacted] indicated that a
building has been removed at the
same site. 50X1

d. It is impossible to tell
from this evidence, however, whether
the activity involves a relocation
of units, as has happened before,
or a withdrawal.

3. SAMS In Cuba

a. [redacted] the 50X1
Soviets have set up an installation
to train Cubans in the operation of
SAMs. 50X1

c. A new SAM site has been
under construction at Managua, about
13 miles southeast of Havana, since
January. This could be the training
site, for its revetments and road
facilities are more extensive and
appear to be more permanent than those
found at many of the operational SAM
sites.

4. Cuban refugees

a. It looks increasingly as though the Cuban exiles who have a B-26 bomber in Costa Rica are in earnest about using it to raid Cuba.

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[redacted]
the aircraft is operational and a crew is available.

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5. UAR - Saudi Arabia

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d. The arrest of several officers in Jidda points to growing uneasiness in the Saudi government.

6. Sino-Soviet relations

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a. Chou En-lai and other top Chinese Communists recently unburdened themselves of their feelings about the Soviets

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b. [redacted]
they believed the Russians wanted to keep China from becoming a great power. As evidence they cited a list of specific grievances: the Russian refusal to help the Chinese Communists take control of Manchuria after World War II; the withdrawal of Soviet scientists and technicians as relations began to sour; failure to

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help--especially with food--when the Chinese lately found themselves in a tight spot.

c. The Chinese traced illegal Russian occupation of Chinese territory back to Tsarist times. As for today, they said, the border between them and the USSR was the final and most difficult border problem.

d. The latest Chinese editorial attack on Moscow works the same vein. It cites a number of "unequal treaties" under which Russia, along with others, "annexed Chinese territory."

7. NATO--MLF

a. Spaak, confronted with domestic opposition led by the Belgian Defense Minister, has informed Ambassador Merchant that he cannot now put his country down in favor of a multilateral force.

b. A "favorable evolution of the situation" would require these developments: British, German and Italian commitments to the force; manageable costs; reorientation of the Belgian defense effort.

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c. In Bonn, von Hassel has affirmed West Germany's support for the MLF to Merchant. In so doing, he stated that he had been converted during his Washington visit to the concept of mixed manning as "feasible and right."

8. Malaysia

a. Foreign Minister Subandrio is scheduled to arrive in Manila today to press for joint Indonesian-Philippine action in opposition to the Malaysian Federation.

b. An advance guard of Indonesians has so far found the Filipinos resistant to the idea of a tandem approach.

c. Macapagal, who remains, nonetheless, set against the Federation, has intimated that his government will not recognize the new state if it is established as planned.

9. Afghanistan

a. A turnover in the country's leadership may be in the making. Reports from Kabul say that Premier Daud has turned in his resignation to the King.

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b. The resignation has not been publicly disclosed and evidently has not yet been acted on. It seems virtually certain, however, that there has been a falling out between Daud and the King and other members of the royal family.

c. The immediate cause is a reorganization plan put forward by Daud which would place the royal family outside the government structure.

d. There is, in addition, increasing concern in Kabul over the country's growing dependence on the USSR and the economic miseries growing out of the impasse with Pakistan.

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A. USSR-Cuba

[redacted] the USSR has

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bought 15 Liberty ships for use on the Havana run.
The ships, said now to be in Panama, would sail
under third-country flags.

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D. Turkey Premier Inonu's political strength continues to ebb. He is now contemplating a cabinet reshuffle to shore up his government but there is growing speculation that his days in office are numbered.

E. France-US OAS leader Jacques Soustelle has shown up at the US Embassy in Madrid in quest of a US visa. His aspiration is to come to Washington to "explain" the OAS to US officials.

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9 MARCH 1963
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1. Syria

a. We still do not know the composition of the revolutionary command which has appointed a 20-man civilian cabinet--a mixture of Baathists, pro-Nasirists, and middle-of-the road Arab nationalists.

b. We expect one of these groups--most likely the Baathists--to try to take charge, and the coalition may not last long. Salah al-Din Bitar--Premier and Foreign Minister--is one of the cofounders of the Baathist party.

c. Bitar was Foreign Minister in several left-wing cabinets prior to the union with the UAR.

d. The regime has declared its solidarity with the "liberated" Arab states of Iraq, UAR, Algeria, and Yemen and has declined offers of military assistance from Iraq and the UAR.

Resistance, such as it was, ended yesterday noon.

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e. Former Prime Minister Azm has sought asylum in the Turkish embassy in Damascus.

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f. Jordan has declared a state
of emergency [redacted]

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tential troublemakers are being
rounded up. Both King Husayn and
Prince Faysal cannot but feel even
more uneasily that they are next.
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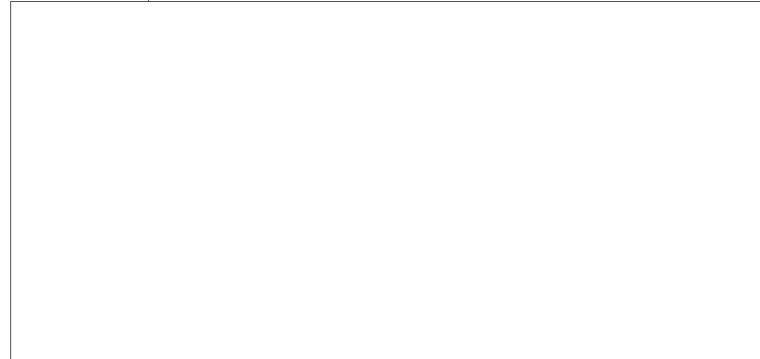
2. Haiti

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a. The latest (and likeliest)
of many plans to overthrow Duvalier
is that of a small band of some
twenty plotters who intend to cap-
ture him in the palace on 15 March
or as soon thereafter as possible.

b. Clement Barbot, able and
ruthless former secret police chief
and confidential secretary to Du-
valier, is probably behind the plan.
Barbot escaped into hiding last
August after nine months house ar-
rest preceded by a year and a half
in prison.

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3. Afghanistan

a. King Zahir apparently has triumphed in a showdown with Prime Minister Daud, although we do not yet have official confirmation of reports that Daud and his cabinet have resigned.

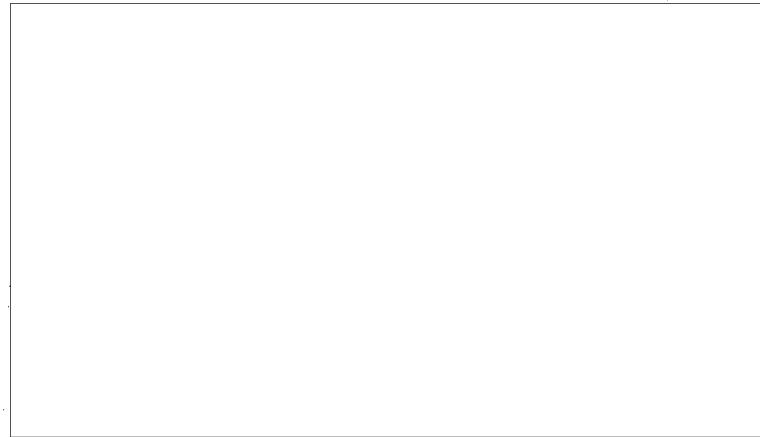
b. Daud and Foreign Minister Naim are said to have been offered the choice of leaving the country or remaining as respected senior citizens. Daud addresses the nation today.

c. A caretaker cabinet of civil servants will probably take over until the King decides on a successor government which will be responsive to his wishes.

d. With the king in control, Afghanistan's relations with the bloc will probably become more cautious and correct. Zahir is also likely to make more of an effort to resolve Afghan-Pakistan differences.

4. Cuba

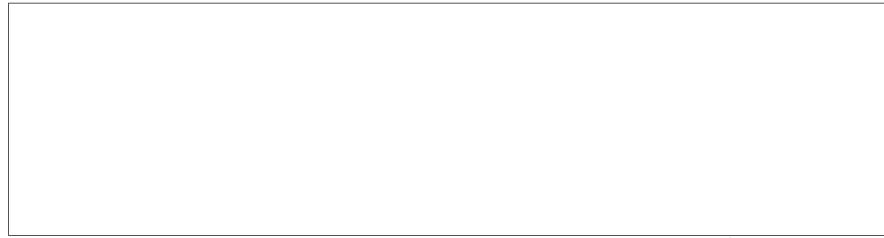
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c. The Soviet passenger ship Baltika, which just completed a voyage from Cuba to the USSR carrying some 190 Cubans and more than 200 Soviet personnel, is again on its regular run back to Cuba. It is expected to reach Havana around 22 March.

d. The Soviet passenger ship Admiral Nakhimov has probably now arrived in Havana. It is the largest of the passenger ships on the Cuban run, having a troop-load capacity of nearly 5,000.

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5. Yemen-UAR-
Saudi Arabia

a. Ambassador Bunker returns to Washington this afternoon with word from Prince Faysal that he will agree "in principle" to stop aiding the royalists if he can be assured the UAR will get out.

b. Nasir will probably balk at the form Faysal wants these assurances to take--to wit: a cessation of attacks on Saudi territory, a cease-fire, and withdrawal of UAR forces and equipment from the field to marshalling areas.

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e. After a difficult, week-long push southward from Marib, UAR and Yemeni troops claim to have secured the border village of Harib. This is in the poorly-demarcated border area adjacent to the British-protected Sheikdom of Beihan and we expect border incursions and clashes to increase.

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6. Cambodia

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[redacted] Peiping refused to provide foreign exchange assistance. The Chinese would only offer technical help and some future barter trade.

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b. [redacted]

[redacted] Cambodia will be receiving six MIG-17s from the USSR within about a month. Cambodia will be sending personnel to the USSR for pilot and maintenance training.

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c. Sihanouk is making it clear that his deference to the Bloc on foreign policy questions is not matched by softness toward Communists at home. Annoyed by leftist exploitation of student rioting while he was away, he has launched a sharp attack on domestic leftists and is proceeding with a government shakeup, having dismissed his cabinet which included some left-wingers.

NOTES

- A. Britain--Common Market Efforts to find some kind of interim economic tie between Britain and the Common Market have ended. [redacted] 50X6
- B. Laos-Soviet Bloc At the end of its visit in Warsaw, the Laotian royal party subscribed to a highly unneutral communique toeing Moscow's foreign policy line all the way. It went well beyond anything Polish Foreign Minister Rapacki was able to get out of the Yugoslavs when he was in Belgrade last fall.
- C. Brazil-France Brazil has started disbanding the naval task force it had kept patrolling coastal waters since the start of the "lobster war" with France last month. [redacted] 50X1

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SOVIET PURCHASE OF WESTERN SHIPS

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[redacted] in the current depressed shipping markets, the Soviets should have no trouble acquiring secondhand ships, and Liberty-type ships are almost certainly available in and around Panama.

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[redacted] Since one of the main purposes of purchasing ships for the Cuban trade would be to avoid US restrictions, immediate transfer of the ships to Western flags is not likely.

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[redacted] the Soviets had purchased four Liberty ships [redacted]

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The purchase of a considerable number of Liberty ships would be sound economics for the Soviets insofar as the Cuban trade is concerned. At current prices, a Liberty ship would cost the Soviets the equivalent of only 6 to 8 months expenditure for the charter of a ship for the Cuban trade.

The use of Liberty ships would also enable the Soviets to withdraw from the Cuban run a number of their largest and newest ships now occupied almost exclusively with the Cuban trade.

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1. Cuba-Soviet personnel

a.

[redacted] photography showed no significant new activity at any of the Soviet military camps.

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b. The Gruzia departed Havana

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d. The Gruzia has a normal passenger capacity of about 770, but during the withdrawal of Soviet missile personnel from Cuba last year it carried at least 1,000 back to the USSR.

e. There was no activity dock-side at the Admiral Nakhimov [redacted]

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2. Syria

a. The new regime initially tolerated but finally had to put down pro-Nasir demonstrations which nearly got out of hand yesterday in Damascus.

b. Officially and publicly, Cairo is jubilant over the coup, but [redacted] suspicions that the regime is a Baathist creature of Baghdad's making. An official close to Nasir, speaking of Cairo's early recognition to a US Embassy contact on Saturday, let the cat out of the bag saying "we did not want Iraq to have this all to themselves."

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c. The cabinet is indeed Baathist dominated (12 out of 20), and the military command, while not Baathist, is known to favor Arab unity, but not under Nasir's leadership.

d. A roundup of known Communists is underway, but in a less violent manner than in Iraq where several top party members have been put to death. Syrian extremists on the right are also being rounded up.

3. USSR

Friday

a. Khrushchev made another major speech on cultural questions yesterday to a gathering of top party officials and intelligentsia from all over the USSR--the second big gathering on cultural matters in three months to be attended by Khrushchev.

b. Khrushchev denounced the current preoccupation in Soviet literature with suffering under Stalin.

c. Curiously, he also felt compelled to defend publicly and for the first time his own actions during the Stalin years when, to hear him tell it, he personally averted miscarriages of justice on a number of occasions.

d. A competent observer of the current Moscow scene notes that Soviet intellectuals who have long praised Khrushchev's political acumen, are now, for the first time, criticizing him. He has, they claim, mishandled the dispute with the Chinese and failed to deal adequately with the cultural conflict.

4. Iraq

a. Negotiations with the Kurds have finally produced an agreement under which Iraqi Kurds will be allowed to conduct many of their own affairs under a "decentralized government."

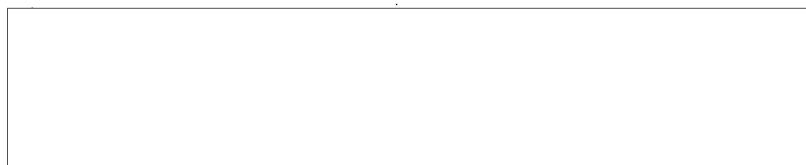
b. Neither side has a clear understanding yet of what is meant by this phrase, but Baghdad, at least, feels it is something short of the autonomy the Kurds had been demanding.

c. The remaining details may prove sticky, but the atmosphere has improved and a new round of fighting has been averted.

5. Somalia-Kenya-UK

a. Somalia has broken relations with Britain in the dispute over the Northern Frontier District of Kenya which it claims.

b. Britain announced on Friday that Nairobi would continue to administer the district under a plan for regional autonomy.



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6. Multilateral Force

a. Some views of NATO members on multilateral force questions are beginning to crystalize.

b. The Germans strongly favor submarines rather than surface ships as being militarily more sound and therefore worth the extra time and cost.

c. Norway, we understand from Foreign Minister Lange, will not participate.

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7. Sino-Soviet Dispute

a. Peiping and Moscow have exchanged letters affirming the need to hold bilateral talks on matters at issue between the two parties.

b. There has been no other external sign recently of anything but a worsening of relations between the two parties.

c. The announcement from Peiping was vaguely worded and contained no clue as to when such a meeting might be held or even that agreement had been reached on conditions for holding talks.

NOTES

- A. Panama-Costa Rica Conferences Panama is pressing us for a specific response to President Chiari's request for a \$50 million program for his country. Chiari, it seems, wants to go back from the Costa Rican conference with something tangible to show on this. Generalities will not do. Panama wants special treatment because "Panama is something special...it has canal cutting its country in two."
- B. Laos Peiping says the road it is building in northern Laos will be completed next month after which all Chinese personnel will be immediately withdrawn.
- C. Costa Rica-Cuba The impounded B-26 is at San Jose airport, and now in flyable condition. President Orlich says it will not be released until after the Presidential meeting, but our air attache there has noted guard procedures are lax and one could easily make off with it.

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1. Soviet personnel a. The Admiral Nakhimov is
in Cuba still standing by in Havana.

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b. [redacted]
photography does not reveal any
significant changes at the Soviet
encampments.

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2. Castro visit
to Moscow

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3. Arab States

a. Iraq and Syria seem to be trying to relieve pressures for union with the UAR by paying lip service to the idea of Arab solidarity.

b. The Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq has called for a joint military and political command embracing the UAR, Iraq, Syria, Algeria and Yemen. The thought is clear that the UAR would be one among many, not the vanguard, even supposing that an arrangement of this kind can be given practical force.

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- A. Iraq-Kurds Baghdad has taken a further step toward coming to terms with the Kurds by declaring an amnesty for Kurds who took part in the revolt.
- B. Guatemala The question of whether ex-President Arevalo will be allowed to return home to run again for the presidency may be about to come to a head. Anti- and pro-Arevalo demonstrators clashed in the streets of Guatemala City yesterday. Ydigoras has been equivocating on the issue which has been causing ferment among his military.

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13 MARCH 1963
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1. Iraq

- a. A move is afoot to send back some of the Soviet arms which flooded in under Qasim. 50X1
- b. A group of army and air force officers has decided to recommend to the defense minister that the SAM project be cancelled and that both the SAM's and the Soviet technicians be sent back. They argue not only that the deal costs too much but that the project serves essentially Soviet rather than Iraqi needs.
- c. Meanwhile, we see [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] that 50X1 arrangements for Egyptian military collaboration and assistance are continuing.

d. But Baghdad may be looking elsewhere for economic aid. [redacted] 50X1

2. UAR - Saudi Arabia - Yemen

a. Radio Cairo is now moving to blanket out Saudi Arabia's Radio Mecca. On Sunday, Cairo changed the frequency on one of its transmitters so that it almost obliterated Radio Mecca's medium-wave broadcast signal.

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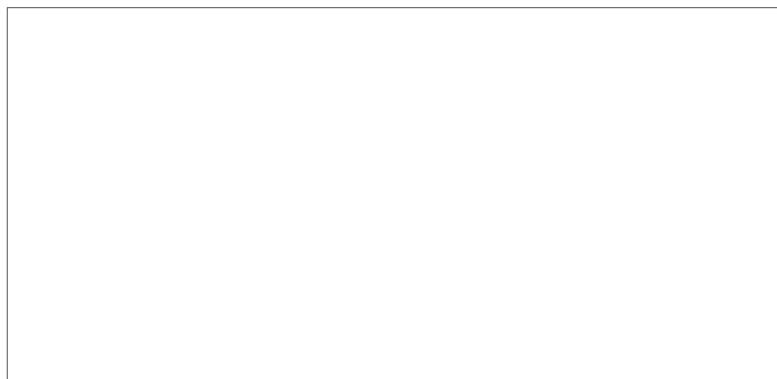
b. U Thant said yesterday he was ready to send Bunche to Saudi Arabia today provided Faysal confirms his welcome without pre-conditions; Ambassador Hart was told yesterday such an assurance was being sent, but it had not been received in New York last night.

c. U Thant is also floating the idea of a summit conference--Faysal, Nasir and Sallal--over which he would preside. He is testing it out first on Nasir.

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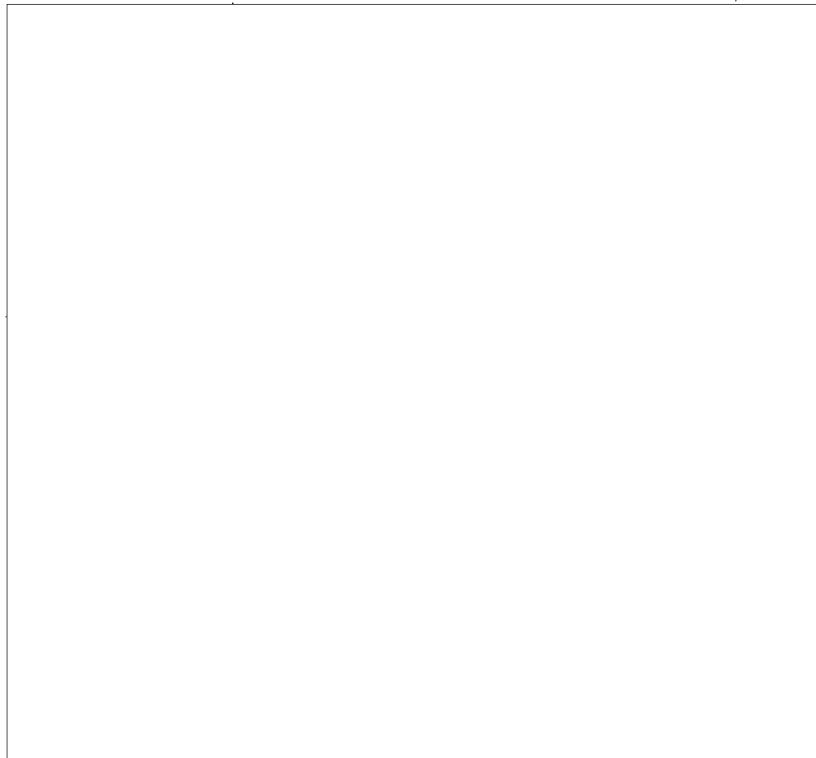
3. Indonesia



b. Sukarno is now moving to set up his embassy in Havana (Castro already has a man in Djakarta). To do the job he is going to send Air Marshal Suryadarma (former Air Force Chief, now shunted to an adviser's desk in the Defense Ministry) and his wife. Sukarno may be sending Suryadarma on the junket (six months) as a way of rewarding an old friend, but Mrs. Suryadarma is knee-deep in Indonesian Communist Front activities.

c. Indonesia's oil adviser says he thinks the Indonesians will compromise with the western oil companies if they agree to the "basic principles" that Indonesia take over oil distribution facilities in five years and refineries within fifteen years.

4. Burma



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[redacted] on Thursday a long-pending agreement was signed under which the USSR is to sell Burma 1,000 tractors and help build factories for agricultural tools and machinery.

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5. Cuba--
Shipping

a. Pravda today carries a moving dispatch from Havana on the departure from Cuba of Soviet soldiers who have accomplished their task of helping the "Cuban comrades" fully

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master the powerful, modern Soviet techniques." Pravda says four ships have left with troops and that a fifth (the Nakhimov) has arrived in Havana.

b. Pravda makes no mention of the Maria Ulyanova which docked Monday night. Meanwhile, we have had no reports on the loading of either ship.

c. Havana, seeking to bolster its own merchant fleet, has asked the Soviet shipping representative in London for information on prices of "five steamships, destined for scrapping." Havana described them as of 4,600 tons each, built about 1947. [redacted]

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d. Cuba has acquired only a few cargo vessels from the Bloc-- one from East Germany, two from Poland.

6. Cuba [redacted]

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A. Communist China A sharp jump over the last two weeks in activity on the radio nets serving China's missile test range, combined with increased transport flights there for several months, leads us to believe the range may be coming back to life. We cannot prove any operational activity there since last March.

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B. India Food grain production this year is expected to fall about 10% below the level planned, and it seems unlikely that recent new measures to increase production will succeed to the extent that the Third Five Year Plan objectives--self-sufficiency--will be met by 1966. Among the causes: inadequate rainfall holding down rice production, and sluggish implementation of development programs. India will look to foreign aid to prevent serious food shortages.

C. Laos Some sort of a showdown may be shaping up between pro and anti-Pathet Lao elements of Kong Le's units.

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D. Afghanistan-Pakistan A member of a "politically prominent Afghan family" has told our embassy in Kabul that resolution of the impasse with Pakistan is a prime goal of the new Afghan government; although some continuation of the Pushtunistan campaign is necessary for internal political reasons, he thinks the government would be willing to tell the Pakistanis it would abandon efforts to subvert the tribes beyond the Durand line. Ayub, meanwhile, has told Ambassador McConaughy he "would do nothing to rock the boat" and would not discourage any Afghan feelers.

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1. Cuba

a.

photography revealed no significant change at Soviet military installations.

b.

the sighting of Soviet troop convoys on the roads near the ports.

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2. Cannaregio

a. Suspicious behavior of the
Cannaregio on Tuesday [redacted]

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[redacted] enters Venezuelan
waters today.

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b. The vessel suddenly weighed anchor Tuesday and proceeded at top speed northward out of the Gulf of Paria. When closed by a Venezuelan destroyer, she doubled back and anchored again. Barges and "much activity" were seen alongside shortly afterward.

c. She got underway again early yesterday morning, and is now approaching the Venezuelan coast [redacted]

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3. USSR

a. A highly unusual meeting took place in Moscow yesterday, with Khrushchev in the chair. It was in effect a meeting of all the top political and administrative brass in the country.

b. The result of the meeting was the creation of a Supreme Council of National Economy "to guide and consolidate the work of the national planning agencies and the industrial and construction committees."

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c. Dmitry F. Ustinov was selected to head the new super-powered overseeing agency and promoted to deputy premier, making him one of three along with Mikoyan and Kosygin.

d. Ustinov's entire career has been in armament industries, including, in recent years, missiles. (He ran the Soviet armament industries during World War II.)

e. Although his appointment at this extraordinary meeting could indicate a greater emphasis on military production, it is also possible that Ustinov's performance in armaments has made him the logical choice to implement greater administrative centralization for the whole Soviet economy.

4. France

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5. Indonesia-Stanvac-Caltex

a. Djakarta has given Western oil companies in Indonesia a deadline of 24 March to meet the government's contract terms.

b. Among other things, these terms would in practice alter the proposed profit split from 60-40 in favor of Indonesia to 70-30 or less.

c. The UN oil adviser in Indonesia believes there is no immediate threat that Indonesia will nationalize the companies' properties. He considers that if the companies agree to an Indonesian takeover of distribution facilities in five years and of refineries in 15 years, the government will compromise on other issues.

6. UAR-Yemen-Saudi Arabia

a.

[redacted] an Egyptian MIG and an Ilyushin bombed three locations north of the Yemeni border on 12 March.

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b. So far there has been no complaint on publicity from Saudi officials.

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c. Meanwhile, Egypt is continuing contingency preparations, possibly for other air or naval attacks on towns in the central or northern sector of the Saudi Red Sea coast.

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d. The Saudi Arabians are still building up supplies of light arms and ammunition in the border towns.

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e. Yemen, meanwhile, has received five more helicopters and two trainer aircraft from the USSR, and a Czech military delegation is to arrive in Yemen this week to survey other Yemeni requirements.

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- B. Costa Rica Honduran President Ramon Villeda Morales will have a prominent pro-Communist-- Francisco Lagos--as one of two public relations men in his delegation at the San José meeting. Lagos was ousted for pro-Communist activity from a job at Honduras University last summer. His subsequent appointment as Public Relations Director in the Honduran Civil Guard is an example of Villeda's policy of tolerating local pro-Communists while condemning international communism.
- C. USSR There has been no stampede by ranking intellectuals to confess their errors in the wake of Khrushchev's speech which last Friday froze up the cultural thaw. Words of praise for the speech continue to fill the press, but they come from notorious party hacks and third rate nobodies. With the exception of bland praise from writer Konstantin Simonov and from Shostakovich, top flight artists have kept mum.
- D. West Germany - Bloc West Germany and Poland both apparently expect their newly-established trade missions will eventually handle cultural and consular affairs between the two states. The West Germans hope others can be encouraged to work out the same kind of arrangement with them. Hungary is considered a good prospect for the near future.

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- E. USSR Khrushchev has appeared to recent visitors to be tired and preoccupied. He has told the Indonesian Ambassador he will leave for the Black Sea at the end of the week--his first extended leave since late last summer.
- F. Argentina Police and army personnel in the greater Buenos Aires area were put on special alert late last night, apparently as a precaution against any possible disturbances by forces opposed to recognition of the Peronist Popular Union Party.
- G. Iraq The government is taking no chances on being caught short by renewed Kurdish attacks in the event further talks with Barzani break down. Two infantry battalions, a tank regiment, and a mechanized regiment are moving north from Baghdad toward the Kurdish region. Bombers are also reported to have been flown to the area.
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LATE NOTES

Yemen-Saudi Arabia The Saudis have told Ambassador Hart of a message from a Saudi official just north of the border with Yemen reporting that "enemy forces" had crossed the border and burned one village.

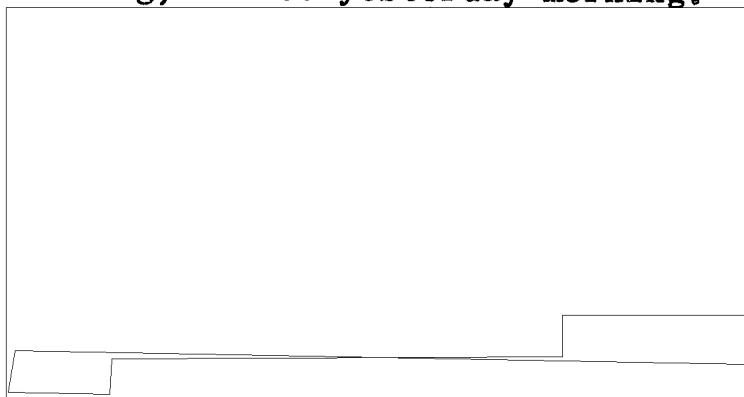
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1. Cuba--Shipping

a. The Soviet passenger ship
Maria Ulyanova, which arrived Monday
evening, sailed yesterday morning.

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2. Cannaregio

a. The Italian freighter en-
tered the Orinoco River yesterday
and has been boarded by a party from
the Venezuelan destroyer General
Flores.

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b. Further clarification of
the seemingly suspicious behavior
of the Cannaregio Tuesday indicates
it reflected a navigation problem
caused by fog. The barges reported
alongside were there for bunkering.

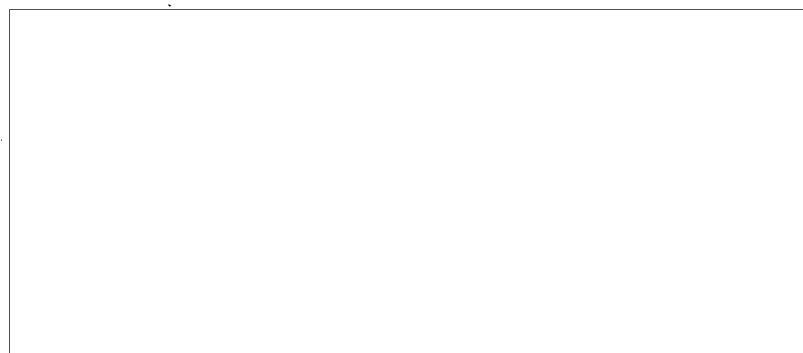


3. Common Market-US

a. EEC officials are saying that US insistence on interim guarantees of continued access to EEC markets for American agricultural exports could result in the indefinite postponement of trade and tariff negotiations under the Trade Expansion Act. They argue that US inflexibility on this point may lead other countries to assert preconditions or may be used by "certain" groups in the EEC as an excuse not to proceed with the negotiations.

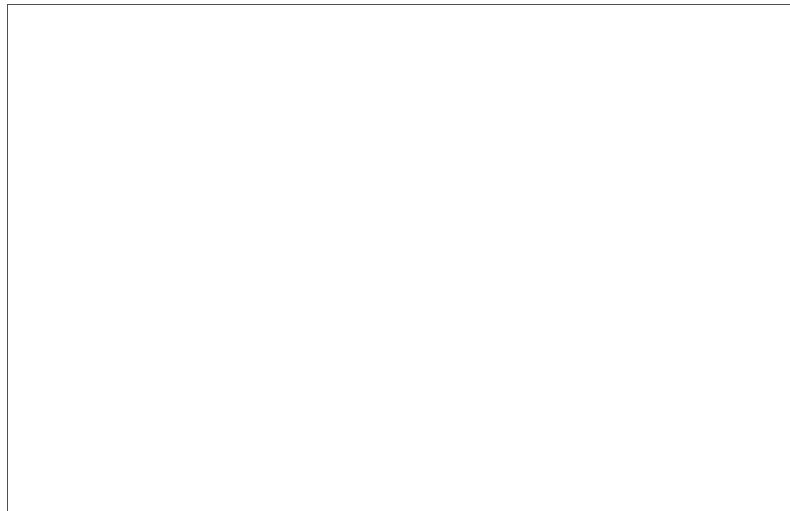
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4. France-Algeria



5. Somali Republic

a. The Prime Minister, reluctant to lose British aid, evidently would like to delay announcing the formal break with the UK approved yesterday by Parliament. However, he would be risking political suicide unless there were further British concessions affecting the status of the bordering district of Kenya.

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b. The fever in Mogadiscio will rise even higher when it is learned that two Ethiopian battalions in the Congo are slated for recall--to a largely Somali-inhabited area.

c. The US Embassy has reports of increasing pressure on the government to "seek arms anywhere" in order to counter British and Ethiopian power in the area.

6. USSR-Iraq

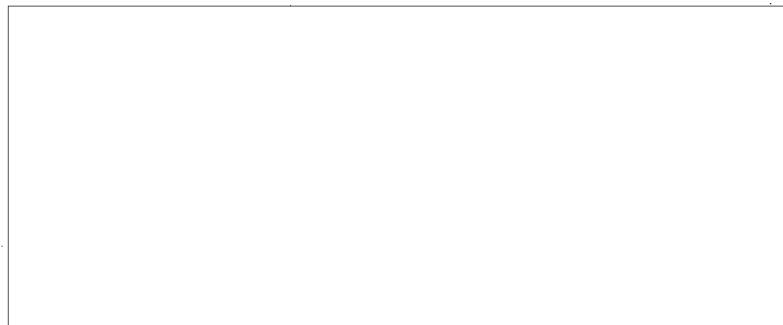
a. There has been a further cooling of relations between Baghdad and Moscow. Yesterday, the Iraqi Embassy in Moscow was treated to the first-ever protest demonstration staged against a "non-aligned" embassy.

b. We have heard of more Iraqi statements on moves by Baghdad to reduce Soviet aid and presence.

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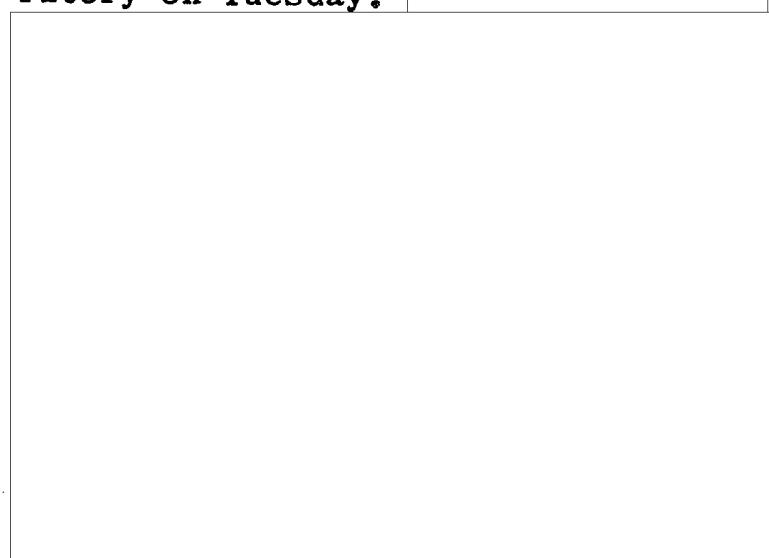


7. Egypt - Saudi
Arabia - Yemen

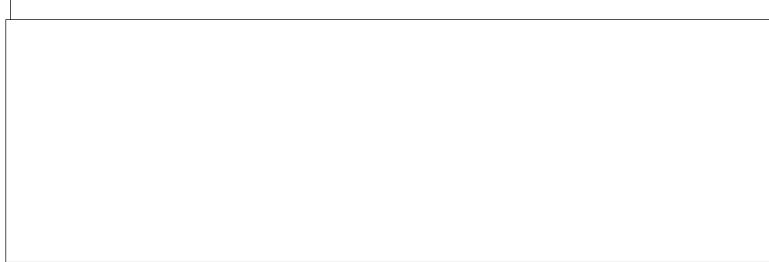
a. There seems no doubt that
Egyptian aircraft bombed Saudi ter-
ritory on Tuesday.

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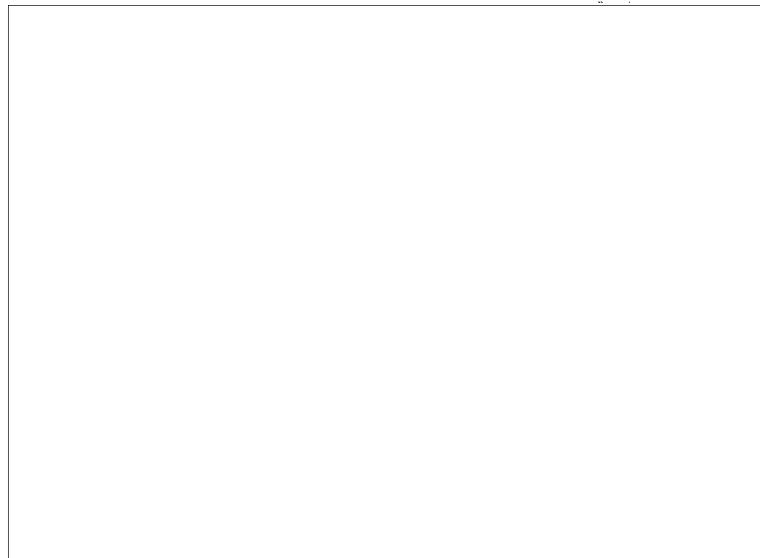


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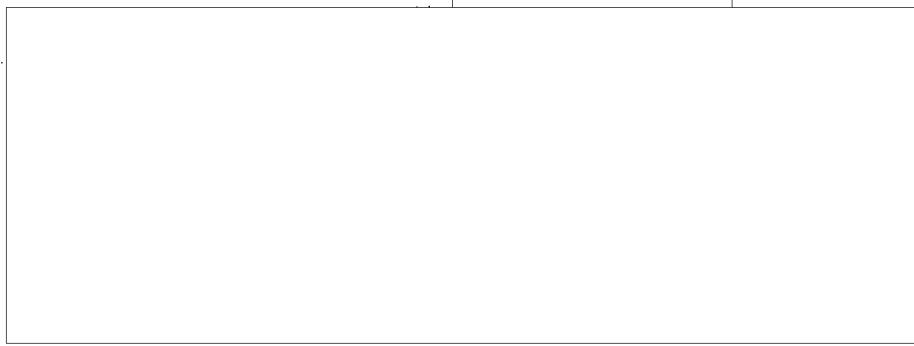
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8. Congo

a. Ambassador Gullion reports some disturbing deductions: less than a quarter of the known Katangan gendarmerie, less than half of its arms, and only a small part of its vehicles have been accounted for; its radio net still functions.



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9. Syria

- a. Further trouble may be brewing over the issue of relations with Egypt.
- b. Nasir's clandestine radio yesterday broadcast an attack on the new Syrian regime and a call for immediate restoration of the Egyptian-Syrian union.
- c. Syrian military authorities, probably fearing that pro-Nasir demonstrations might snowball, on Wednesday refused to permit the return from Cairo of five exiled Syrians who had been cabinet ministers in the union.

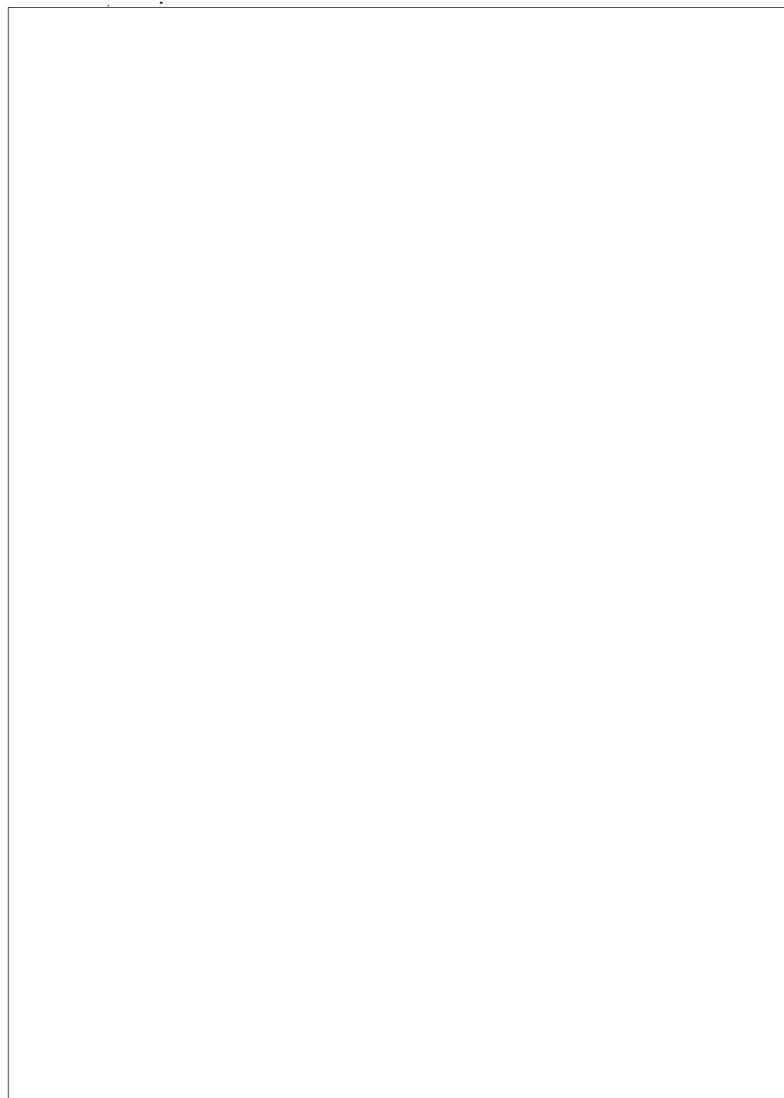
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B. USSR Khrushchev made it clear in his speech last Friday that he considered modernistic deviations from socialist realism in the arts to be the product of sick minds. Apparently he meant what he said. [redacted] 50X1

[redacted] Valentin Ovechkin, an established and previously favored author, was committed to a mental institution several months ago shortly after criticizing Soviet agricultural policy and warning against a new personality cult. 50X1
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C. Haiti Duvalier is using the presence of a Czech trade mission for blackmail. He has let the US embassy hear that the Czechs are offering to undertake economic development projects--while the US lets "Haitian children" go hungry.

D. Argentina Chances for a showdown between military factions over the form of Peronist participation in the June election may be mounting--a full-scale military alert went into effect yesterday.

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E. South Korea General Pak Chong-hui has used a coup plot exposed a week ago as a pretext for arresting other military leaders opposed to him and shows signs that he may renege on his promise to transfer the government to civilian control. In what appears to be a staged maneuver, the entire cabinet offered its resignation today after shouldering "moral responsibility" for the plot.

F. Kuwait

Baath planning for coups all over the Middle East:

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--16 MARCH 1963

1. PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE:

A. AS PART OF ITS SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING,
THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT WILL CLOSE ITS BORDERS BETWEEN 16 AND
20 MARCH. [REDACTED]

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B. TASS, THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY, AND PRENSA LATINA
OF CUBA HAVE BEEN REFUSED PRESS CREDENTIALS.

2. SOVIET PERSONNEL IN CUBA:

A. THE ADMIRAL NAKHIMOV SAILED FROM HAVANA YESTERDAY.
[REDACTED]

C. THE VESSEL'S NORMAL PASSENGER CAPACITY IS 1,200. IF
IT WERE TROOP-LOADED--AND THERE IS NOTHING TO INDICATE THAT IT
IS--IT COULD CARRY UPWARDS OF 4,500.

3. CUBA/LATIN AMERICA:

A. PLANS TO STAGE AN INTERNATIONAL PRO-CASTRO RALLY IN
BRAZIL LATE THIS MONTH ARE GOING AHEAD.

B. SPONSORS OF THE GATHERING, WHICH IS BEING LABELLED THE
"CONTINENTAL CONGRESS OF SOLIDARITY WITH CUBA," SAY THAT THEY
ARE EXPECTING STRONG FINANCIAL BACKING FROM HAVANA.
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D. THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT'S STAND ON HOLDING THE CONGRESS IS AMBIGUOUS. IT HAS BEEN DRAGGING ITS FEET ON GRANTING VISAS TO PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS BUT HAS STOPPED SHORT OF AN OUTRIGHT BAN.

4. FOREIGN SHIPPING TO CUBA:

A. THE COUNT ON FOREIGN SHIP ARRIVALS DURING FEBRUARY WAS VERY NEARLY THE SAME AS IN JANUARY.

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5. MALAYSIAN FEDERATION:

A. A NEW NOTE OF MODERATION HAS CREPT INTO EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA AND MALAYA OVER THE MALAYSIAN FEDERATION.

B. THERE IS NOW A GOOD PROSPECT THAT THE THREE PARTIES WILL AT LEAST AGREE TO SIT DOWN TOGETHER AT A MINISTERIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE.

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C. PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL, WHO HAS TAKEN THE LEAD IN THE
MEDIATION EFFORT, OBTAINED A CONCILIATORY STATEMENT FROM SUBANDRIO
FOLLOWING THEIR JUST-CONCLUDED MEETING IN MANILA.

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7. HAITI:

A. THE ANTI-DUVALIER PLOT REMAINS ALIVE. OUR EMBASSY IN
PORT-AU-PRINCE WAS TOLD YESTERDAY THAT AN ATTEMPT TO SEIZE
DUVALIER IN HIS PALACE ^{would} _{in the day} BE MADE LATER ~~TODAY~~.

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B. THERE WERE NO OUTWARD SIGNS OF IMPENDING TROUBLE IN
THE HAITIAN CAPITAL

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8. NOTES:

A. GUATEMALA: PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY LEFTIST EX-PRESIDENT AREVALO THAT HE WILL RETURN HOME LATE THIS MONTH TO SEEK RE-ELECTION HAS REINFORCED THE APPREHENSION OF BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY RIGHTISTS.

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B. SOUTH KOREA: GENERAL PAK HAS ALL BUT SOUNDED THE DEATH KNELL OVER CHANCES FOR AN EARLY RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE. HE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE MILITARY JUNTA WILL REMAIN IN POWER ANOTHER FOUR YEARS. A NATIONAL REFERENDUM

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IS BEING CALLED TO PUT A LEGAL STAMP ON THE DECISION.

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C. CONGO: ADOULA IS AGAIN HAVING SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN THE CONGOLESE PARLIAMENT. THE OPPOSITION YESTERDAY VOTED DOWN THE GOVERNMENT'S CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE LOWER HOUSE BY 64 TO 42. WITH ONLY SEVEN MORE VOTES THE OPPOSITION, ITS STRENGTH ON THE INCREASE, COULD HAVE FORCED ADOULA OUT OF THE PREMIERSHIP.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST, 17 MARCH 1963--
LATIN AMERICA

1. CUBA:

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A. THERE IS AS YET NO EVIDENCE

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OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES AT THE MAJOR SOVIET MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

B. ANOTHER TWO SOVIET PASSENGER SHIPS ARE EN ROUTE TO CUBA.

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2. BRAZIL:

A. THE JORNAL DO BRASIL, OFTEN A GOOD BAROMETER OF OFFICIAL OPINION, EDITORIALIZES THAT RECENT TESTIMONY ON BRAZIL BEFORE THE US CONGRESS UNDERSCORES THAT "THESE ARE DIFFICULT HOURS IN US-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS."

B. THE EDITORIAL ASSERTS THAT "THE WALL OF INCOMPREHENSION, VESTED INTERESTS, PRE-FABRICATED SLOGANS, AND DISTORTED INFORMATION IS TOO HIGH TO BE HURLED IN ONE LEAP. WE HOPE THAT THE KENNEDY AND GOULART GOVERNMENTS WILL SUCCEED IN HURLING IT. BUT WE MUST ALSO BE PREPARED FOR THE WORST."

C. THE NEWSPAPER WARNS THAT THE "EUPHORIA SURROUNDING THE RESULTS OF THE DANTAS MISSION IS NOT JUSTIFIED."

3. VENEZUELA:

A. EXTREME LEFTIST PARTIES HAVE BEEN DEALT A SERIOUS LEGAL SETBACK AFFECTING THEIR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS.

B. THE SUPREME ELECTORAL COUNCIL HAS EXCLUDED THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE CRYPTOCOMMUNIST LEFTIST REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT FROM THE ELECTORAL MACHINERY.

C. THE TWO PARTIES, ALREADY UNDER WHAT IS CALLED "SUSPENSION," ARE THUS FURTHER CONFINED, THOUGH NEITHER IS STRICTLY SPEAKING OUTLAWED.

4. BOLIVIA/CUBA:

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A. THE CUBAN CHARGE IN LA PAZ IS DESCRIBED AS FRANTIC OVER
THE CRASH OF A BOLIVIAN PLANE MISSING SINCE FRIDAY.

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C. THE CHILEANS REPORT SIGHTING WRECKAGE OF THE AIRCRAFT
ON THEIR TERRITORY.

5. NOTES:

A. PANAMA: THERE IS SOME CONCERN IN PANAMA CITY THAT
COMMUNISTS AND OTHER EXTREMISTS WILL TRY TO CREATE DISORDERS
AIMED AT EMBARRASSING PRESIDENT CHIARI

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C. HAITI: THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION ON
THE SITUATION SINCE YESTERDAY.

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ATTN WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER: GEN. CLIFTON

HAS DIRECTED THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE MUST REACH

THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY PRIOR TO ITS DEPARTURE FROM

PALM BEACH AT 0800. ADDRESSEE IS CAPT. SHEPARD OR

GEN. MCHUGH EYES ONLY, COPY FOR MR. BROMLEY SMITH.

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[REDACTED] AT LEAST 650 "TROOPS" WERE SEEN MOVING IN

CONVOY TO THE DOCK AREA PRIOR TO THE ADMIRAL NAKHIMOV'S SAILING
ON FRIDAY. THEY ESTIMATE FROM THE DENSITY OF PASSENGERS ON THE
SHIP'S DECK THAT AS MANY AS 1,000 MEN WERE ABOARD.

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2. ARAB STATES:

A. THOSE DISCUSSIONS ON FEDERATION BY EGYPT, IRAQ, AND
SYRIA--NOW TEMPORARILY RECESSED--ARE FLAGGED BY SECOND THOUGHTS.
THE BAATHIST LEADERS OF IRAQ AND SYRIA ARE BARGAINING FOR THE
LOOSEST KIND OF FEDERATION.

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A. ADOULA PROFESSES TO BE UNRUFFLED BY THE HEAVY
OPPOSITION VOTE AGAINST HIM IN THE CONGOLESE PARLIAMENT ON
FRIDAY. HE CONTENDS THAT WAYS CAN BE FOUND TO AVERT THE
DOWNFALL OF HIS GOVERNMENT.

B. AMBASSADOR GILLION REPORTS THAT ADOULA'S OPPONENTS
ARE FEELING THEIR OATS.

C. ADOULA, DESPITE HIS SHOW OF TRANQUILITY, IS DWELLING
FOR THE FIRST TIME ON A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR. HE INSISTS, HOWEVER,
THAT IN NO EVENT WILL A LIMUMBIST BE ALLOWED TO FOLLOW HIM,
INTIMATING THAT THIS WILL BE PREVENTED BY EXTRA-CONSTITUTIONAL
MEANS IF NECESSARY. [REDACTED] 50X1

4. EEC

A. THERE ARE SOME SIGNS THAT WEST GERMANY IS BREAKING
RANKS WITH ITALY AND THE BENELUX COUNTRIES IN EEC DISCUSSIONS
ON THE US TRADE EXPANSION ACT. 50X1

B. THE GERMANS GAVE THE FRENCH TACIT SUPPORT AT A
RECENT MEETING ON THE QUESTION BY NOT JOINING THE OTHER FOUR
IN OPPOSITION TO THE FRENCH POSITION. [REDACTED] 50X1

5. COSTA RICA:

A. [REDACTED] A NUMBER
OF COMMUNISTS HAVE LEFT TOWN VOLUNTARILY BECAUSE OF THEIR FEAR
OF BECOMING EMBROILED WITH THE POLICE. [REDACTED] 50X1
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[REDACTED] ABOUT 150 MEMBERS OF MOVIMENTO COSTA
RICA LIBRE ARE ALSO PATROLLING THE CITY AND ATTEMPTING TO KEEP
AN EYE ON TROUBLE MAKERS. A COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT TEAM OF 200
MEN IS COVERING THE CITY AND PAINTING OUT ADVERSE SIGNS [REDACTED] 50X1
[REDACTED] 50X1

A. THE AP REPORTS FROM BRASILIA THIS MORNING THAT GOULART HAS ORDERED SUSPENSION OF AID TALKS IN WASHINGTON PENDING "CLARIFICATION" OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT BEFORE CONGRESS ON COMMUNIST INFILTRATION.

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B. [REDACTED] 50X1
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 THE PRO-Castro CONGRESS PROJECTED FOR LATER THIS MONTH IN RIO. [REDACTED] 50X1
 THE BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR TO BOLIVIA SAYS HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ISSUE NO VISAS AT ALL TO WOULD-BE PARTICIPANTS. ALTHOUGH IT IS REASONABLE TO SUPPOSE THAT BRAZILIAN EMBASSIES ELSEWHERE HAVE BEEN GIVEN SIMILAR INSTRUCTIONS, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT THIS IS SO.

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7. NOTES:

A. ARGENTINA: TENSION HAS SUBSIDED SOMEWHAT AMONG THE ARGENTINE MILITARY FOLLOWING THE RETURN OF GENERAL ONGAMAN-- THE MUCH-RESPECTED ARMY CHIEF-- FROM HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE US. JUDICIAL SANCTION OF THE PERONIST UNION POPULAR REMAINS DEEPLY DISQUIETING TO THE MILITARY AND IT IS QUESTIONABLE HOW LONG THE CALM WILL LAST.

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B. SOMALI REPUBLIC: [REDACTED] 50X1
 [REDACTED] 50X1
 SOMALI SECURITY FORCES HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO TAKE UP POSITIONS ALONG BOTH THE KENYAN AND ETHIOPIAN BORDERS.

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WITH GENERAL PHOUV I WHICH CALLS FOR DIRECT ASSISTANCE BY RIGHTIST

FORCES IN THE EVENT OF A PATHET LAO ATTACK ON KONG LE

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D. ECUADOR: RIGHTIST MILITARY GROUPS ARE CONTINUING

TO BROOD OVER THE DESIRABILITY OF OVERTHROWING PRESIDENT

AROSEMENA.

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E. BOLIVIA: BOLIVIAN, CUBAN AND US TEAMS ARE MAKING A
BEELINE FOR THE SCENE OF THE CRASHED BOLIVIAN AIRCRAFT WHICH
CARRIED A CUBAN DIPLOMATIC COURIER. THE WINNER OUGHT TO ARRIVE

THERE SOMETIME TODAY.

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1. CUBAN RAID:

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CLAIMING CREDIT FOR

A. ALPHA 66 IS HOLDING A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY AT WHICH IT PROMISES TO GIVE DETAILS ON MONDAY NIGHT'S RAID ON ISABELA DE SAGUA ON THE NORTH CENTRAL COAST, FOR WHICH IT CLAIMS CREDIT. ITS CLAIMS HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN RELIABLE IN THE PAST.

B.

THE RAID WAS CARRIED OUT AT MIDNIGHT AND [] A SOVIET SHIP DOCKED AT THE PORT (PROBABLY THE CARGO SHIP L'GOV WHICH ENTERED ISABELA DE SAGUA ON THE EVENING OF 17 MARCH) WAS HIT THREE TIMES ON THE BRIDGE, BUT WAS OTHERWISE UNDAMAGED.

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[] THE RAIDING PARTY STARTED FIRING FROM ONE MILE OUT, FIRING "TWO OR THREE EXPLOSIVE 20 MM SHOTS" AND "SIXTY TO SEVENTY 50-CALIBRE MACHINE GUN BULLETS." []

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[] NO CASUALTIES, ALTHOUGH RADIO HAVANA YESTERDAY SAID SEVERAL WOUNDED RUSSIAN SAILORS WERE TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL AT SAGUA LA GRANDE.

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2. CUBA - SOVIET FORCES:

A. [redacted]

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[redacted] PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE AT THE 50X1
SOVIET ENCAMPMENTS.

B. THERE WAS HEAVY CLOUD COVER ON BOTH DAYS OVER ALL CAMPS
EXCEPT REMEDIOS, WHERE NO CHANGE WAS NOTED.

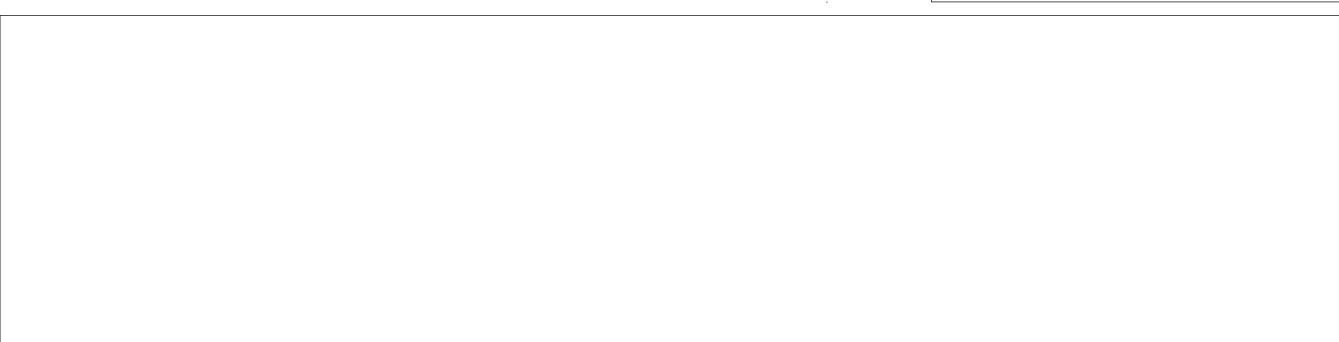
3. BOLIVIAN PLANE CRASH:

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B. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT ONE OF THE CUBANS ABOARD WAS JUAN
MOLEN, INSPECTOR GENERAL OF CUBAN EMBASSIES. [redacted]

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4. SOUTH KOREA:

A. THE PAK REGIME MAY BE IN REAL TROUBLE.

B. PAK WAS CLOSETED LAST NIGHT WITH A NUMBER OF OPPOSITION CIVILIAN POLITICIANS WHOSE OPEN DEFIANCE OF HIS BAN ON POLITICAL ACTIVITY HAS BROUGHT THE COUNTRY TO THE BRINK OF WIDESPREAD DISORDERS.

C. TEMPORIZING TO PRESERVE ORDER, PAK AGREED TO WITHDRAW "FOR TWELVE DAYS" HIS PROPOSAL TO HOLD A PLEBESCITE ON EXTENDING MILITARY RULE. THIS PROPOSAL, MADE ON SATURDAY, HAD SPARKED POPULAR DEMONSTRATIONS ALMOST AS SOON AS IT WAS ANNOUNCED.

5. YEMEN-USSR:

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A. YEMEN

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A BASIC RE-EQUIPMENT EFFORT FOR THE YEMENI

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ARMY.

C. THE USSR HAS THUS FAR PROVIDED YEMEN WITH

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LIGHT TANKS AND SOME ROCKET LAUNCHERS HELICOPTERS AND

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TRAINER AIRCRAFT

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6. USSR:

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[REDACTED] HAS BEEN DEMOTED AND FIRED. HE WAS A FIRST DEPUTY
MINISTER OF DEFENSE. THE SAME SOURCE SAYS MARSHAL MOSKALENKO,
CHIEF OF THE MAIN INSPECTORATE, HAS BEEN PROMOTED, BUT HE DID
NOT KNOW TO WHAT JOB.

B. WE CAN CONFIRM NEITHER STORY YET, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN
INDICATIONS THAT THE MILITARY WERE AGAIN TRYING TO GET AROUND
STRICT PARTY CONTROL AND HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO ASSERT A STRONG
VOICE IN POLICY MAKING.

7. SOMALIA-UK-BLOC:

A. WITH THE BREAK IN RELATIONS NOW OFFICIAL, BRITISH PER-
SONNEL ARE PULLING OUT OF SOMALIA. THEY HAVE ASKED US TO HANDLE
AFFAIRS FOR THEM.

B. IN RESPONSE TO A SOMALI REQUEST FOR AID, THE CHINESE
COMMUNISTS HAVE OFFERED WHATEVER MILITARY ASSISTANCE THE SOMALI
GOVERNMENT DESIRED; MOSCOW WAS CAREFUL TO AVOID ANY SUCH OPEN
COMMITMENT, SUGGESTING INSTEAD THAT TOP SOMALI OFFICIALS VISIT
MOSCOW FOR TALKS; AND THE UAR HAS OFFERED TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT
OF ARMS IT IS CURRENTLY SENDING TO THE SOMALI REPUBLIC.

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8. NOTES:

A. USSR-US: MOSCOW, IN RESPONSE TO OUR NOTE OF 25 FEBRUARY, IS INSTRUCTING AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON ON "QUESTIONS RELATING TO A GERMAN PEACE SETTLEMENT AND NORMALIZATION ON THIS BASIS OF THE SITUATION IN WEST BERLIN."

B. WEST GERMANY: ADENAUER'S GOVERNMENT WON A TEST OF STRENGTH IN THE BUNDESTAG YESTERDAY ON THE ISSUE OF PROHIBITING THE SALE OF LARGE-DIAMETER PIPE TO THE USSR. THE BAN REMAINS IN TACT.

C. COMMUNIST CHINA-USSR: TWO CHINESE COMMUNIST IL-18 AIRCRAFT, PREVIOUSLY USED FOR VIP FLIGHTS, DEPARTED PEIPING FOR MOSCOW ON A NON-SCHEDULED RUN SUNDAY. THE CHINESE HAVE OFFERED TO SEND A DELEGATION TO DISCUSS THE SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE, AND THIS COULD BE IT. IF SO, IT WOULD BE FAST ACTION.

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D. IRAQ: CHANGES CONTINUE TO BE MADE IN THE RANKS OF IRAQI OFFICIALDOM, AND AS THE PROCESS GOES ON, THOSE WITH US TRAINING ARE FARING VERY WELL. SIX MEMBERS OF THE CABINET HOLD DOCTORATES FROM US UNIVERSITIES AND MANY WITH US TRAINING ARE BEING APPOINTED AND PROMOTED TO FILL POSITIONS VACATED BY LEFTISTS AND QASIMITES.

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F. CUBAN EXILES: EUGENIO SOLER ALONSO, EX-CASTRO AMBASSADOR TO INDIA WHO IS NOW WORKING CLOSELY WITH BETANCOURT, TOLD OUR EMBASSY IN CARACAS OVER THE WEEKEND THAT HE IS TRYING TO CONVINCE BETANCOURT TO USE HIS INFLUENCE TO ESTABLISH A UNIFIED EXILE MOVEMENT. SOLER HAS NO THOUGHT THIS GROUP WOULD REPRESENT TOTALITY OF CUBAN EXILES, BUT WOULD REPRESENT MOST IMPORTANT SEGMENTS. HE FEELS THAT A GROUP CREATED IN CARACAS WITH TACIT APPROVAL FROM BETANCOURT WOULD ELIMINATE THE SHADOW NOW CAST ON THE MIAMI COUNCIL AS BEING US-MANAGED.

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9. UAR-YEMEN:

A. NASIR HAS REJECTED THE IDEA OF A VISIT FROM BUNKER. HE CLAIMS TO FEAR UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY WHICH WOULD ATTEND HIS MEETING WITH BUNKER AT THIS TIME.

B. MARSHAL AMER, BACK IN CAIRO, SAYS HE HAS AGAIN ORDERED THAT ALL ATTACKS ON SAUDI SOIL CEASE. HE CLAIMS THAT ANY ATTACKS THAT HAVE OCCURRED RECENTLY HAVE BEEN IN DEFIANCE OF ORDERS.

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1. CUBA:

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[REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY BY SOVIET 50X1

FORCES IN CUBA.

B. WE NOW BELIEVE SUNDAY NIGHT'S RAID ON ISABELA DE SAGUA TO HAVE BEEN PRIMARILY THE WORK OF THE SECOND FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY OPERATING FROM A NON-US BASE. [REDACTED]

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THIS SORT OF ACTIVITY WILL PROBABLY BECOME INCREASINGLY FREQUENT, AND THEY WILL TRY TO MOUNT RAIDS IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ELUDE OUR DETECTION.

D. MOSCOW HAS SO FAR SAID ONLY THAT THE RAID WAS A PROVOCATION BY ANTI-CASTRO REVOLUTIONARIES. THERE HAS BEEN NO MENTION OF WOUNDED PERSONNEL. HAVANA, OF COURSE, BLAMES US AND IS MORE SPECIFIC, BUT HAS MADE NO FURTHER REFERENCES TO ANY KILLED OR WOUNDED.

2. HAITI:

A.

[REDACTED] ANOTHER PLAN TO OVERTHROW DUVALIER, 50X1

THIS ONE BACKED BY DOMINICAN PRESIDENT BOSCH.

B. HAITIAN EXILE LEADER LOUIS DEJOIE--NOW IN SANTO DOMINGO-- CLAIMS BOSCH WILL HELP HIM SET UP A "HAITIAN REVOLUTIONARY

[REDACTED] 50X1

COUNCIL" TO DIRECT PROPAGANDA AND INFILTRATION ACTIVITIES FROM
THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

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C. DEJOIE, [REDACTED] MAY GET
SOME ASSISTANCE, [REDACTED] DOUBT THAT IT WILL BE AS EXTENSIVE AS
HIS PLANS SUGGEST.

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3. GUATEMALA:

A. THE GOVERNMENT IS PLAYING UP WHAT APPEAR TO BE MANU-
FACTURED ACCOUNTS OF A VAST CASTRO-COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY TO OVER-
THROW THE YDIGORAS REGIME.

B. THE CHANGES ARE TIMED TO REINFORCE YDIGORAS AT SAN JOSE
AND ALSO TO HELP SMOTHER LOCAL AGITATION OVER HIS EQUIVOCATION
ON AREVALO'S RETURN.

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5. BRAZIL:

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A. THE USSR MAY HAVE MADE A SIZEABLE AID PROPOSAL TO RIO.

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6. USSR:

A. YESTERDAY WE REPORTED THAT SOVIET CHIEF OF STAFF ZAKHAROV HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN DROPPED.

B. WE NOW HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION GIVEN US BY A WEST EUROPEAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, THAT SOVIET MILITARY INTELLIGENCE CHIEF SEROV PROBABLY IS NOW IN PRISON AS A RESULT OF THE PENKOVSKY SPY CASE WHICH WAS ROLLED UP LATE LAST YEAR. WESTERN OBSERVERS IN MOSCOW HAVE, IN FACT, NOT SEEN SEROV SINCE EARLY DECEMBER.

C.

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SEROV'S SUPERIOR, IS ALSO UNDER A CLOUD. SO, ALLEGEDLY, IS PRESIDIUM MEMBER AND FIRST DEPUTY PREMIER KOSYGIN, WHOSE SON-IN-LAW IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN A CLOSE FRIEND OF PENKOVSKY.

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D. ALL THIS IS SO FAR UNCONFIRMED, BUT AS THE PLOT THICKENS AND THE PENKOVSKY TRIAL NEARS, THE POSSIBILITY GROWS THAT A FAMILIAR PATTERN MAY EMERGE IN WHICH CRIMINAL CHARGES MAY BE MANIPULATED TO DISCREDIT THE CHALLENGERS OF THOSE IN POWER.

7. NOTES:

A. CONGO: TSHOMBE NOW SAYS HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT A POSITION IN ADOULA'S GOVERNMENT. HE IS WAITING FOR AN OFFICIAL INVITATION WHICH IS NOW BEING ARRANGED BY UN OFFICIALS.

B. IRAQ: THE IRAQI DEFENSE MINISTRY HAS TOLD US TO EXPECT NEW REQUESTS FOR MILITARY AID AS IRAQ REDUCES ITS DEPENDENCE ON THE USSR. OUR EMBASSY ANTICIPATES REQUESTS FOR BOTH AIR AND GROUND EQUIPMENT AND FOR TRAINING OF IRAQI PERSONNEL.

C. CUBA-URUGUAY: URUGUAYAN-CUBAN RELATIONS HAVE AGAIN BEEN BROUGHT CLOSE TO THE BREAKING POINT OVER A NEW RASH OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING ASYLEES AT THE URUGUAYAN EMBASSY IN HAVANA.

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E. TURKEY:

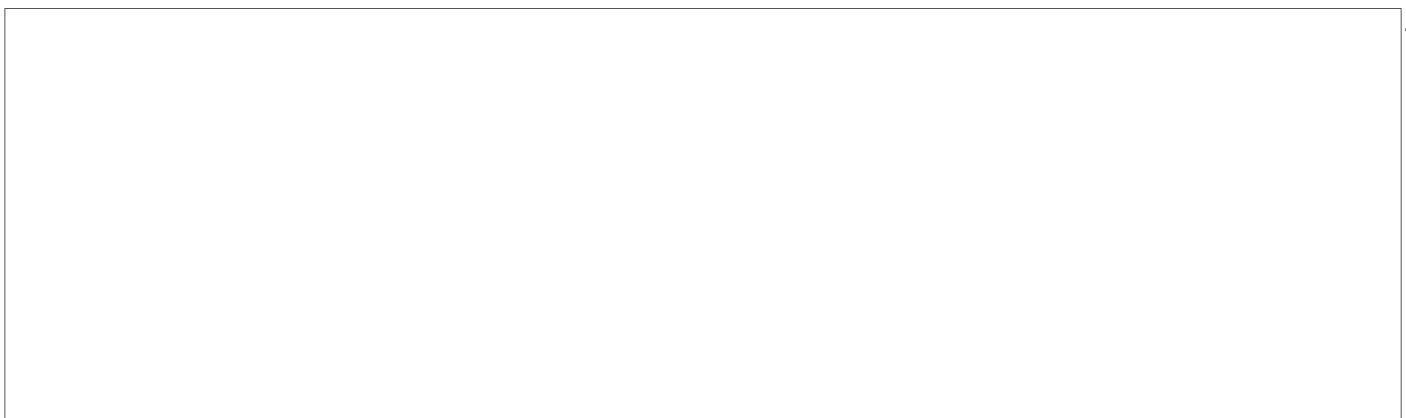
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BAYAR WILL SOON BE GIVEN A PAROLE ON MEDICAL GROUNDS. HIS RELEASE MAY BE AN ATTEMPT BY INONU TO RELIEVE PUBLIC PRESSURE TO FREE SOME ONE HUNDRED POLITICAL PRISONERS.

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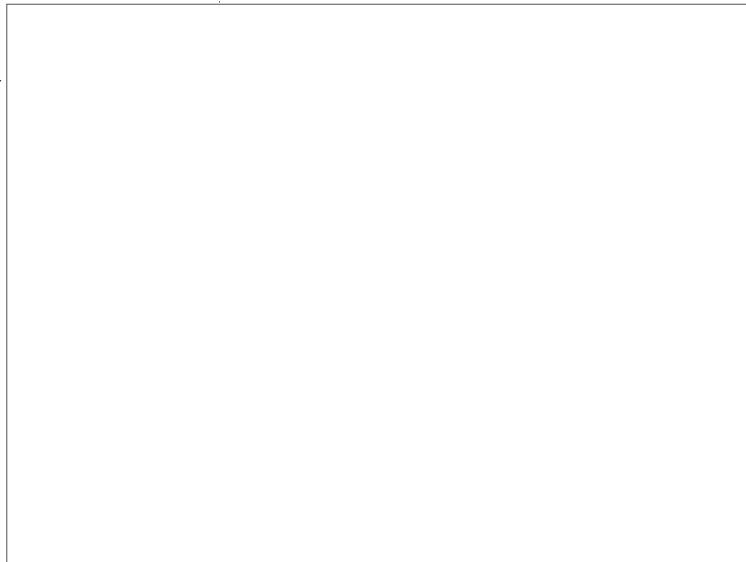
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1. Cuba



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c. The Soviet passenger ship
Baltika arrived in Havana yesterday
evening.

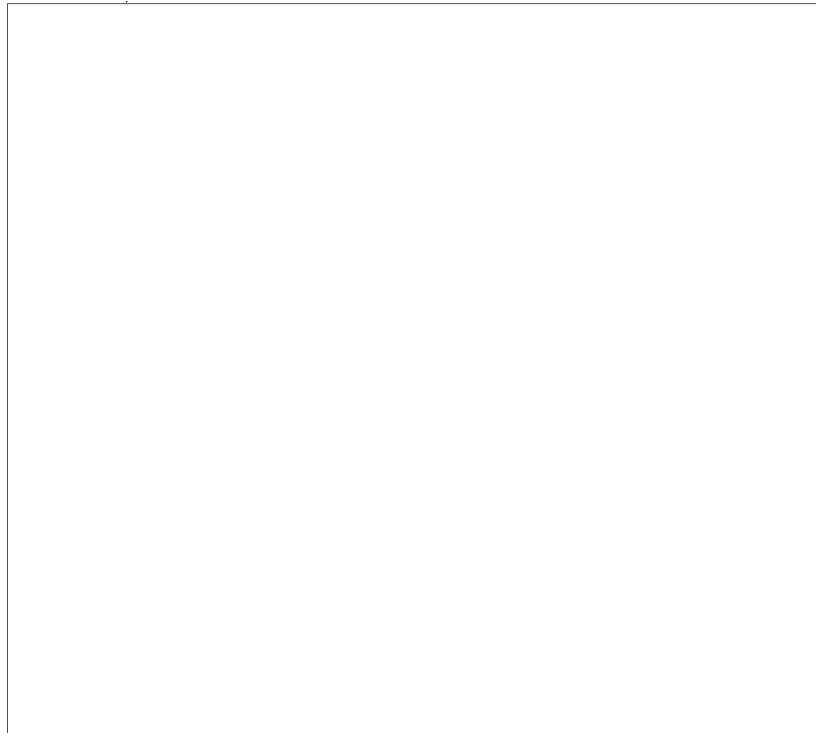
2. Cuba-
Panama

a. [redacted] the Cubans have persuaded the Panamanian Communist Party to join them in setting up an espionage operation in Panama focussed on the Canal. Targets would be US military installations in the zone and military ship movements through the Canal.

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3. South Korea

a. General Pak has failed so far to bring defiant civilian political leaders to terms and the country continues to lurch toward civic disorder.

b. Pak was turned down by five of the six leading politicians whom he called in to propose reinstitution of the scheduled elections on condition that "corrupt politicians" agree not to run.

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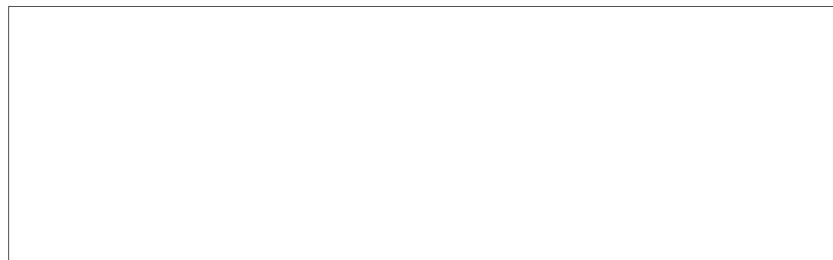
c. The US is receiving "damned if you do, damned if you don't" treatment. The government newspaper intones against a "handful of short-witted foreign officials who attempt mechanically to apply...dogmas of democracy to Korea." Simultaneously, both military and civilian leaders almost desperately seek US advice on how to end the impasse.

4. Indonesia-
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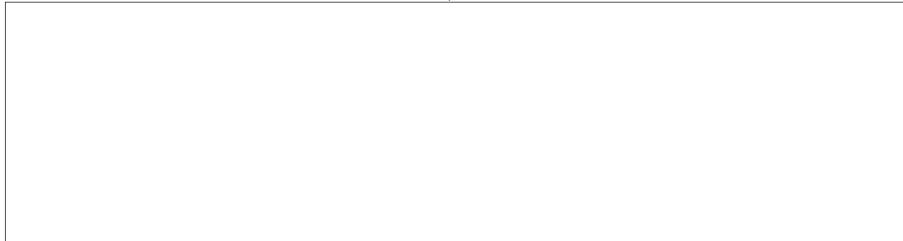
5. Indonesia

a. Communist party militants, long unhappy with the go-slow policy of party leader Aidit, are showing signs of kicking over the traces.

b. At the risk of offending Sukarno, with whom Aidit has had a kind of modus vivendi, they are trying to force Sukarno's hand in bringing about party representation in the Indonesian cabinet.

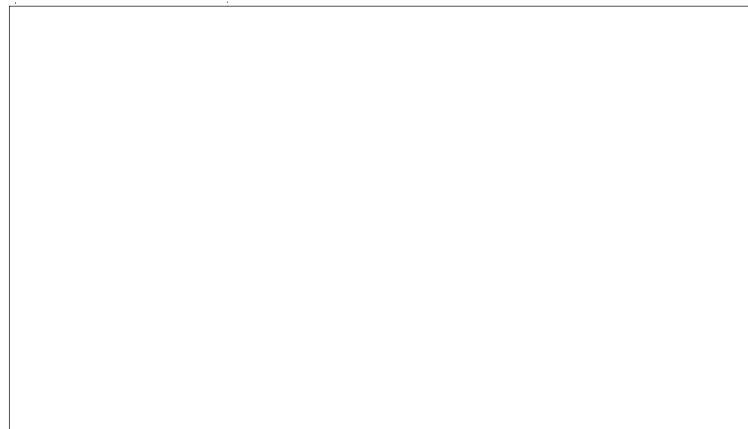
c. These elements, who look to the Chinese Communists for their lead, yesterday helped to stage a student demonstration in Java protesting the rising cost of living.

6. Communist China



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7. Guatemala

- a. The alarm being raised over allegations of a mounting threat from Castro-Communist forces may be contrived as an excuse for declaration of a state of siege.
- b. Armed with this weapon, military and rightist elements would have the means either to block ex-President Arevalo's return home or to place strict curbs on him once back. Arevalo has said that he will return on 31 March.
- c. Whether the maneuver is being carried out with Ydigoras' blessing or in spite of him we cannot yet say.

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B. India President Radhakrishnan affirms that Nehru recently vetoed a proposal to bring Krishna Menon back into the cabinet as Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs. Defense Minister Chavan, Menon's successor, is, meanwhile, becoming increasingly disenchanted with his job and a succession sweepstake is beginning to take shape.

C. USSR space An earth satellite was put in orbit from Tyuratam shortly after 0330 this morning, Washington time. It appears to be another in the Cosmos series of unmanned, recoverable vehicles.

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D. Hungary There is accumulating evidence that the Kadar regime is preparing to declare an amnesty for the remaining prisoners from the 1956 uprising.

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F. Communist China - UK The number-two man in Peiping's ministry of foreign trade is due in London today. He is expected to be in the market for commercial aircraft and some industrial equipment, probably fertilizer plants.

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[Redacted] the training of Cubans to
operate sophisticated Soviet mili-
tary equipment. [Redacted]

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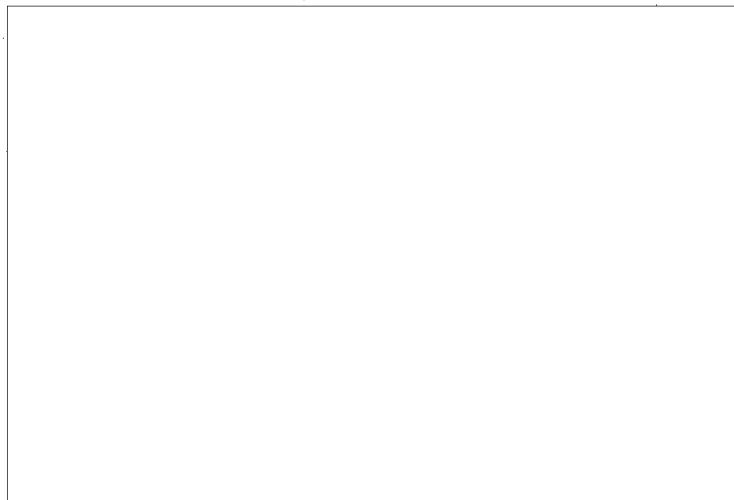
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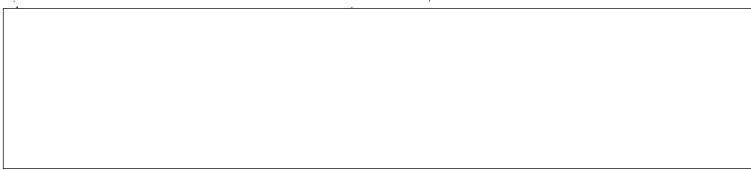
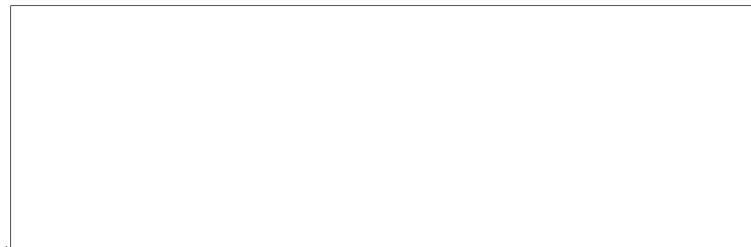
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2. Cuban Emigré
Raids

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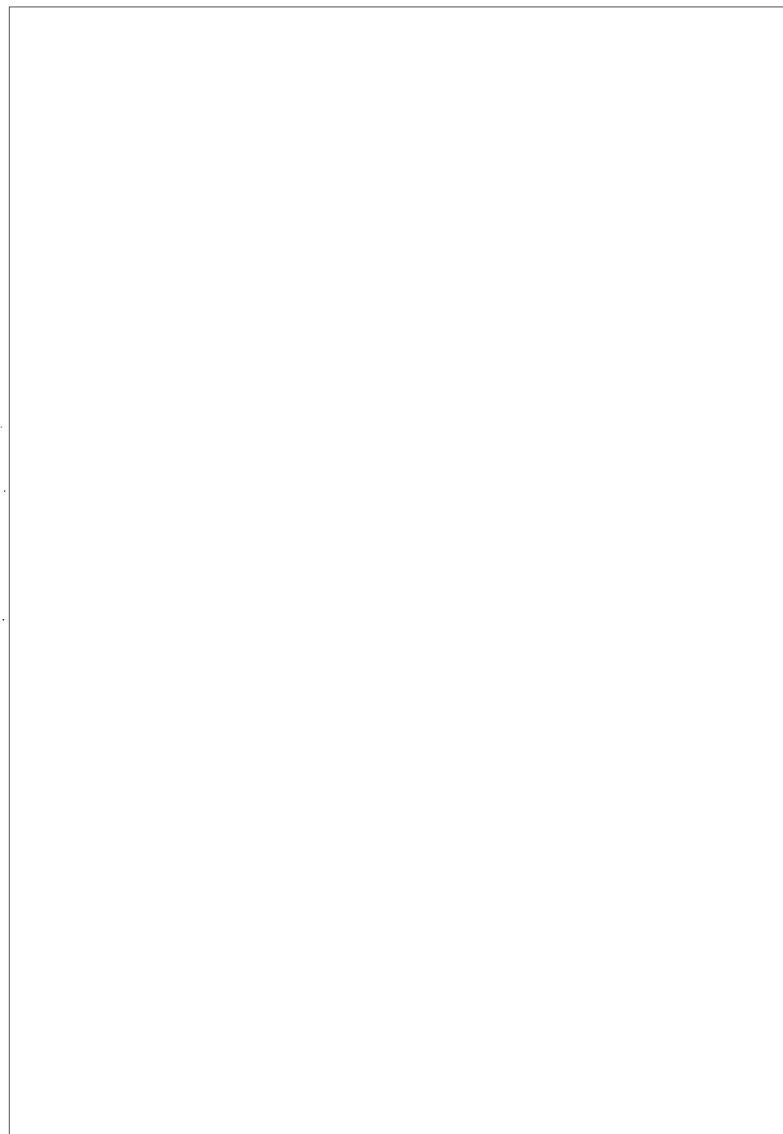


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**3. Yemen - UAR -
Saudi Arabia**

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4. Haiti

a. Duvalier is again encouraging the Trujillos to come to Haiti.

b. The aggressive, troublesome Arismendi, we are sure, would be among those who would accept the invitation. He has been trying for some time to get a base in Haiti for operations against the Dominican Republic.

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5. Korea

a. The situation in Korea remains explosive.

b. A street demonstration in Seoul, the largest in two years, developed early today following Defense Minister Kim Sung-un's broadcast claiming the nation's entire military force was solidly behind the government.

c. As the marchers intoned against continued military rule and distributed leaflets, police vans rounded them up. The arrest, at the same time, of outspoken former President Yun Po-sun should spark further disorders.

d. Government riot squads and police have been put on full alert.

6. Hungary

- a. The amnesty announced by Budapest yesterday is by far the most encompassing of three since the revolution. It is intended to meet US and UN conditions for improving relations.
- b. Excluded are those convicted of espionage, treason and murder--crimes with which at least some of the revolutionaries were charged. Even these, however, may petition the government for release.
- c. We have no reliable estimate of how many revolutionaries are still in prison.

7. Somali Republic

- a. A Somali parliamentary delegation has arrived in Moscow. Despite all the talk of a reorientation of Somali non-alignment policy, we note that none in the group is pro-Soviet or known to be anti-US.

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8. Laos

a. A military parade is planned in Vientiane for tomorrow's Army Day celebration.

b. It will be almost entirely Phoumi's show, as he is planning to display a sizeable contingent. The neutralists, busy fending off the Pathets in the Plaine des Jarres, cannot afford the luxury, and the Pathet Lao, of course, will not have anything to do with it.



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- A. Uruguay-Cuba Rather than break relations with Cuba, Uruguay has decided to send another mission to investigate the problem of asylees. There is still strong sentiment for a break in relations, however, and, in order to contain it, the government has not publicized the recent violation of the embassy premises by the Cuban militia.
- B. Bolivian air incident Latin American press and rumor mills are having a field day over the Bolivian aircraft incident. Those on the left and far left, taking their cue from radio Havana, cite our extraordinary interest in the debris, and say we sabotaged the plane. The other story is that the debris shows the two armed Cubans were in the cockpit at the time of the crash, apparently attempting to hijack the plane.
- C. Brazil-Communist China [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] Brazil is urgently investigating the possibilities for developing trade with Communist China. [redacted] 50X1
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F. Togo The situation is improving for Grunitsky. France has recently assured him of its military backing, the thirteen moderate French-speaking African states comprising the Afro-Malagasy Union are warming up to him, and important elements of Olympio's Union Party have endorsed an election plan he has devised to re-establish "legality." His recognition problems should be over soon.

G. Iran Iran's troubles with rebellious tribes have quieted somewhat [redacted] Shipment of relief food supplies into the areas should quiet things further.

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H. Peru-Bolivian plane crash [redacted]

[redacted] and another weapon have been found at the site of the plane crash. These will be brought to Lima today along with a microfilm, also found at the crash site.

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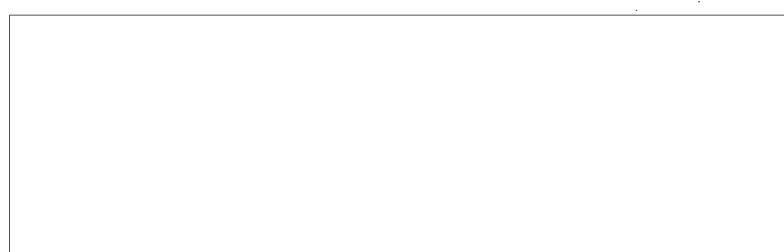
b. The Baltika sailed from
Havana last night

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CUBA

2. Jordan

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c. [redacted]
dissatisfaction in the armed forces
remains widespread and there is
likely to be considerable officer
support for almost any coup attempt.

3. Venezuela

a. Betancourt has told the US
Embassy that he intends to begin a
roundup of Venezuelan extremists
soon.

b. He says he expects a supreme
court decision shortly outlawing the
Communists and the pro-Communist
Movement of the Revolutionary Left
(MIR).

c. He added that Supreme Court
Justices had received threats against
their lives if they issue such a de-
cision and have been placed under
police protection.

4. USSR-Uruguay

a. A pending deal involving Soviet oil and Uruguayan beef may mean trouble for US interests in Uruguay.

b. Our embassy has been told by an IMF officer in Montevideo that the USSR has offered to buy \$25 million worth of beef, an amount almost equal to the total exported in 1962.

c. For its part, Uruguay would contract to buy \$10 million worth of Soviet oil, about one-half its yearly requirements, a quantity presently furnished by US companies.

5. India-
Communist China

a. Nehru appears to be using unconfirmed reports of Chinese Communist military moves to maintain the fire in Indian popular animosity against the Chinese.

b. Yesterday he told the parliament that the Chinese had moved fresh troops into Tibet and that there was other evidence of aggressive preparations. The Indian press has been playing up such alleged Chinese activities for the past few days.

c. Meanwhile, Indian officials have told our people that they have no confirmation of reports on a Chinese buildup in Tibet.

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- A. Communist China Chinese students continue to exhibit dissatisfaction with educational and job opportunities on the mainland. Less than 100 of the 1,782 students who came to Hong Kong for the Chinese New Year holidays in January returned to Communist China. In 1962, some 95 percent of the approximately 15,000 students who visited Hong Kong during holiday periods remained in the Colony.
- B. UAR-Syria-Iraq Federation talks in Cairo have shown no positive results. A communique issued at the recess of dicussions on 21 March indicates that differences are so sharp that nothing beyond loose federal ties is possible in the near future. Another meeting is scheduled for early next week.
- C. France-USSR De Gaulle has informed the French ambassador to Moscow, now on leave in Paris, that he plans no special initiative toward the Soviet Union. According to the French Foreign Ministry, De Gaulle has no intention either of engaging in private talks with the Soviets or of visiting the USSR.
- D. Presidential visit to Europe Friday's newspapers in Bonn were full of reports that President Kennedy would visit Berlin during the forthcoming European trip. Some commented that Brandt had extended an invitation. All said the visit would be welcome.

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F. Brazil Despite earlier orders by the Brazilian foreign minister to refuse visas for delegates to a pro-Castro congress, Goulart's press secretary yesterday announced the government will permit the meeting to be held in Sao Paulo beginning on Monday. The secretary said Foreign Minister Lima's action was not in line with the views of the government.

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1. ARGENTINE POLITICAL CRISIS STILL UNRESOLVED:

[REDACTED] THE MILITARY HAVE

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MADE MONDAY THE DEADLINE FOR FRONDIZI TO FORM A SATISFACTORY CABINET. YESTERDAY, GENERAL ARAMBURU, A WIDELY RESPECTED SUPPORTER OF CONSTITUTIONALITY WHO SUCCEEDED PERON, AGREED TO HELP HIM FORM ONE. THIS EFFORT HAS APPARENTLY BOGGED DOWN, ALTHOUGH FOUR MINISTERS HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY NAMED IN AN EFFORT TO CALM THINGS DOWN. BETTING IS LESS THAN EVEN THAT FRONDIZI WILL MEET HIS DEADLINE.

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[REDACTED] . THE PERONISTA GENERAL STRIKE YESTERDAY WAS A FIZZLE.

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2. SOUTH VIETNAM:

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B. COMMUNIST CHINA ISSUED ANOTHER STRONGLY-WORDED ATTACK ON US ACTIVITIES TODAY.

C. THERE WERE 492 INCIDENTS REPORTED LAST WEEK, UP FROM 406 THE PREVIOUS WEEK. MOST OF THE INCREASE WAS IN KIDNAPPINGS.

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3. BERLIN:

A. TWO SOVIET FLIGHTS IN THE NORTHERN CORRIDOR THIS MORNING
TOOK PLACE WITHOUT INCIDENT. [redacted]

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B. THE EAST GERMANS SEEM TO BE BACKING DOWN ON THE TRANSIT
VISA ISSUE IN THE FACE OF IMPLIED WEST GERMAN THREATS TO INTERRUPT
INTERZONAL TRADE. [redacted]

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C. THE EAST GERMANS LAST NIGHT BEGAN SETTING UP CONCRETE
OBSTACLES AT FOUR CROSSING POINTS IN BERLIN SIMILAR TO THOSE
CONSTRUCTED AT FRIEDRICHSTRASSE EARLY THIS MONTH. [redacted]

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D. A REGULAR US ARMY SUPPLY CONVOY LEAVING BERLIN WAS HELD UP
BY THE SOVIETS FOR TWO HOURS YESTERDAY. [redacted]

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4. BOLIVIAN ULTIMATUM TO CHILE:

A HYDROELECTRIC AND IRRIGATION PROJECT BUILT BY CHILE ON THE
LAUCA RIVER, WHICH RISES IN CHILE AND FLOWS INTO BOLIVIA, IS SCHEDULED
TO BEGIN OPERATION IN APRIL. BOLIVIA CHARGES CHILEAN USE OF THE
RIVER WOULD BE AN "ACT OF AGGRESSION," IS THREATENING TO BRING THE
MATTER TO THE OAS, AND HAS HINTED THE US SHOULD MEDIATE THE DISPUTE.
BOLIVIA HAS NO USE FOR LAUCAN WATER AND IS MORE INTERESTED IN USING
THE ISSUE TO DIVERT PUBLIC ATTENTION FROM DOMESTIC PROBLEMS AND
PERHAPS TO INDUCE CHILE TO NEGOTIATE ON BOLIVIA'S SCHEME FOR ACCESS
TO THE PACIFIC. [redacted]

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5. WEST NEW GUINEA:

INDONESIAN NEGOTIATOR MALIK HAS FLOWN HOME TO SEEK GREATER
NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY. HE HOPES TO BE BACK THURSDAY. THE
ATMOSPHERE OF THE TALKS HAS BEEN GOOD, WITH EACH SIDE APPARENTLY
CONVINCED OF THE OTHER'S GOOD FAITH.

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6. DE GAULLE ORDERS FRENCH ARMY TO PUT DOWN EUROPEAN "ARMED INSURRECTION" IN ALGIERS:

THIS ORDER FORCES THE ARMY TO COMMIT ITSELF FULLY IN SUPPORT OF HIS POLICIES. THE OAS MUST MAKE A STRONG SHOWING IN RESPONSE OR LOSE MOMENTUM. PRESS REPORTS THIS MORNING SUGGEST THAT THE ARMY IS MOVING VIGOROUSLY, SOMEWHAT TO THE DISILLUSIONMENT OF THE EUROPEAN SETTLERS. IN ORAN, THE OAS YESTERDAY ROBBED A BANK OF ALMOST \$5,000,000.

8. USSR EXPLOITS ISRAELI-SYRIAN TENSION:

THE SOVIETS HAVE PROMISED TO SUPPORT SYRIA IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL NEXT WEEK. SYRIAN PRIME MINISTER DAWALIBI IS PRESSING THE UNITED STATES FOR SIMILAR BACKING, THREATENING THAT IF IT BECAME KNOWN THAT ONLY THE USSR WAS SUPPORTING THE ARABS, THERE WOULD BE A POPULAR GROUNDSWELL TOWARDS THE USSR IN THE ARAB WORLD. HE CLAIMED HIS OWN GOVERNMENT WOULD FALL.

9. GOULART VISIT PLANS:

PRESIDENT GOULART OF BRAZIL WANTS TO TALK WITH THE PRESIDENT ALONE, "WITHOUT THE LIMITATIONS WHICH THE PRESENCE OF BRAZILIAN CABINET MINISTERS MIGHT PLACE ON SUCH A FRANK DISCUSSION." HE SAID THE ARGENTINE SITUATION REINFORCED HIS CONVICTION THAT STABILIZATION MEASURES MUST NOT HURT THE WORKING CLASS AND THAT THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS MUST INCLUDE PROJECTS WITH A VERY BROAD SOCIAL APPEAL, SUCH AS MEDICAL CENTERS FOR SMALL TOWNS.

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10. NOTES:

A. AS OF 0800 EST THIS MORNING, WE HAD NO WORD ON HARRIMAN'S MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY.

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B. A SOVIET PARTY MEETING, PERHAPS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, IS TO TAKE PLACE IN MOSCOW TUESDAY, WITH OFFICIALS HURRIEDLY SUMMONED FROM THE HINTERLAND. THE SUBJECT IS "REORGANIZATION," WHICH MIGHT REFER TO KHRUSHCHEV'S RECENTLY ANNOUNCED AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM, BUT THE TIMING LEADS US TO SUSPECT SOMETHING MORE MAY BE INVOLVED. THE SAME OFFICIALS WILL HAVE TO BE BACK IN MOSCOW ON 10 APRIL FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE NEWLY ELECTED SUPREME SOVIET.

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D. ADOULA AND TSHOMBE ARE STILL BOGGED DOWN IN LEGALITIES,
WITH THE FORMER BECOMING INCREASINGLY IMPATIENT.

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E. THE EEC FOREIGN MINISTERS MADE LITTLE PROGRESS ON POLITICAL
FEDERATION AT THEIR MEETING TUESDAY. THE NEXT ROUND IS SCHEDULED
FOR 17 APRIL.

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G. THE BRAZILIAN COMMUNIST PARTY HAS SPLIT. THE DISSIDENTS
HAVE ESTABLISHED A RIVAL "COMMUNIST PARTY OF BRAZIL," WITH CHINESE
OVERTONES, AND ARE ATTACKING THEIR PARENT BODY FOR ITS POLICY OF
REFRAINING FROM VIOLENT TACTICS.

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H. THE MOROCCANS HAVE ASSURED US THEY WILL ADMIT NO SOVIET MILITARY
TECHNICIANS AND INSTRUCTORS IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ARMS AGREEMENT
THEY MAY REACH WITH THE USSR.

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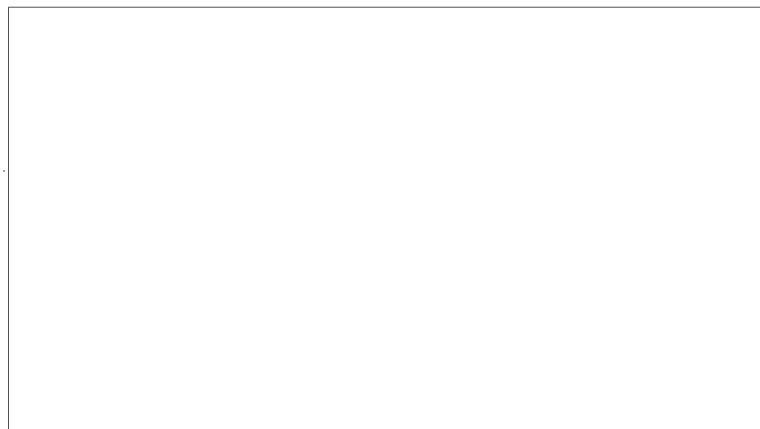
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[redacted] photography
[redacted] show 22 tents (non-Soviet type) and five small buildings have been erected at Artemisa, about 25 miles southwest of Havana.

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[redacted] the Baltika had about 400 persons on deck when it sailed Friday night.

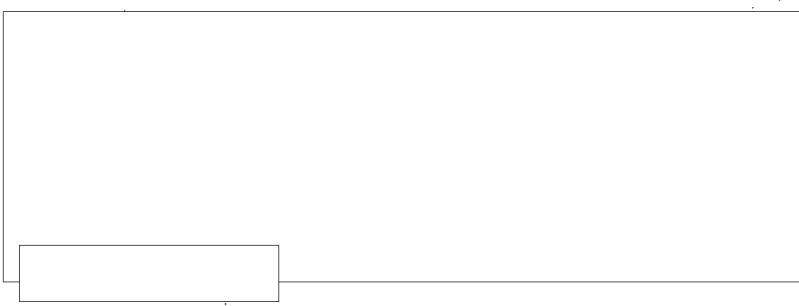
[redacted] Press reports referred to a "score" of Cuban passengers and a "sizable" number of Soviets in the pier area at sailing time. The Baltika normally can carry 430 passengers.

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2. Cuban Politics

- a. The Castro regime is speeding up the organization of its political machine, the United Party of the Socialist Revolution.
- b. Castro is taking care to prevent pre-revolutionary organizations from gaining any influence in the new party. This means that the veteran Cuban Communists, who failed a year ago to take over Castro's party, will have to stay on the back seat.
- c. The formal completion of the organizing process is promised for this year.

3. Soviet Missiles

- a. The USSR continues to lag behind the US in developing effective solid fuels for long-range missiles.
- b. [redacted]
[redacted] the Russians were having troubles in this field in 1961. [redacted]

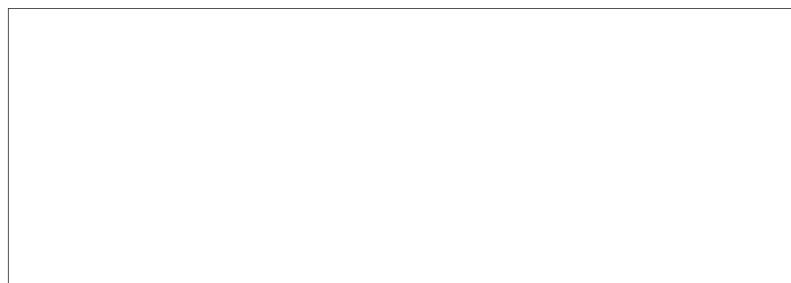
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4. Indonesian Oil

a. The dispute between Indonesia and Western oil companies may be on the way toward settlement.

b. Indonesia's negotiator-- Chaerul Saleh--has told Ambassador Jones and Caltex officials that they misunderstood his position. He said foreign exchange loans made by the companies would be repaid by Indonesia in oil, not out of company profits as they had understood.

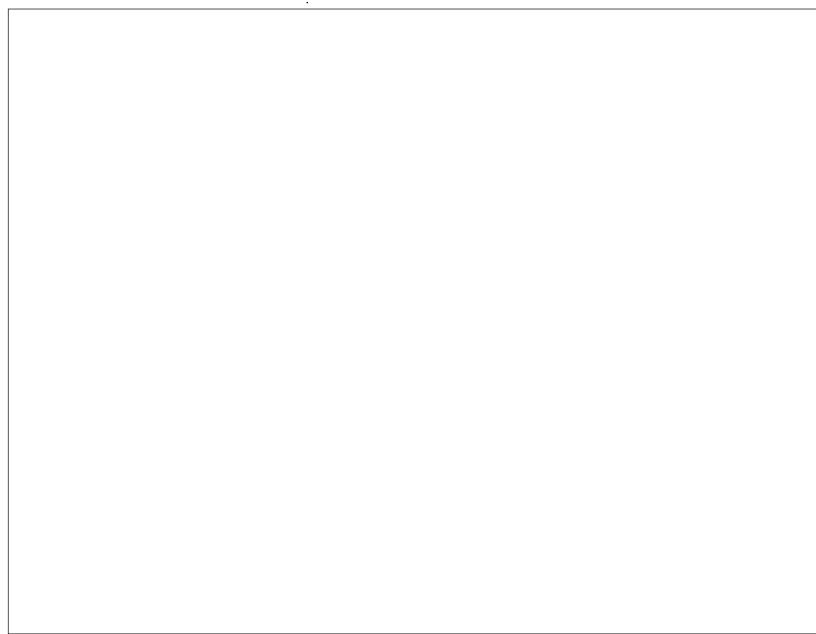
c. Saleh denied having any intention of seeking a change in the present 60-40 profit split. The Caltex officials said they thought a deal could be worked out.

5. UAR - Iraq - Syria

a. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the situation in Syria is critical [REDACTED]

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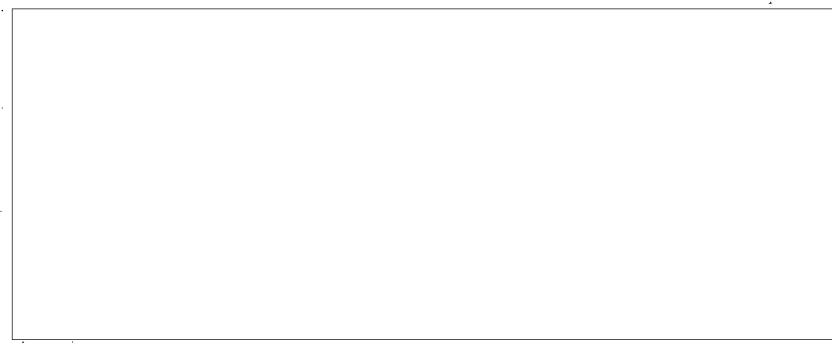
a. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Baghdad's plans for phasing out Communist Bloc aid projects and contract proposals in various fields.

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b. Our embassy has learned that the Iraqi Minister of Industry will go to West Germany next month, looking for development aid.

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7. UAR - Saudi Arabia

a. Nasir told Ambassador Badeau on 23 March that, if Faysal is willing, he would favor direct UAR-Saudi contacts to mend relations.

b. Nasir claimed that last February the UAR ambassador in Algeria had talked to a Saudi representative--a Sheikh Yusuf Wahba-- along these lines. He said that the UAR also approached the Saudis through an Iraqi intermediary early in March, but got no reply.

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8. Cambodia

a. Cambodian military leaders are afraid Sihanouk's acceptance of Soviet MIG 17's--six are due to arrive next month--may jeopardize continued US military assistance.

b. They are telling us that Sihanouk's move was purely for neutralist prestige purposes. They claim to have no illusions about Cambodian ability to use or maintain such aircraft and have told us that if Soviet financial aid for supporting the MIG's is not received, the planes will, for the most part, gather dust in the hangar.

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A. Venezuela-Guatemala Guatemala's supreme court decided on 22 March that Arevalo has a constitutional right to return, and the government may now declare a state of siege as a device to prevent it. Betancourt told Ambassador Stewart on 21 March that Arevalo will soon pay him a visit in Caracas. He said that there would be an unpublicized discussion at his residence, and that if Arevalo tried to make something of it, he would "take care of that."

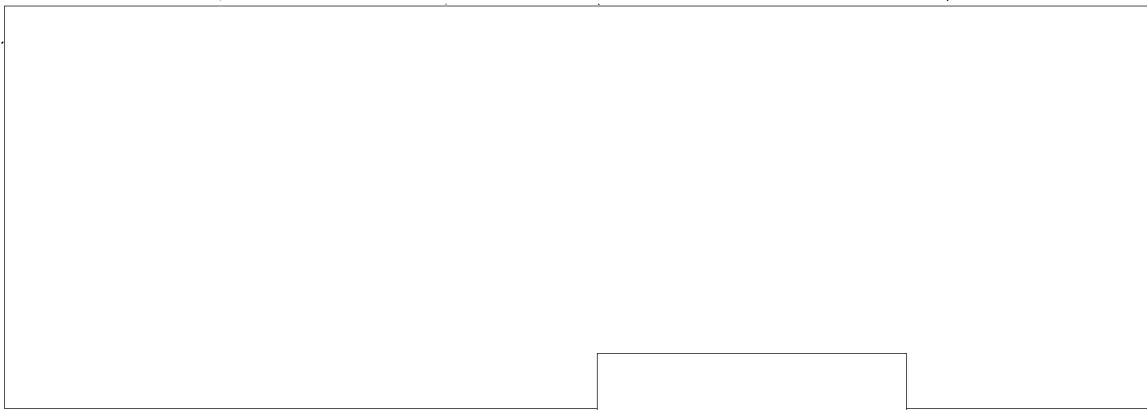
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C. France Reuters reports from Paris this morning that the French coal miners are girding for a long struggle. Union leaders turned down a government pay offer yesterday. Repercussions in other labor areas are expected.

D. Korea The regime has announced it will hold a meeting of key government, civilian, and military leaders on 27 March to seek a compromise solution to the current crisis. Press reports indicate that two top civilian politicians--former President Yun Po-Sun and former Premier Huh Chung--will boycott the meeting.

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E. Venezuela Betancourt intends to ask Brazil to extradite the Anzoategui hijackers. If Brazil does not cooperate, he will take the matter to the International Court of Justice.



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1. Cuba-Soviet forces

a. Photography over the Soviet armored camp at Remedios obtained Sunday showed seven large cargo trucks with trailers of the kind used to move tanks.

b. The trucks and trailers and six tank-like vehicles previously observed were not in sight when the site was photographed yesterday. The same mission revealed two convoy formations, one consisting of approximately 10, the other of about 21 cargo trucks.

c. An estimated 500-600 troops were seen marching on the parade ground.

d. [redacted] the Soviet encampments at Holguin and Artemisa showed that a number of tank-like vehicles--four on one case, three in the other--have been removed from the positions where they had been parked.

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2. Cuba

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3. Iraq-Kurds
- a. The durability of the cease-fire in effect since Qasim's overthrow remains in doubt.

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4. USSR

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5. Turkey

a. The Inonu government's inability to curb political turmoil is bringing the danger of military intervention closer.

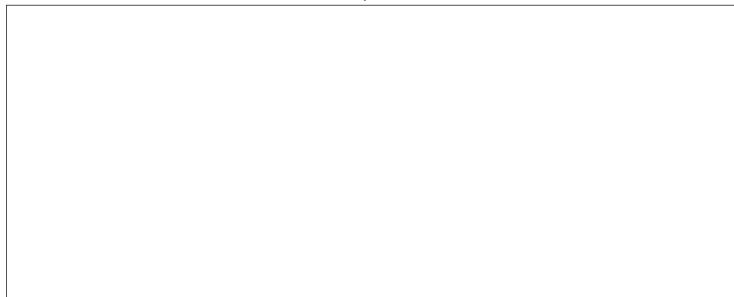
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b. Students have rioted in protest against the freeing of former President Bayar, which Inonu had hoped would pacify his political opposition.

c. The opposition, in turn, is boycotting parliament to back its demands for punishment of the students and legislative actions are at a standstill.

6. Guatemala

a. The state of seige declared yesterday will be in effect for 30 days. Ydigoras will face military pressures to prolong the special measures at the end of that time.



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B. Syria

[redacted] a pro-Nasir coup could occur [redacted]
[redacted].

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C. Dominican Republic President Bosch, his fear of Antonio Imbert, Trujillo's assassin, unabated is casting about for a way to deport him. Bosch's present plan is to get Imbert to Puerto Rico and thence onward to the US.

D. Indonesia Foreign Minister Subandrio is in line for promotion to the position of First Minister when Sukarno reorganizes his cabinet, probably early next month.

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- F. USSR-China Russian citizens, hearing over the grapevine that the Chinese Communists have exploded a nuclear device, have been anxiously asking foreigners in Moscow for confirmation or denial. They are said to show conspicuous relief when told that such reports are considered premature in the West.
- G. Laos Kong Le is pressing hard to induce Souvanna to call for an ICC investigation in the Plaine des Jarres. His charges that North Vietnamese forces have been moving into the Plaine des Jarres area have been made public in Vientiane.
- H. Pakistan-Afghanistan Both parties are edging gingerly toward a reopening of discussions on their border dispute.

Pakistan's foreign minister had earlier indicated that his government may be willing to relent on the sticky question of permitting the Afghans to reopen their consulate at Peshawar.

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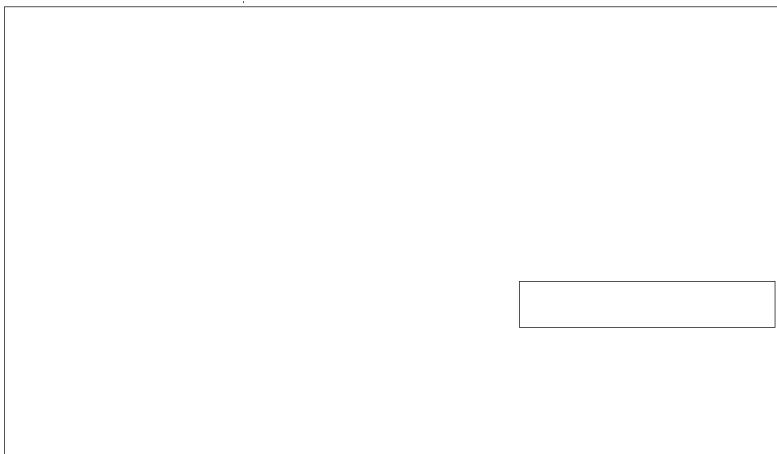
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1. Cuba



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c. [redacted] photography shows the tanks and vehicles which on Monday were absent from their stands at Artemisa and Holguin, are still absent. No new departures were noted. [redacted]

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d. We have no evidence yet where these vehicles went, but are inclined to doubt they will be shipped out.

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2. Cuban sugar

[redacted]

a. Estimates of this year's sugar crop now are running as much as a million tons below last year's poor crop of 4.8 million tons.

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b. [redacted] Cuba's second largest mill has been producing only about three fourths of what it was last year, and similar conditions prevail elsewhere in the industry.

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c. [redacted] 3.5 million tons is a reasonable estimate. This compares with normal production in recent years of nearly 6 million tons.

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d. Reasons given are last year's drought, a damaging crop diversification program, worker apathy and unsatisfactory equipment.

3. Brazil - Pro-Castro conference

a. The Cuban solidarity conference got off to an inauspicious start last night. Police arrested some 53 delegates as the meeting convened in Rio in defiance of the ban ordered by Governor Lacerda.

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b. It finally got underway across the bay in a union hall in Niteroi where fewer than 400 delegates gathered without fanfare to hear an unimpressive opening speech by a retired Brazilian General.

c. The rally is scheduled to end on Saturday.

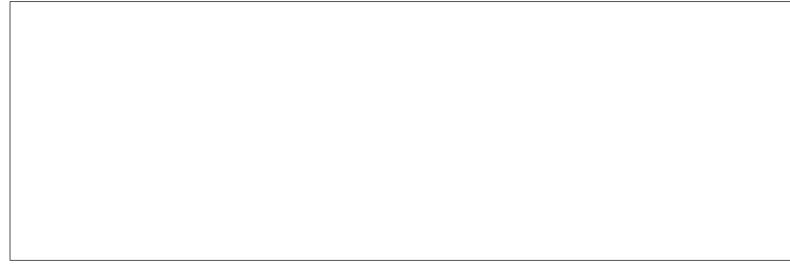
4. Saudi Arabia

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c. Saudi authorities tightened security and arrested a number of military personnel suspected of plotting against the regime after the UAR paratroopers dropped supplies to dissidents in western Saudi Arabia on 16 February. It is possible that they have learned of this conspiracy through interrogation of some of these suspects.

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5. Haiti-Dominican
Republic

a. President Bosch has suddenly become so occupied with the situation in Haiti that all other business, including, we understand, the deportation of Imbert, has been set aside.

b. Following the ouster on Saturday (as persona non grata) of the Dominican charge in Port-au-Prince, [redacted]

[redacted] the Dominican Republic is preparing for trouble [redacted] to erupt along the border at any time. Evidently [redacted] in terms of some retaliatory harassment. Foreign Minister Freitas intimated as much in a parallel talk with Ambassador Martin the same day.

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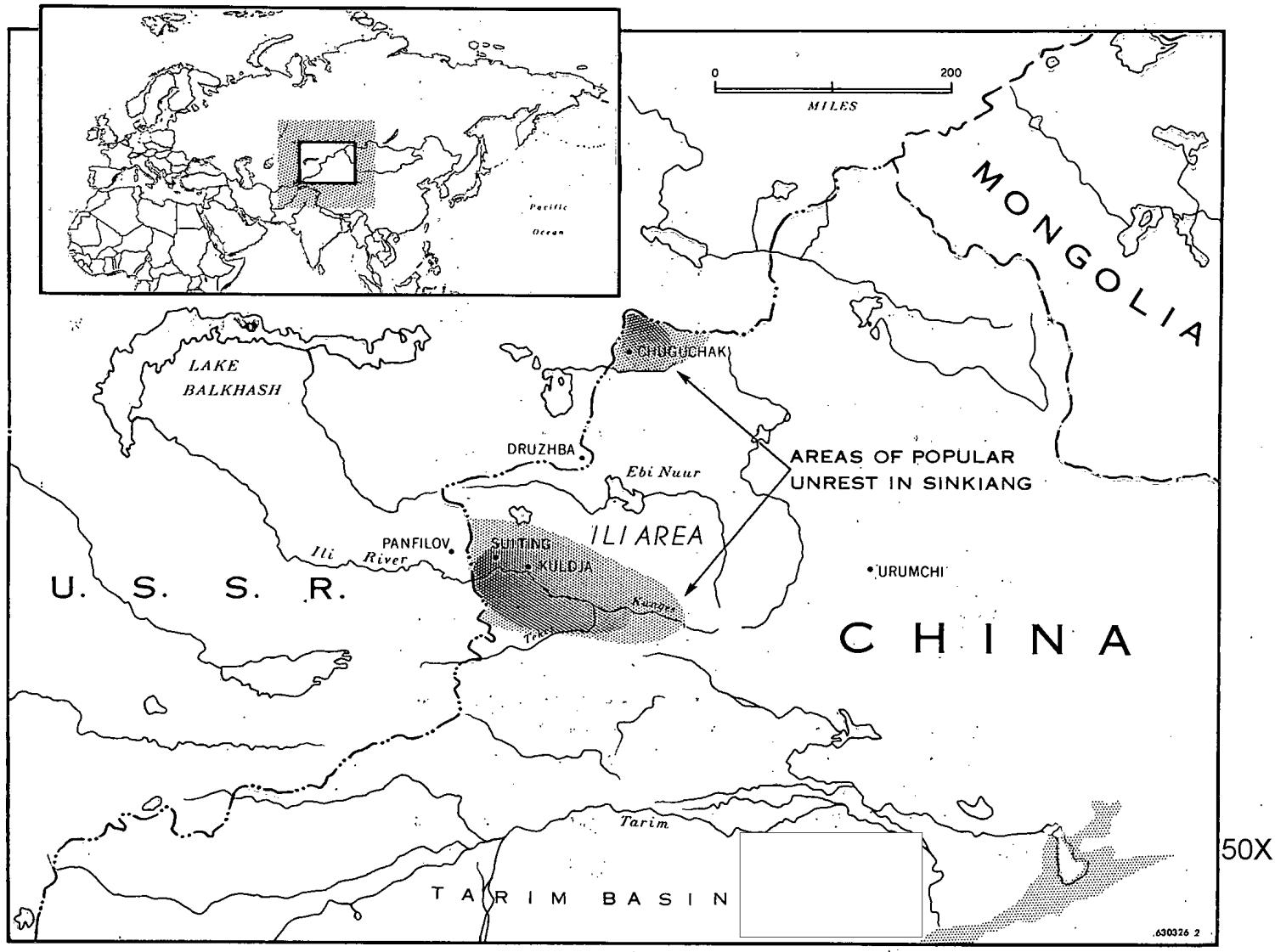
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c. It was clear [redacted] that Bosch has been fishing about for a candidate to succeed Duvalier and wants to concert with the US and Venezuela in the matter.

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e. Ambassador Martin feels that Bosch's sudden obsession with Haiti provides him with a convenient way to escape from the difficult problems of putting his own house in order. Martin has reminded both Bosch and Freitas that they have problems enough at home without looking for more trouble elsewhere.

6. China-USSR

a. Troubles with the population in areas bordering the USSR apparently continue to plague the Chinese Communists.

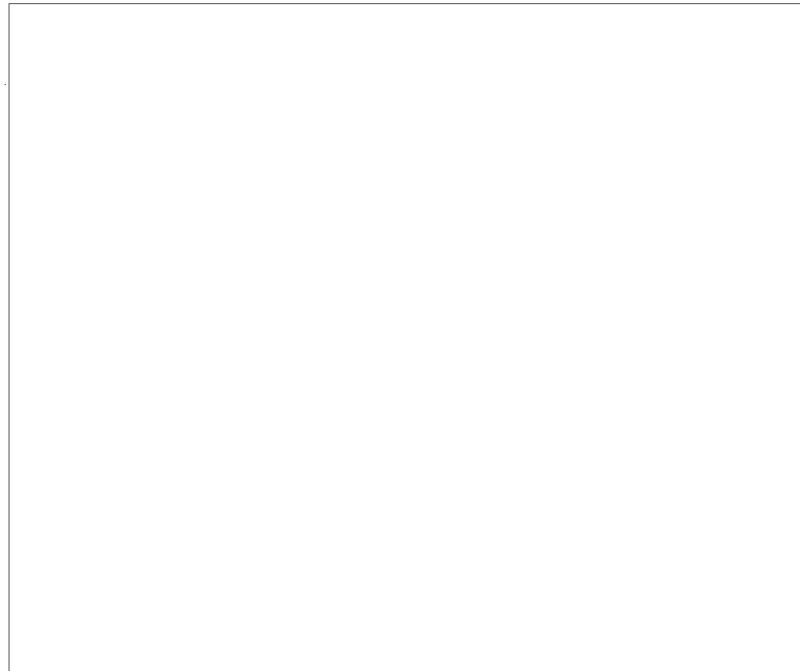
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c. Judging from refugee reports, as many as 70,000 persons may have fled from this area into the USSR last year. When Chinese authorities moved to tighten border controls, riots broke out as demonstrators gathered at the Soviet consulate appealing for arms. The consulate was thereupon closed.

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7. Ghana

a. With an eye on the African summit conference scheduled for May in Addis Ababa, Nkrumah is busy rounding up backing for his pan-African views.

b. We know [redacted] that he is promoting an early April meeting in Accra of the steering committee of the All-African Peoples' Conference, a radical organization which has been largely dormant for the past year. [redacted]

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c. He has also sent envoys to most other African chiefs of state with proposals for an African "parliament" and common foreign, defense, and economic policies.

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NOTES

A. USSR We are beginning to see some substantiation
[redacted] that Soviet Chief of Staff Zakharov
has been removed. His name has been conspicuously
absent from recent published Soviet military lists
and signed obituaries, and he was not among those
who saw Defense Minister Malinovsky off to Indonesia.

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D. India-China Peiping's note to New Delhi on Monday
charging Indian intrusions into Chinese territory
near Sikkim is a pointed reminder that, though this
area remained quiet during hostilities last fall,
it is not immune to the danger of border clashes if
the Indians fail to keep their distance from Chinese
forces.

E. India-Pakistan Ambassador Galbraith has learned
that India may be considering the idea of turning
the problem of a Kashmir settlement over to the
International Court at The Hague.

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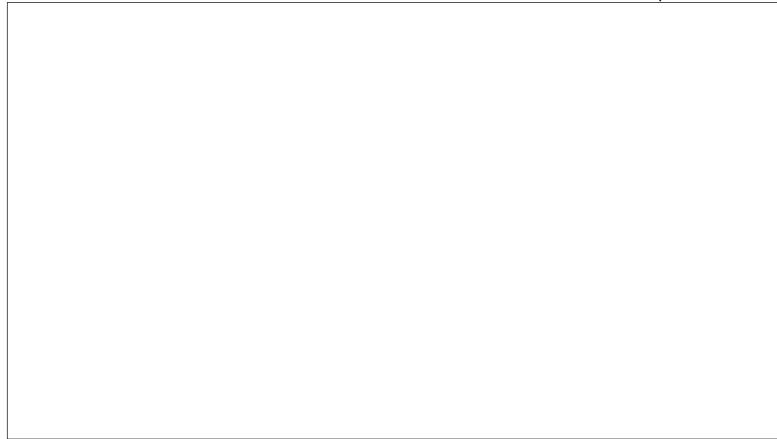
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1. Cuba

a. Photography of 26 March and a preliminary scan of photography of 27 March show no significant change at the Soviet encampments.



c. The passenger ship Baikal arrived in Havana last night. There is no report on passengers yet.

d. Moscow has not commented on the Baku incident. Havana radio quotes Castro as holding the US responsible and threatening to acquire long-range bombers and naval equipment--from sources unspecified--to protect Cuban ships and routes of supply.

2. USSR

a. Reporting on another rumor about Khrushchev's future, Ambassador Kohler remarks that the spate of such reports deserves attention as a measure of the exceptional indecision now marking Soviet policy.

b. He comments that foreign observers in Moscow cannot remember a time when there were so many persistent rumors on the status of high Soviet personalities, with no official action taken to counter them.

3. Jordan

a. Husayn has chosen former premier Samir Rifai to form the strong and experienced cabinet he says Jordan now needs.

b. [redacted] he is concerned over threats to Jordan's security and wants to provide for firm control in the event he is assassinated.

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c. Rifai is efficient, but the change is unlikely to absolve Husayn from blame for the unpopular policies of former Prime Minister Tal, including support for the Yemeni royalists.

4. Argentina

- a. Rumors of a coup continue to circulate in Buenos Aires.
- b. Interior Minister Martinez resigned yesterday as a result of pressure from military and civilian leaders who oppose his efforts on behalf of the Guido government to bring Peronists into a national front.
- c. The government has reiterated its intention to press for the 23 June elections.

5. Congo

- a. Tshombé may be preparing for another secession attempt if negotiations with Leopoldville should fail.
- b. Mercenaries are being recruited in Northern Rhodesia, and there are said to be large numbers of Katangan gendarmes and mercenaries in the western part of the province and across the border in Angola.
- c. We think these are contingency moves against the time when UN forces are reduced or gone.

6. Turkey

- a. Inonu has given in to popular demonstrations against the release of Bayar. Ankara radio reports that the former president has been returned to a hospital and his parole revoked.
- b. Inonu appears with this move to have run out his string. If order is not restored--and Bayar's supporters may now go into the streets--the military will probably take direct control over the government.

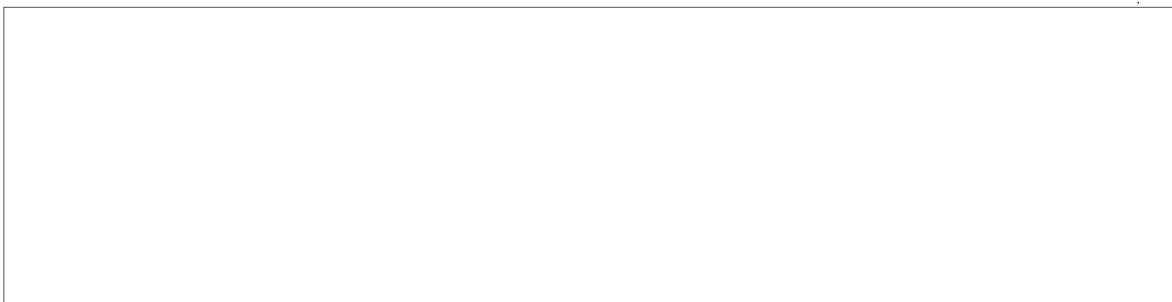
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- A. Korea Top political party leaders boycotted yesterday's meeting on Pak's reorganization plan. Nothing seems to have been accomplished; another session will be held tomorrow.
- B. Chile Chile's powerful Liberal Party, which has supported President Alessandri, has demanded that he break diplomatic relations with Cuba.
- C. Ghana A student magazine published Wednesday at the University of Ghana blasted the Nkrumah regime and communism. Our embassy expects the government to take up the challenge and believes serious trouble may be brewing.
- D. Yemen Another shipment of Soviet military equipment appears to be on the way to Yemen. [REDACTED] 50X1
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- E. Bolivia President Paz Estensorro is said to be manufacturing evidence to justify a crackdown on Bolivian Communists. The government plans to expose a Communist "plot" to overthrow Paz' regime just before his intended visit to the US. Paz has resorted to this kind of intrigue in the past.

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Cuba

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1. Cuban exile
raids

a.

[redacted] refugee groups are planning further raids within the next week or two. They will hit Soviet shipping if they can.

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d. The Cubans have put special security measures into effect at the port of Mariel. A Soviet ship, carrying explosives for blasting operations, put in there [redacted].

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e. Most indications are that the L-66 group, an offshoot of Alpha-66, carried out Wednesday's attack on the Baku.

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h. The Soviets have sent a formal protest on the Baku incident to our Embassy in Moscow.

2. Soviet forces in Cuba

a. Readout from yesterday's reconnaissance missions reveals that the four tank-like vehicles which were shown to have been removed from their places at the Holguin camp on 25 March have since been returned.

3. Change in Soviet military command

a. The firing of Marshal Zakharov as Chief of the General Staff has been confirmed by the Soviet press. Characteristically, the Soviet press reveals the change merely by identifying a new man in the job.

b. We think it likely that Zakharov and probably other members of the military hierarchy as well have not been seeing eye-to-eye with the party leadership on the shaping of military policy.

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c. Within the military establishment itself there has been long and earnest debate over the question of balance-of-forces. This would inevitably at some point cut across the question of budget allocation.

d. The party only recently issued a stern reminder that it, not the military, would call the policy tune. The admonition publicized in the journal which speaks for the political apparatus of the armed forces, said that "only the party...is able to cope with the defense of our fatherland, and with military affairs in general."

e. The new chief of staff, Marshal Biryuzov, has been commander of Soviet Rocket Forces. This fact may provide the answer as to how the balance-of-forces discussion has ended.

4. Syria-UAR

a. The Syrian Ambassador to the US, recently back from Damascus, has given State in confidence a pessimistic forecast on the prospects for his government's holding out against Nasirist pressure.

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b. He states that the Baath party has lost ground heavily, and the army is now dominated by officers sympathetic to Nasir.

c. The Baathists, the Ambassador believes, have no choice but to come to terms with Nasir whose aim is to gain full control of Syrian foreign policy and defense.

5. South Korea

a. Ambassador Berger held a long session with General Pak yesterday to discuss ways out of the political impasse.

b. Pak said that behind-the-scenes discussions between the government and members of the civilian opposition are in progress. Berger believes, however, that Pak is more interested in developing a split in the civilian front than in reaching a workable agreement on means to restore representative government.

c. Civilian leaders, for their part, show signs of wanting the present stalemate to continue in the expectation that the military junta will collapse before long under the pressure of US disapproval.

6. Latin America

a. The Czechs seem to be running interference in a Bloc effort at deeper economic penetration in Latin America.

b. A Czech negotiating team in La Paz is described as working "day and night" to secure a Bolivian go-ahead for the construction of a showpiece antimony smelter.

c. In Brazil, the Czechs are on the verge of raising their commercial mission in Recife to consular status. Other Bloc representatives have been beating a steady path to the area since the installation of a pro-Communist state governor in January.

7. Saudi Arabia

a. Dissatisfaction with the Saudi regime has cropped out into the open in the northern region of the country.

b. Disturbances, arising from demands for free land distribution, occurred in the town of Hail earlier this week.

c. The outbreak was halted only after several planeloads of troops [redacted] [redacted] fired on the demonstrators, wounding several persons.

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8. Test-ban negotiations

a. The Soviet delegation has indicated that it intends to turn down the compromise proposal on on-site inspection drafted by the nonaligned group.

b. [redacted]

[redacted] the proposal--calling for 31-35 inspections over a period of seven years--would allow the US to use up a large number of inspections during the first year and then "dump" the treaty.

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NOTES

- A. Israel-Syria Tension is again rising in the de-militarized zone along the Israeli-Syrian border. Syrian troops have fired on Israelis engaged in planting trees in disputed territory. Israeli fishing operations close to the Syrian shore of Lake Tiberias may provoke further incidents.
- B. Turkey The rearrest of ex-President Bayar has failed to pacify restless students who have again demonstrated in Ankara against the Inonu government.
- C. France-Mexico The French are holding out to the visiting Lopez Mateos an offer of a \$150 million line of credit. The Mexicans have given tentative agreement. Specific French projects under the credit are to be worked out subsequently, but it is understood that there will be heavy emphasis on the petrochemical field.
- D. Venezuela Guerrillas operating in western Venezuela, near important oil installations, are so far frustrating the government's two-month-old efforts to eliminate them.
- E. Soviet space vehicle Cosmos 13, the satellite launched on 21 March, was recovered earlier this morning while on its 127th orbit. [redacted]

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F. Guatemala The Guatemalan air force [redacted]
[redacted] patrol all border areas to prevent the
entry of "unauthorized" flights. [redacted]

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- G. Brazil Governor Lacerda is making his ban on the holding of the pro-Castro rally in Rio de Janeiro stick. The meeting is continuing in rather pallid fashion in an adjoining town just outside Lacerda's jurisdiction.
- H. Canada As the election campaigns enters its final stages our Embassy in Ottawa hazards the prediction that no party will achieve a parliamentary majority but that the Liberals will gain a plurality.

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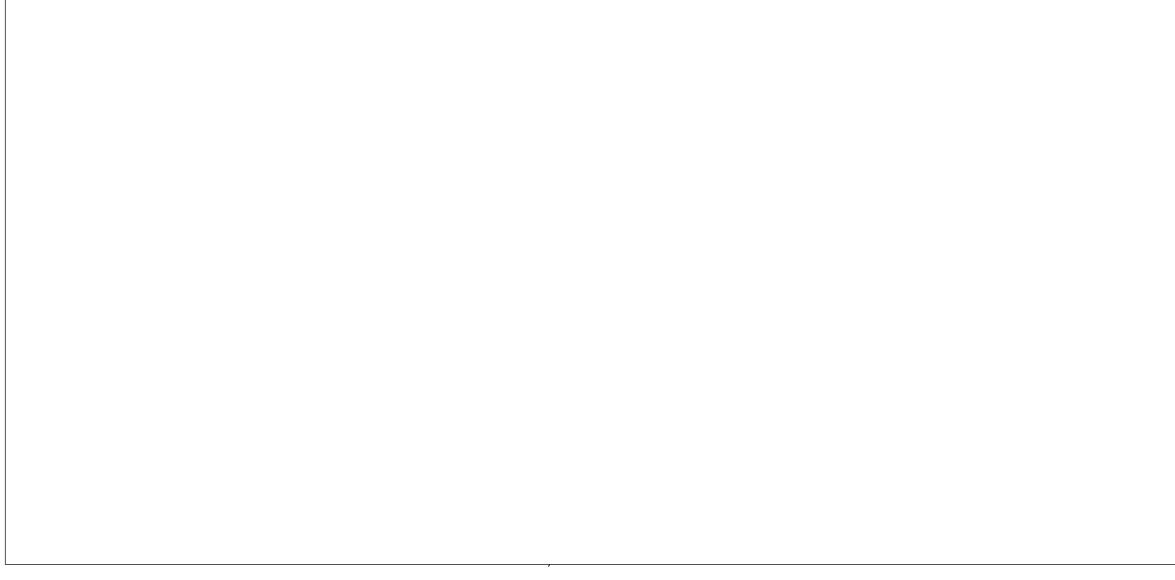
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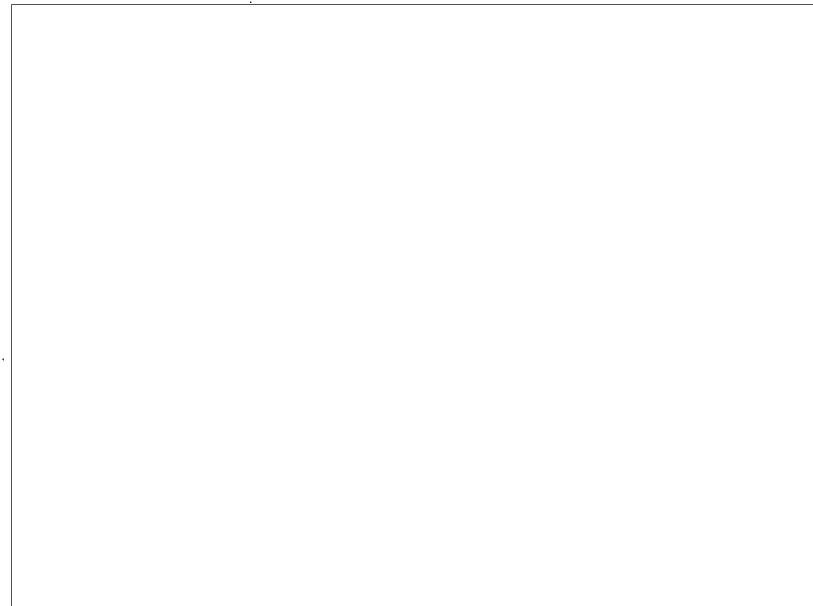
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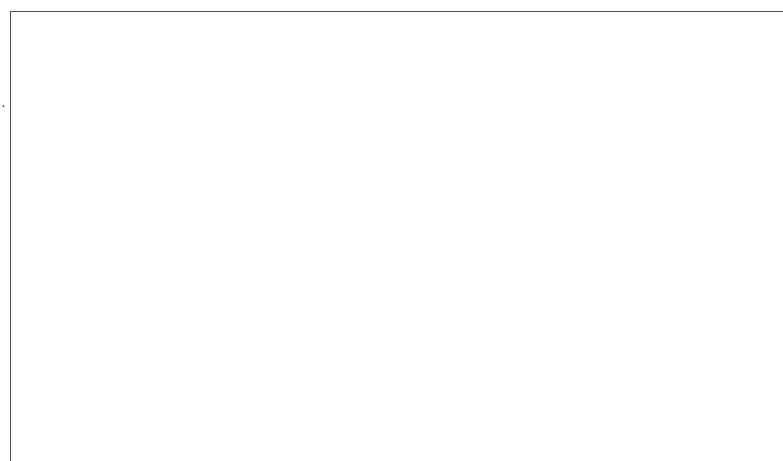
1. Cuba-USSR

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c. [Redacted]
Soviets are in process of turning the
MIG-21's over to the Cubans is also
building up.

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e. The Soviet passenger ship
Baikal remains in Havana where it
docked Thursday night. We have no
passenger information on it

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2. Guatemala

a. We have a number of reports saying where Arevalo is. They all differ.

b. The consensus is that he has managed to return to Guatemala and is in hiding. This is quite possible, but, if so, he somehow got around strict travel and border controls ordered by Defense Minister Peralta, whose state of siege, having been officially sanctioned by congress, is fully in effect.

c. [redacted]

[redacted] Peralta
and the military will overthrow Ydigoras [redacted]
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d. Such action has long been planned, and Arevalo's purported return would seem to make this weekend the moment of truth.

3. Brazil

a. Government troops were ordered into Rio last night to occupy and "protect" Federal buildings and public services there. The justification given was that Governor Lacerda's action banning the Cuban solidarity conference had given rise to strikes and threatened public order.

b. Among the properties affected is the National Student Union building where it had originally been planned to hold the conference. Lacerda's police have withdrawn from this and other installations and it is possible that the conference will now move to Rio for its final meetings, scheduled for today.

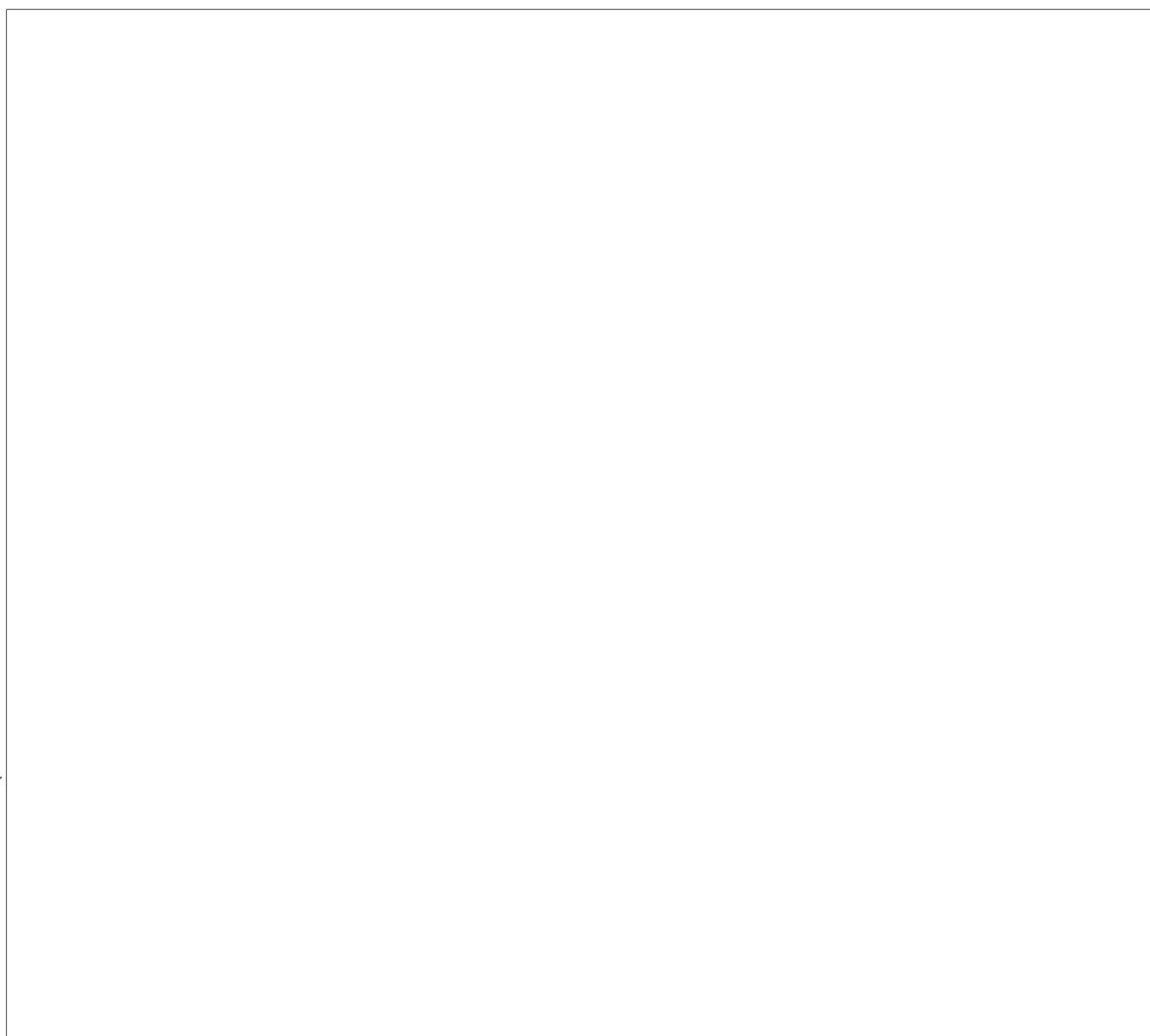
c. There has been no clash between Federal troops and state police. A heavy rain has helped to dampen down demonstrations for both sides, but tempers are strained in both Rio and Brasilia.

4. Israel-
West Germany

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