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1. France

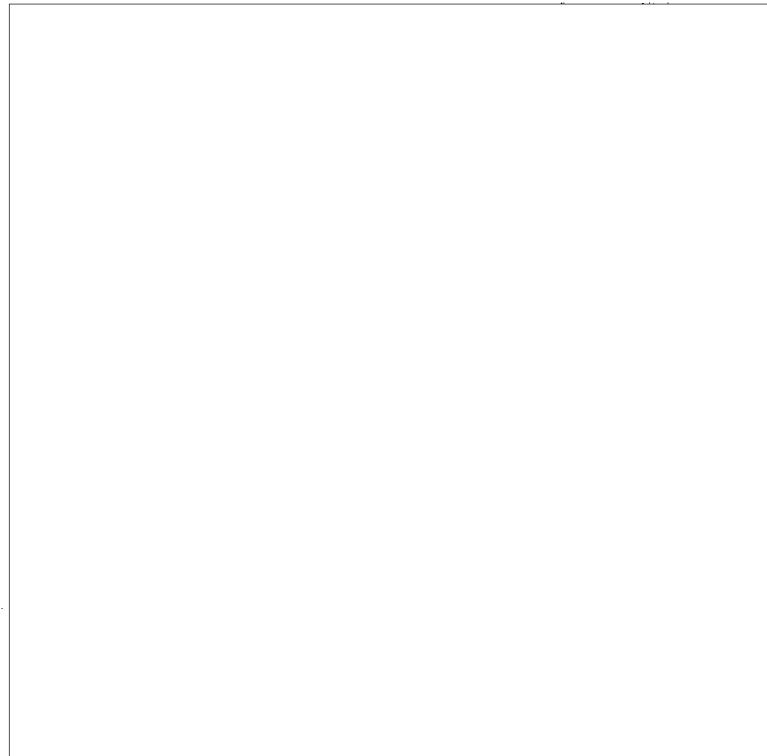
a. Soviet Ambassador Vinogradov saw De Gaulle on Tuesday. The French say it was a routine visit long scheduled and that "no plans" were discussed.

b. This may be so, but circumstantial evidence suggests that Moscow was extremely interested in the talk.

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2. Cuba--Military

a. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] coastal defense cruise
missiles, at Santiago de Cuba. [REDACTED]

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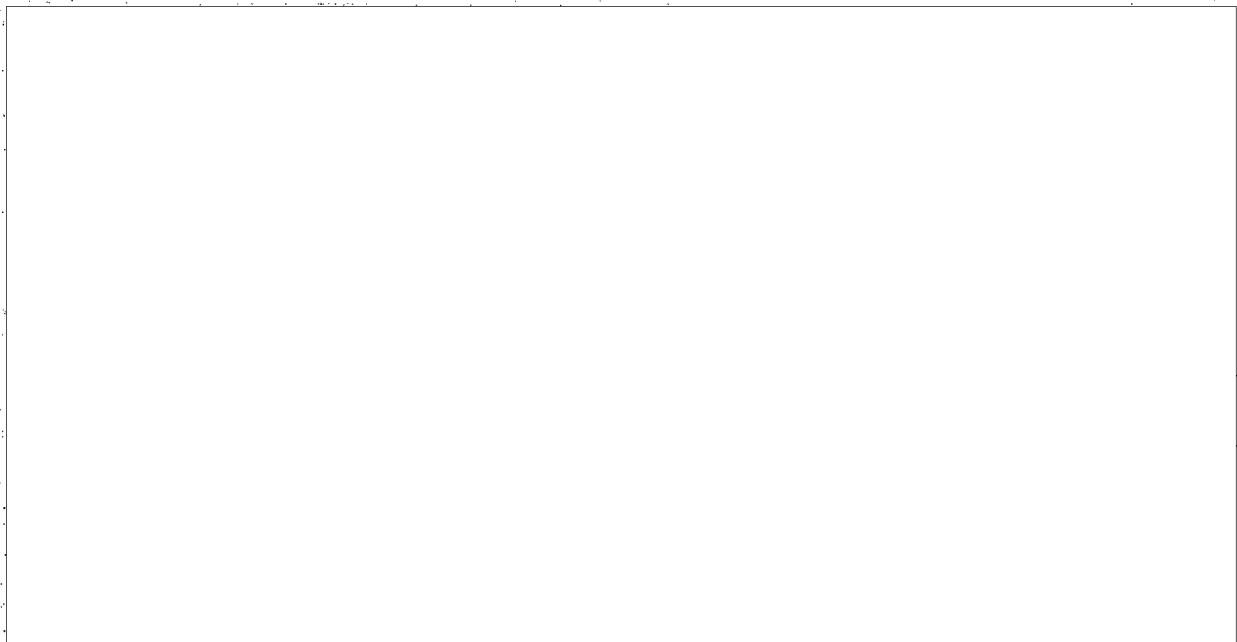
b. There is no sign of an immediate intent to move them, although

[REDACTED] Soviet work in areas near Santiago which may be related.

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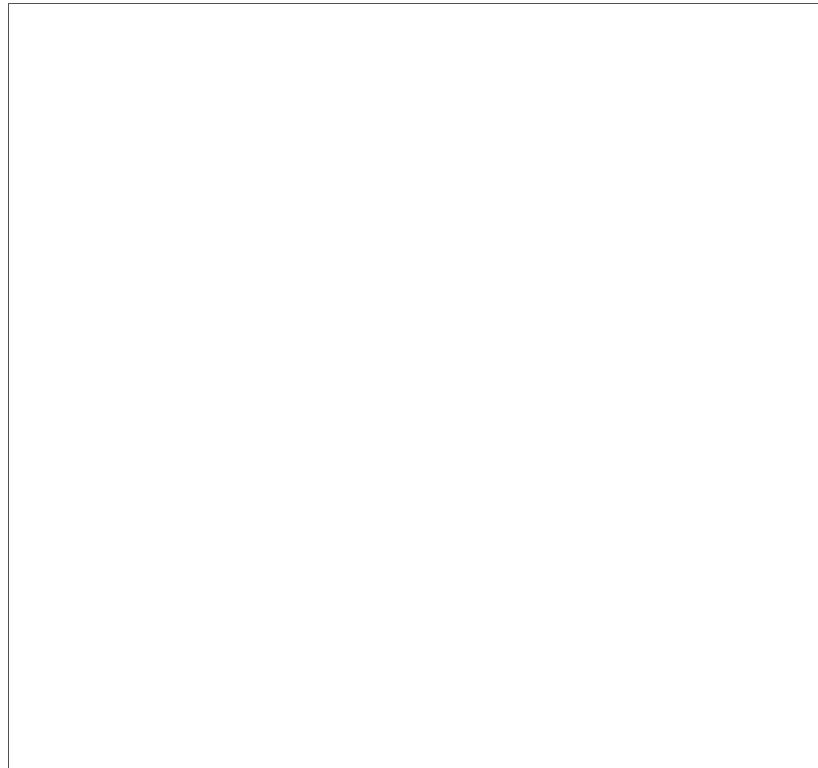
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3. Cuba--Political

a. The Brazilian conservative press has published the text of the Varig Airline crash documents which showed Cuban sponsorship of Brazilian insurrectionists. One paper calls for a diplomatic break with Castro. Foreign Minister Hermes Limas, however, has twice called the documents "insignificant" and is expected to repeat himself.

b. [redacted]

[redacted] a Cuban mission is in Western Europe trying to recruit engineers and technicians--at fancy salaries--for the limping Cuban economy.

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4. Indonesia

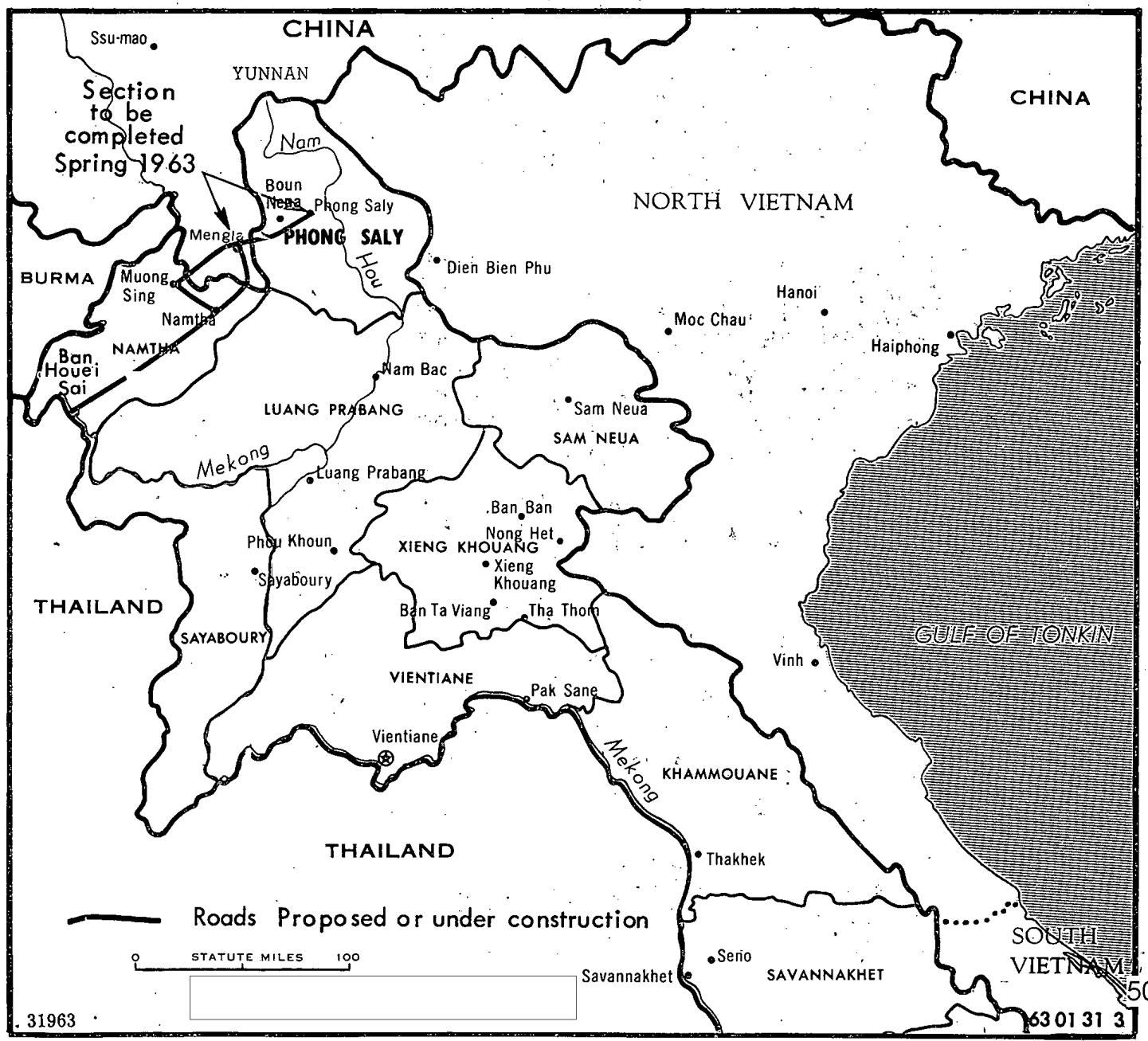
a. Djakarta's sabre rattling over Malaysia has become a bit noisier:

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Djakarta announced a program of
air and naval patrols of the borders
with North Borneo and Malaya.

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b. Yesterday, Azahari, the
long-distance leader of the Brunei
revolt, left Manila for Djakarta
by air; he may eventually go to
Cairo to drum up more support.

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d. Malik, [redacted] recommended
severe austerity measures. [redacted]
[redacted] Malik was too pes-
simistic; foreign countries would
bail out Indonesia. [redacted]

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5. Laos

a. More information on Chinese
road building in northern Laos is
emerging. In addition to the almost
completed all-weather road to Phong
Saly from Mengla in southern China,
[redacted] another road
net will link Phong Saly--via Mengla--
with Muong Sing, Nam Tha, and perhaps
even Ban Houei Sai on the Mekong.

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We have as yet no "hard" confirmation that the latter work is actually underway inside Laos.

b. All this would tie northern Laos--now almost inaccessible by road from central Laos--to southern China.

c. Souvanna and Phoumi are typically fuzzy. Souvanna says it is entirely Phoumi's business. Phoumi, who seems to believe the work will go on no matter what he might do, says the best course would be to "regularize" it with an agreement; this he says would be a means of getting the Chinese to accept Lao sovereignty in the area.

6. Yemen

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b. Yemen's representative in New York, who says he has instructions "by direct telegram", is now displaying an ambiguous attitude toward the idea of a UN mediator. He could, however, be behind the times.

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A. Mozambique The Portuguese may be facing at least limited sabotage or guerrilla action in their East African colony this year. The Mozambique Liberation Front, formed last June and based across the border in Tanganyika, is stepping up a training program for its people.

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B. Syria-Israel A Syrian irrigation project presently under way will divert water from a tributary of the Jordan; the Syrians say there is no deliberate intent to deny water to the Israelis.

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C. Congo Tshombé is keeping a small ace up his sleeve. Some twenty of his mercenaries who made it across the border into Angola are to be retained there for possible future use.

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E. India/USSR Indian Foreign Secretary Desai told Galbraith that four MIG-21s had arrived in Bombay [redacted]. Desai could have been premature. In Bombay there is no sign of them. The ship on which they were thought to be coming, due last Friday, will not arrive for another ten days.

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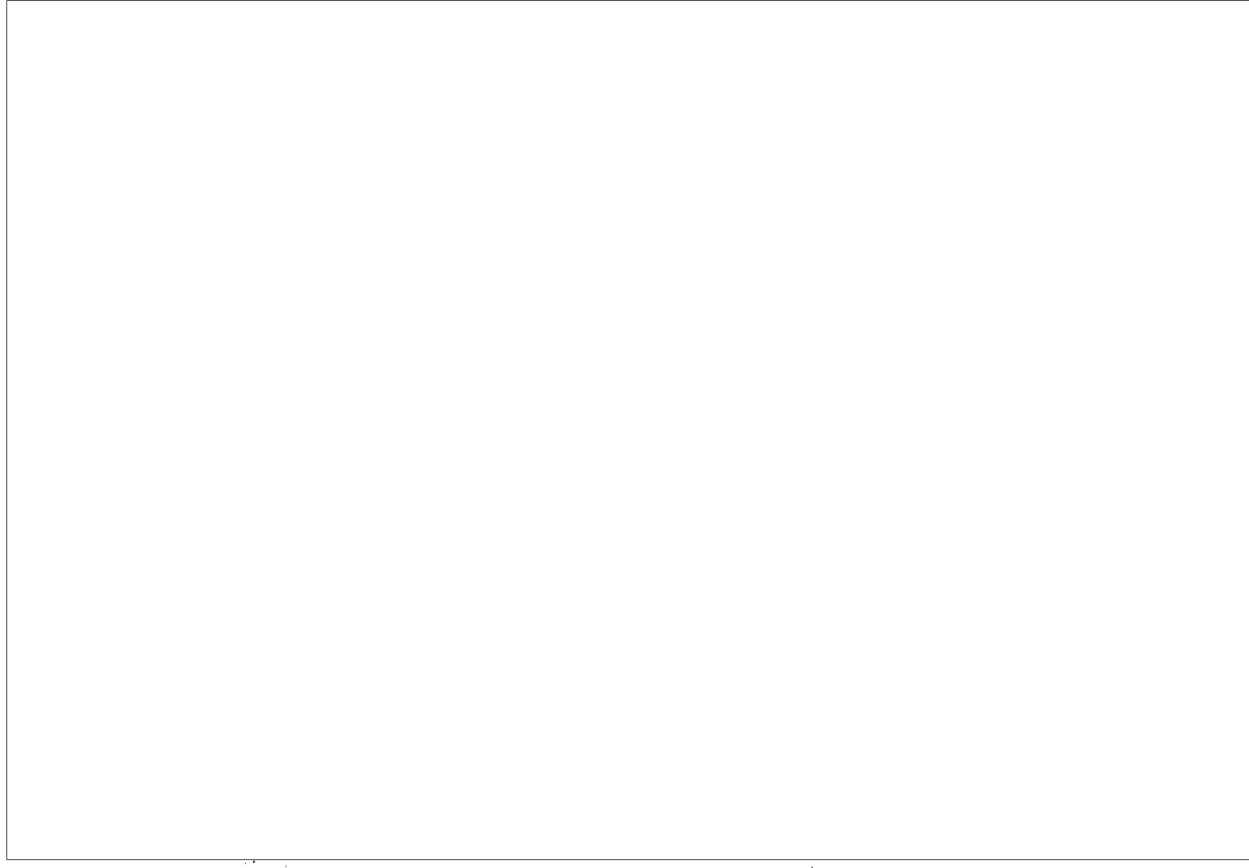
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1. Cuba

a. The Soviets are making preparations for a new military site--its exact nature undetermined--in Oriente Province.

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d. The KHIMIK ZHELENSKY, which we suspect of being the second Soviet arms carrier dispatched to Cuba since October, will reach Cuban waters on 8 or 9 February if it maintains its present course and speed. [redacted]

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2. Yemen

- a. Sizable numbers of Egyptian troop reinforcements have reached Yemen within the past few days.
- b. Egyptian combat strength is now close to 18,000.
- c. Egyptian outposts east of Sana are hard-pressed by the royalists.

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3. Dominican Republic

- a. President Bonnelly and other members of the outgoing government are highly alarmed by a draft constitution drawn up by the constituent assembly. They charge that the draft, mainly the work of Juan Bosch's PRD party, is a "Communist" document.
- b. Touching off their excitement are the provisions asserting labor's right to participate in business profits, permitting government expropriation of private property without prior indemnification, and prohibiting corporate land ownership.

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c. The expectation is that Bosch, now in Europe in search of developmental capital, will himself want the constitution reworked so as not to discourage foreign investment.

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4. Congo

a. The UN Congo command is sending teams into the field to begin the work of integrating the Katangan gendarmerie into the Congolese army.

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b. The Katangan soldiers are being told to make their choice by 5 February. The central government declares itself ready to enlist some 6-7,000 of them (about one-third of the total) after careful screening. Others will be honorably discharged once they have registered with the authorities. Those who fail to register face prosecution.

c. Tshombé [redacted]
[redacted] men will want firmer guarantees against reprisals before they will turn themselves in.

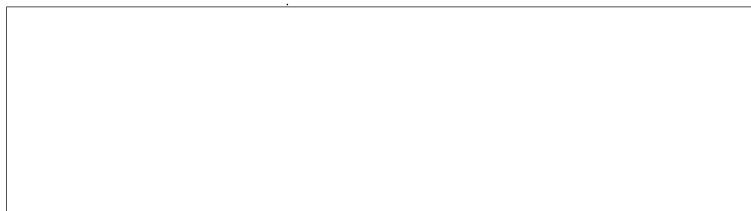
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d. Adoula plans to reconvene parliament in early March in the capacity of a constituent assembly to ratify a national constitution. If this can be accomplished, he foresees general elections as the next step.

5. Laos

a. Kong Le's distrust and fear of the Pathet Lao continue to deepen.

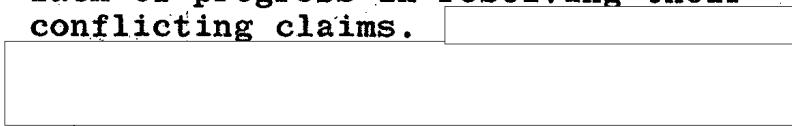


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6. Malaysia

a. The Malayan government yesterday announced that it is holding back an 800-troop contingent, which was scheduled to embark for the Congo, and has stepped up its coastal patrolling. An Indonesian gunboat is alleged to have invaded Malayan waters on Wednesday, setting fire to a Malayan coastal craft.

b. The British and Filipinos have ended their talks on North Borneo with a communique recording a total lack of progress in resolving their conflicting claims.



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c. Police in Singapore and
Kuala Lumpur this morning began a
massive security roundup of extreme
leftists and Communists.

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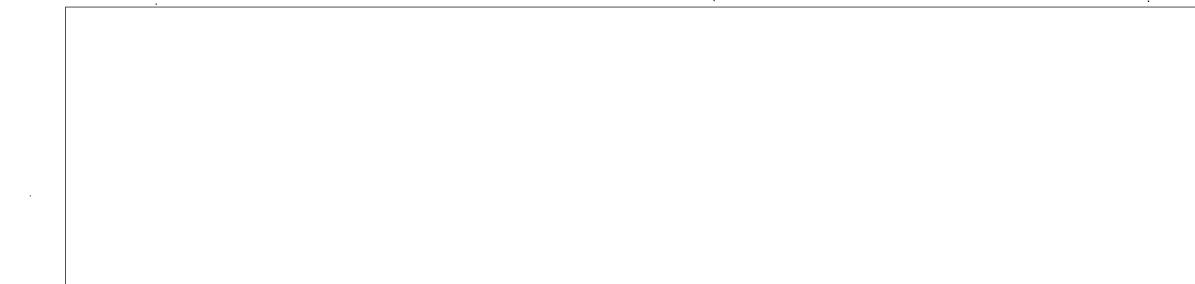
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- B. India-Nepal The two countries are quietly burying the hatchet in consideration of the common threat from Communist China. The Nepalese exile organization in India has suspended operations after two years of frontier harassments.
- C. Yugoslavia Tito is planning a Latin American tour later this year, probably in the summer. Mexico, Brazil, and Bolivia will probably be included, but Cuba is not now on his list. Yugoslav officials have lately also broached frequently the matter of a US invitation to Tito, or, barring that, a visit to Belgrade by a high-ranking US official.
- D. Brazil-USSR Conclusion of a Brazilian-Soviet trade agreement for 1963 has been announced in Brasilia. It calls for an increase of more than 100 million dollars in trade between the two countries.
- E. Indonesia-US The Indonesian Government has notified our Embassy in Djakarta that Sukarno has decided to adopt the economic stabilization plan recommended by the International Monetary Fund. A five-man technical team is being sent to Washington within days to work out an agreement with the IMF and the US Government.

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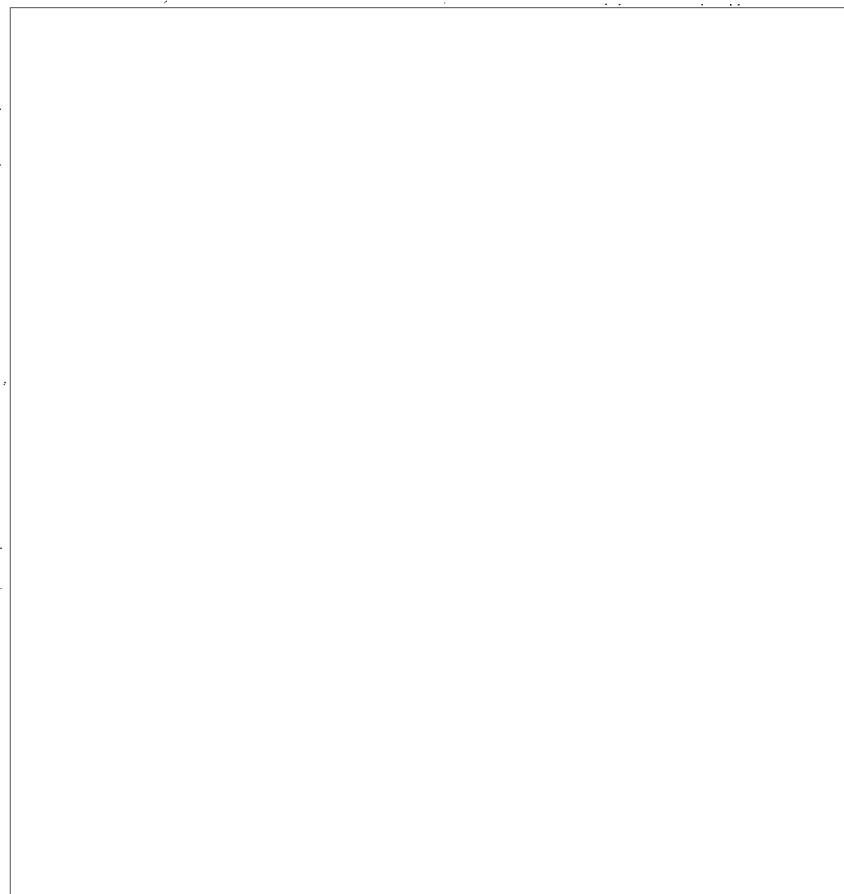
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1. USSR-France

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2. Soviet - Free
World trade

a. A French Foreign Ministry official asserts that the new Franco-Soviet trade agreement announced last Saturday provides for an increase of between eight and eleven per cent in total trade between the two over a three-year span.

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b. Imports of Soviet petroleum products will increase by 20 per cent. The French say they did not agree to supply oil pipe to the USSR. The Russians, we know, had tried hard to get the French pipe.

c. A new long-term Soviet-Japanese trade agreement is also nearly ready for signature. The volume of overall trade is to be reduced, but the Japanese have agreed to give the Russians a substantial increase in credit

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3. Soviet lunar probe fails

a. What we think was a Soviet lunar probe attempt failed yesterday. This was the second unsuccessful try within a month.

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b. The vehicle launched from Tyuratam yesterday did not achieve orbit. On 4 January, a vehicle was put into parking orbit around the earth but was not successfully ejected toward the moon.

c. The USSR has attempted eight space probes since last August 25. The vehicle launched into a Mars trajectory on 1 November has been the sole success.

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4. Syria

a. The government of Prime Minister Azm has its back to the wall again. Violent disorders have broken out in a number of towns, demonstrating anew the government's tenuous authority.

b. Azm is attempting to fend off a military takeover by shoring up his anti-Nasir political coalition.

c. If the military do step in, however, there are at least three shades which could become dominant: pro-Nasir officers in the middle ranks; conservative senior officers; or a burgeoning pro-Communist element.

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d. The Azm government's uneasiness has also produced a serious strain in relations with Lebanon

The Syrian-Lebanese border has been closed

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5. South Korea

a. The factional struggle goes on behind a fragile truce.

b. Backed by General Pak, Kim Chong-pil is again emplaced in control of the junta's fledgling political party.

c. Kim's enemies, led by retired marine General Kim Tong-ha, who precipitated the last round of political fighting, are no more willing than ever to concede Kim a monopoly of power.

d. General Pak's support for Kim has cost him standing as factional arbiter and may place him in the line of fire alongside Kim when the battle breaks out into the open again.

6. Cuba

a. The Soviet ship Kasimov, which reached Havana on 25 January, delivered some 7,500 tons of civilian goods, including a number of trucks.

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It also carried six helicopters to
[redacted] Cuba.

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At least part of this helicopter
fleet is fitted out with machine
guns for ground support operations.

b. The Castro government seems
to have gotten wind of exile plans
for new coastal raids.

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- A. Laos Kong Le, revealing some despair of obtaining effective help through the three-headed Souvanna government, has sent a direct appeal for military provisions to our Embassy in Vientiane.
- B. Pakistan-NATO The Pakistani suggestion that NATO should intervene in the Kashmir problem has been put to rest. The Belgians, after showing interest, have decided against raising the question in the NAC.

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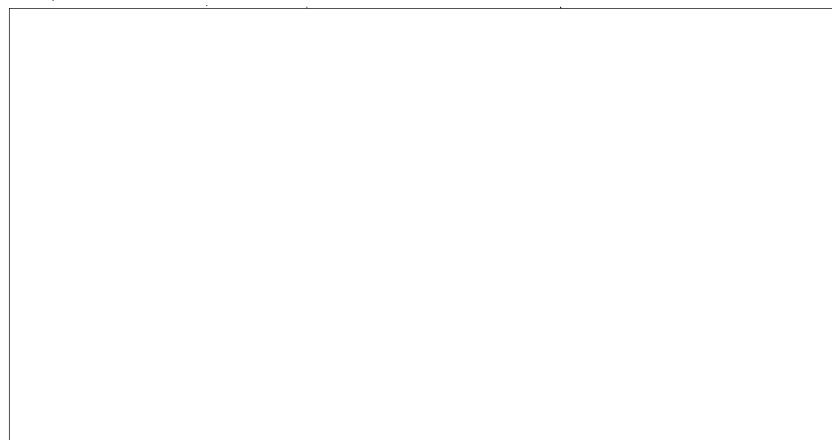
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1. Canada

- a. With the Social Credit Party throwing its 30 votes in with the Liberals (99) votes, Diefenbaker faces certain defeat on the no confidence vote which comes up at this evening's parliamentary session.
- b. New elections will then be held 60 days hence.
- c. Diefenbaker may still dissolve parliament beforehand to avoid being voted out, but either way the result is the same.



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2. France-USSR

- a. Our Embassy in Paris feels that the typically ham-fisted Soviet demarche of 29 January to De Gaulle makes it clear there has been no behind-the-scenes talk between Paris and Moscow.

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discounts the possibility that it is
a smoke-screen.

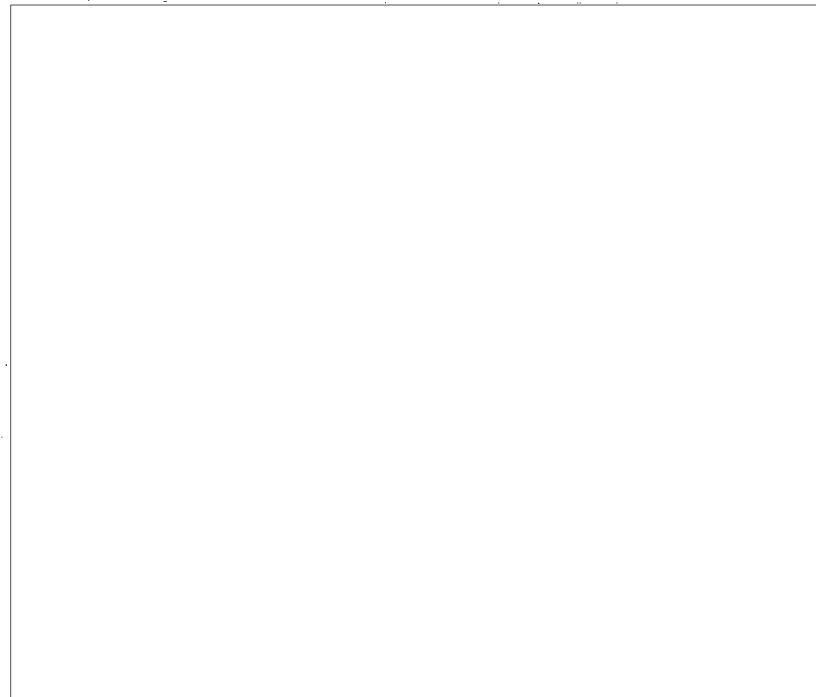
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3. West Germany-
EEC

a. As party lines are drawn
for the Bundestag debate in foreign
policy which opens tomorrow, only
Erhard among top German leaders has
spoken out firmly against early rat-
ification of the Franco-German treaty.
Others, wanting the best of both
worlds are, however, seeking ways to
reduce its impact on the Western al-
liance.

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4. Cuba

a. Two top veteran Cuban Communists have used last week's anniversary of Jose Marti's birthday as the occasion to add their voices to those of Castro and Blas Roca urging revolution as the only answer for Latin America.

b. In so doing, both Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, Castro's agriculture chief, and Juan Marinello rector of Havana University, focussed again on Betancourt as the prime target.

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d. Havana radio, taking up the call, has become increasingly blunt in broadcasts beamed to central and South America which appeal for support of guerrilla action or armed insurrection. In addition to Venezuela, Chile and the Dominican Republic are current favorite targets, although others are not overlooked.

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e. Soviets continue to operate the surface-to-air missile sites



5. Brazil

a. A test of leftist and rightist political strength is shaping up in the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies over re-election of conservative Ranieri Mazzilli as president of the chamber.

b. Ultra-nationalist Leonel Brizola, fashioning himself spokesman for the extreme left, has begun campaigning against Mazzilli, whose election would put him first in line of succession to Goulart.

NOTES

- A. Togo The Monrovia commission to investigate the situation in Togo has so far accomplished nothing except to push Grunitzky into the arms of Ghana. Prospects now are that this will be about all that it will achieve. Two of the five members have backed out and efforts now are being made to bury the commission quickly and quietly before it does any further damage.
- B. Hungary Our Legation in Budapest has received several firm indications that prisoners of the 1956 revolt are about to be given amnesty and released.

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- D. Singapore Security authorities in Singapore anticipate a general strike in the city within the next 10 days following last weekend's far from complete roundup of key leftists.
- E. France A top Quai official, when we asked him about it, said Pompidou definitely was not going to Warsaw and Prague as had previously been rumored (Checklist 1 February).

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1. Cuba

a. Another pre-Castro Communist has turned up in a key military post. He is Maj. Flavio Bravo, noted in a recent Havana broadcast as chief of operations of the Army General Staff.

b. In April 1959, Bravo was on the party's military commission--charged with ensuring party control over Castro's then disorganized forces; he is now also a member of the 24-man directorate of Castro's political machine.

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c. He is the second veteran Communist we have found on the general staff; Joaquin Ordoqui has been chief of supply for over a year.

2. Congo

a. The next problem shaping up is that of maintaining order in Katanga when UN forces there start thinning out--the Indians are preparing now for their departure next month. Some tribal tensions are building up and the Balubas and other tribal minorities in Elisabethville are disturbed over threats by Katan-gan gendarmes who say they will take reprisals when the UN goes.

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b. In Leopoldville, Adoula is coming under increasing pressure-- his opposition is criticizing him for allowing Tshombe to remain in office.

c. Tshombe himself has left Elisabethville for Rhodesia. The local betting is that he is, as he claims, going for treatment of an eye condition and that he will be back.

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3. Portuguese Guinea

a. Nationalist elements in Portugal's West African colony are stepping up their guerrilla campaign. Scattered incidents of terrorism last month culminated in the sabotage of a tanker in Bissau harbor.

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c. With the pot bubbling in Angola and simmering in Mozambique, the Portuguese may be in for a rough year.

4. Guinea-USSR

a. The [redacted] Russians have again managed to damage their relations with Guinea. 50X11

b. The Guineans prevented Soviet Embassy officials from putting a Soviet girl teacher aboard an Aeroflot plane against her will--she said it was for "fraternizing with Guineans."

c. This is being interpreted as, among other things, a racial affront. Guinea's Minister of Education says the Soviet Ambassador will probably be declared persona non grata. His predecessor was expelled in December 1961.

5. USSR

a. We have been estimating that the 1962 grain harvest has fallen far short of Soviet plans, hopes, and claims (they claim 147 million metric tons; we think it closer to 115 million).

b. Our estimates have been based on such factors as weather conditions, the state of the crops as noted here and there by touring Westerners, etc. However, we now have our first direct confirmation that statistics have been diddled and the situation is in fact very bad.

[redacted]
[redacted] there was much wringing of hands over the grain shortage and the need to economize.

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[redacted]
[redacted] officials at the regional and local level--in order to meet their delivery quotas--have cut into their stocks for feed and seed. This in turn may result in even further trouble in 1963.

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NOTES

- A. Brazil Yesterday we noted a test of strength between conservative Ranieri Mazzilli and ultranationalist Leonel Brizola over re-election of the former as President of the Chamber of Deputies. Mazzilli won.
- B. France-Spain Information emerging thus far on the Madrid visit of General Ailleret, French Chief of Staff, suggests that it may only be a protocol affair in return for a visit by Spanish military chief Munoz-Grandes last fall.

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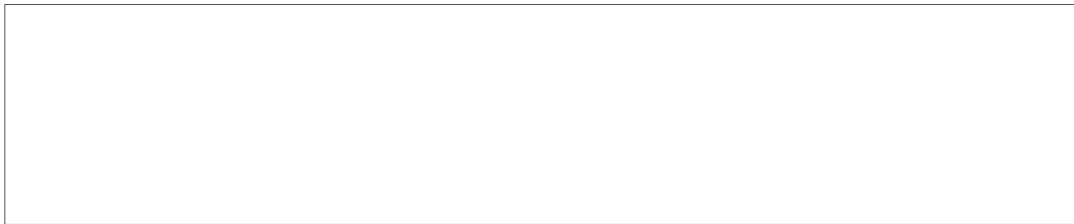
- D. Mexico-Poland Polish Prime Minister Cyrankiewicz visits Mexico next month in response to a Mexican invitation. [redacted]
- E. USSR-Yugoslavia-Chile The Yugoslavs now turn up as Soviet front men in the play for Latin America. Chilean ambassadors here and there are being subjected to "suave" Yugoslav approaches urging reestablishment of diplomatic relations with the USSR and other Bloc countries.

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1. France-Germany-
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2. Nuclear Test
Ban

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a. [redacted]
KGB officer [redacted] who obviously was under
instructions to get the word to us,

[redacted] "because of the current situa-
tion" the USSR is prepared to sign

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a test-ban treaty without the participation of France, although it will insist on later French adherence to the treaty. By "current situation" we assume he is referring to De Gaulle's frowardness.

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b. The official repeated [redacted]
[redacted] that the USSR could accept no more than four on-site inspections.

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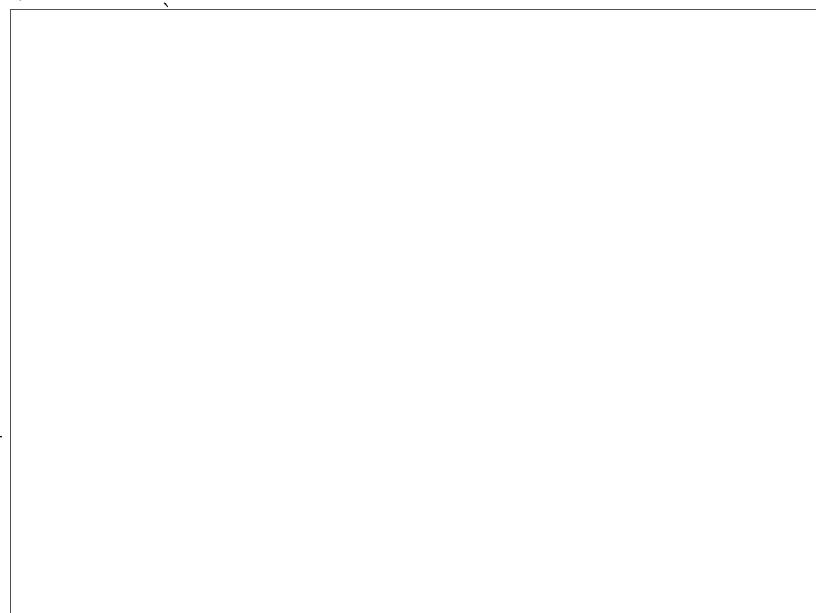
c. [redacted]
"we were never so close to a treaty as now" and said he was convinced one would be signed this time.

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3. Cuba-USSR

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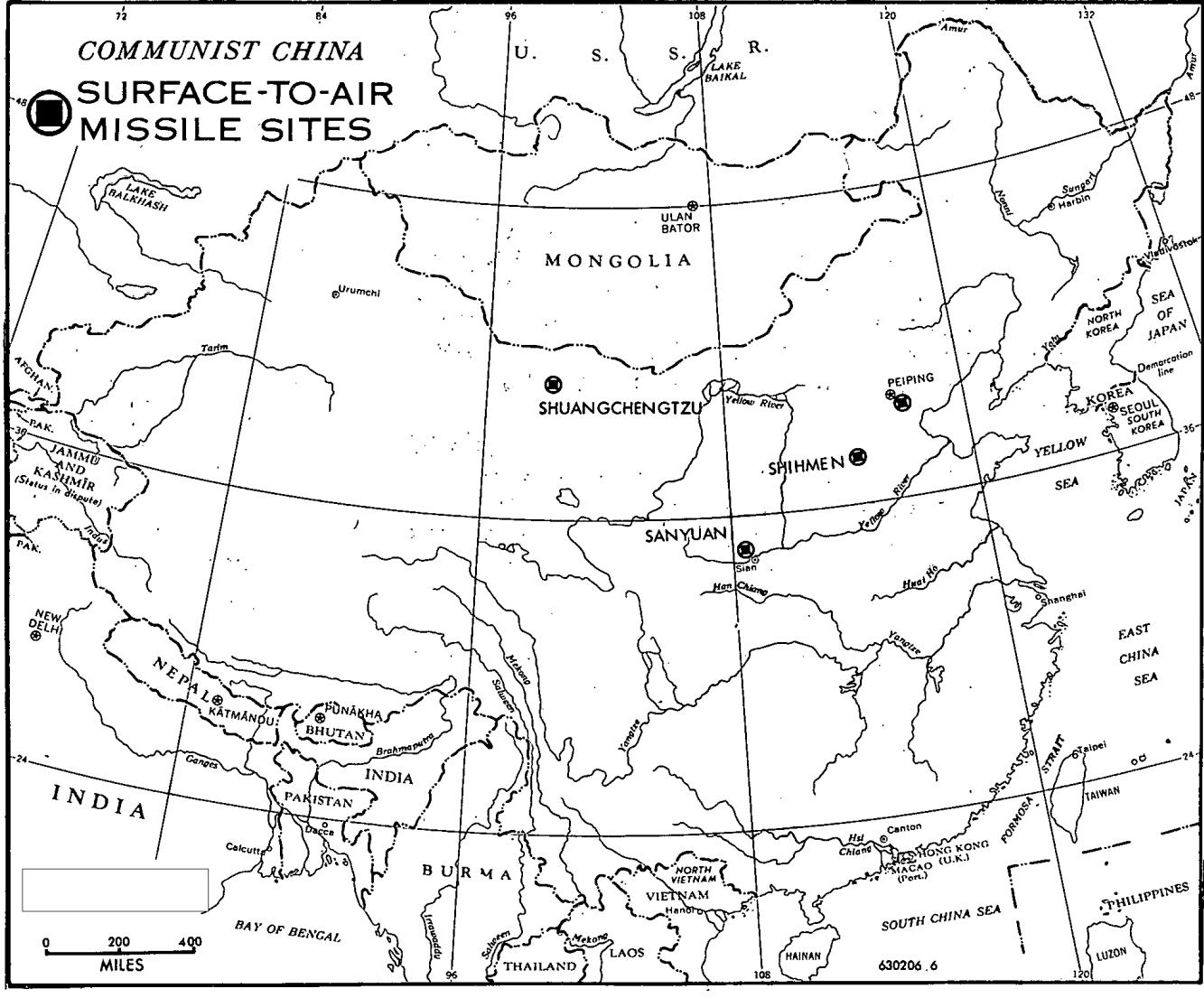


d. The Soviet tourist agency in Moscow is having no luck at all finding takers for its highly publicized ten-day all-expense tour to Cuba via direct TU-114 flight. The price (550 rubles) is heavily subsidized, but, even to hardy Russians, obviously not worth it.

e. [Redacted] Russian troops are delighted when they can leave Cuba and critical reports from those who have gone home probably have got around fast.

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g. The Soviets are helping the
Cubans with geological survey and
mineral exploration work

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4. Communist
China

a. We have discovered an eighth
surface to air missile site in main-
land China. It is near Shihmen air-
field about 160 miles southwest of
Peiping.

b. Of the seven other sites,
three are in the area of the Shuang-
chengtzu missile test range
(two apparently for training), three
are in the Peiping area, and one is
near Sian. The latter is the only
one known to be fully operational.

c. [redacted]

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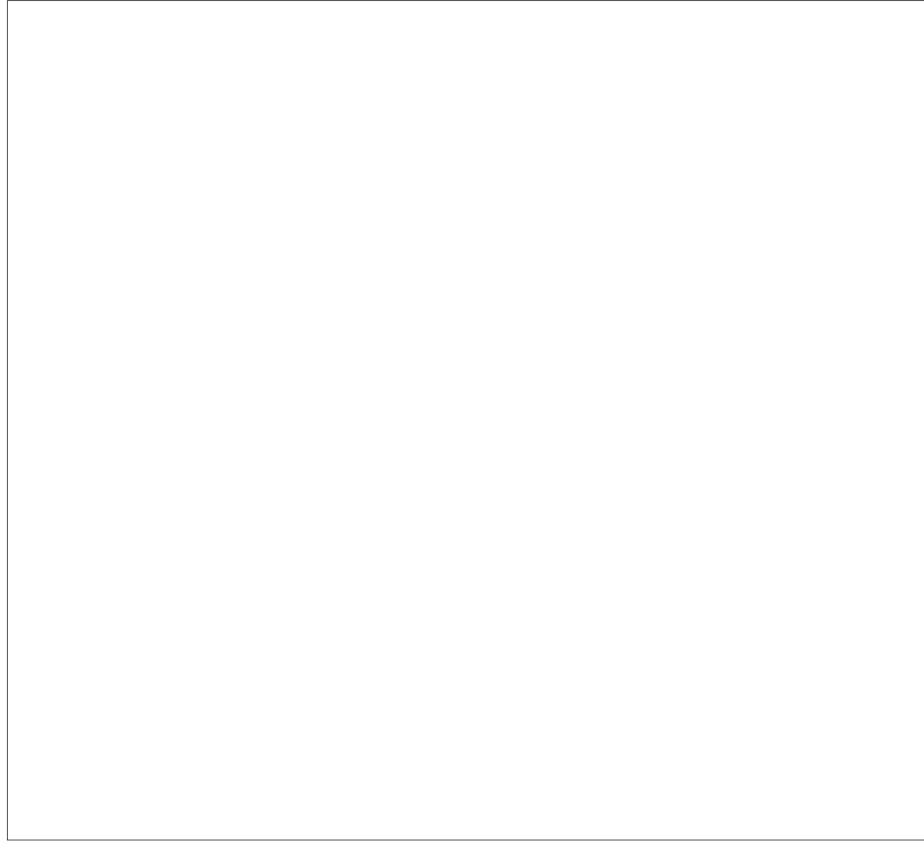
[redacted] but at
least one, at Shuangchengtzu, was
under construction during the first
half of last year, quite probably
without Soviet assistance.

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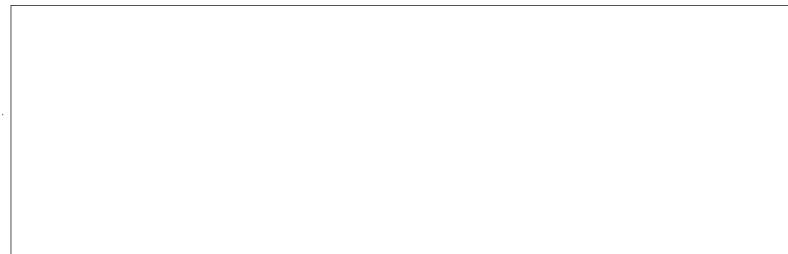
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5. Indonesia

a. Indonesia plans to construct surface-to-air missile sites [redacted] [redacted] along the northern approaches to the country--a choice of sites probably dictated by Indonesia's growing campaign against Malaysia.

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6. Yemen

a. UAR troops and supplies continue to arrive (there are some 18,000 troops there)

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b. Despite their monopoly of air power and superiority in fire power, we do not credit the Egyptians with the capability to dislodge royalists operating in the hills.

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c. Heartened by recent minor successes, Badr is also talking of a major offensive, particularly toward Sana and Taiz. His capability, however, does not extend beyond sometimes serious and costly harassment.

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NOTES

- A. West Germany Adenauer's foreign policy statement to the Bundestag yesterday, by playing the Franco-German pact in low key and emphasizing Germany's adherence to the Western alliance, leaves Erhard little, if any, room for maneuver.
- B. Indonesia-Philippines The Philippine-Indonesian marriage of convenience to block Malaysia may be sealed by a nonaggression pact.
- C. Sino-Indian Border Foreign Affairs Secretary R. K. Nehru leaves next week for a two-week tour of East European capitals to explain the Indian point of view, particularly, we gather, on the Colombo proposals. He will also spend a day in Cairo.

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1. Iraq

a. The [redacted] revolt
against Qasim began this morning.

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b. It is being led by Army officers, many of them members of the Baath party. Qasim virtually jarred the conspirators into action by undertaking within the past few days to purge army ranks of officers suspected of opposing him and by arresting a number of Baath party leaders.

c. Baghdad radio is in the hands of the insurrectionists. It claims that Qasim has been killed.

(A background summary on the revolt is included separately.)

2. Venezuela

a. The Venezuelan Communist party, [redacted] decided last month to throw all of its capabilities for armed action behind the attempt to topple Betancourt.

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b. The party has set up a unified command over its guerrilla and terrorist operations within a cover organization which calls itself the Armed Forces of National Liberation.

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c. The government may, however, have already succeeded in throwing sand into the newly created subversive machinery. Following yesterday's terrorist raid on the US Chamber of Commerce office in Caracas, the police broke into National Liberation headquarters and captured quantities of arms, a membership list, and documents relating to the Communist scheme of action.

3. Cuba-
Latin America

a. The head of Brazil's orthodox Communists is planning a trip to Moscow, Prague and thence to Cuba, chiefly to protest that the Cubans and Communist Chinese have been bypassing the regular organization in dealing with revolutionary groups in Brazil and elsewhere in Latin America.

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b. The Brazilian Communist head, Luiz Carlos Prestes, intends to make the case that the militant irregulars supported by Castro, besides undercutting the orthodox Communists, are stirring alarm in Latin America and thus playing into the hands of the US.

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Cuba

a. The KHIMIK ZHELENSKY believed to be carrying a military cargo, reached Cuban waters yesterday.

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5. Indonesia

a. U Thant's special representative in Indonesia asserts that the Indonesians have agreed to drop their demand that the transfer of West New Guinea to them take place before 1 May, as scheduled.

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b. The Indonesians are continuing, however, their inflammatory propaganda against Malaysia. The official Indonesian news agency declared this morning that 10,000 tribesmen from Indonesian Borneo will enter North Borneo to join the rebel struggle against the British.

6. West Germany

a. Reviewing yesterday's Bundestag debate on the Franco-German treaty, the US Embassy in Bonn discerns a strong consensus for the rapprochement with France. What doubts there are stem from the desire to prevent relations with France from hindering progress toward European unity or disturbing US-German relations.

b. It was also apparent that Adenauer's critics failed to mount an effective attack in the debate. Erhard's performance is falling conspicuously short of his boldly professed intentions.

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- A. Peru Constitutional guarantees have been restored after a month's suspension and the political parties are beginning to make preparations for the election promised for late spring.

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- C. Chile The Chilean government has officially informed our Embassy that it is cancelling its barter deal with Cuba which would have bought Cuban sugar in return for Chilean agricultural products. The Embassy observed that President Alessandri has been giving a display of "constructive leadership" since his Washington visit.

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- D. Paraguay [REDACTED] Paraguayan exiles in Argentina have been concentrating at several points along the border between the two countries and may attempt armed attack in order to disrupt Sunday's Paraguayan elections.

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MEMORANDUM**SUBJECT : Background on Revolt in Iraq**

1. The Baath was formed in Syria in 1954 by Michel Aflaq and Akram al-Hawrani. It is "socialistic," pan-Arab, anti-West, anti-Communist, and the most widely organized political party in the Arab world today. However, it is rent with dissension and divided into pro- and anti-Nasir factions. In Iraq, the party pays lip service to Nasir's pan-Arabism, but it has no wish to see Iraq's identity submerged in a Nasir-controlled state. While anti-Communist, the Baath could not be expected to reverse present policy toward Moscow in such fields as arms procurement and trade. However, the Baathists would favor a more neutral policy between the Soviet Bloc and the West than has Qasim.

2. Several of the key leaders of the present revolutionary group have been identified as Baathist army officers. [redacted]

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3. The move against Qasim was sparked by a number of factors. Qasim has attempted persistently to crush the Baath. (The Baath in October 1959 nearly succeeded in killing him and he was hospitalized for two months.) His strongly pro-Communist policies, his unsuccessful 20-month old campaign against the Kurds, his bitter feud with Nasir, and the loss of face caused Iraq by his insane antics were further incentives to revolt.

4. The USSR has suffered a setback in Iraq. There is little doubt that the new revolutionary regime will do its best to crush the Communists for good. A blood bath is likely. Street fighting between Communists and anti-Communists is going on in Baghdad now.

5. The Arab World: Nasir will be given a great boost by the success of the coup--he will do

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his best to capitalize on this. Instability is likely to increase in Syria and Jordan as pro-Nasir elements are heartened. An accommodation with the rebellious Kurds in Iraq will be attempted and probably also a reconciliation with Kuwait.

6. If the revolution succeeds, however, the Baath will not, at least at the outset, be completely dominant. The immediate outgrowth is likely to be a provisional coalition government bringing together a variety of anti-Communist nationalist elements.

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1. Cuba--Political

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1963 trade
and credit agreement was finally
signed yesterday after three months
of talks.

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b. We may soon see results
of this "direction." Che Guevara,
in an article in the regime's theo-
retical journal, notes that the re-
gime's administration was first
marked by administrative "guerril-
laism"; the effort to counter this
resulted in wasteful "bureaucracy"
which adversely affected the "whole
institutional life of the nation."

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c. He issues the slogan:
"War on bureaucracy, limbering up
of the state apparatus, production
without obstruction, and responsi-
bility for production!"

d. The Chinese Communists,
who could use the Soviet Moscow-to-
Havana direct flight, made fruit-
less efforts all during January to
arrange a commercial charter flight
to Cuba for a plane-
load of Chinese.

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e. The press story that two ships loaded with arms left Mariel recently for British Guiana so far appears to be false.

f. Veteran Cuban Communist Blas Roca, in a live broadcast Thursday, held up the Cuban revolution as a shining example for Spain; the "triumph of the Spanish people" would help Cuba, particularly if they would oust the US, the "most inhuman imperialism in history."

2. Cuba--Military

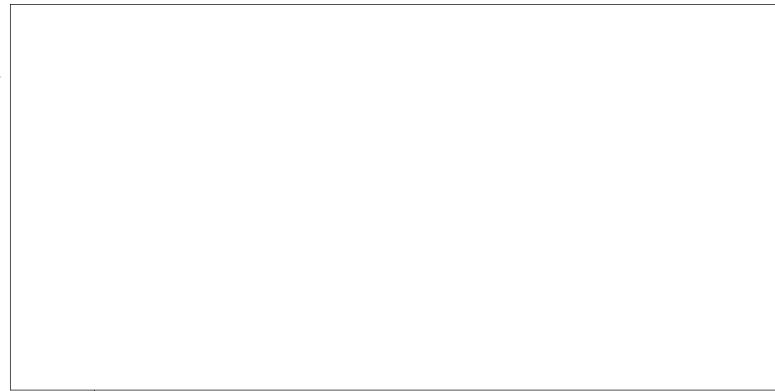
Preliminary readout of yesterday's high-altitude photos of the KHIMIK ZELENSKY shows considerable gear being unloaded and convoyed away: trucks, smaller vehicles, crates of various sizes--none so far of disturbing dimensions. Unloading was still under way at dusk.

3. Spain-France

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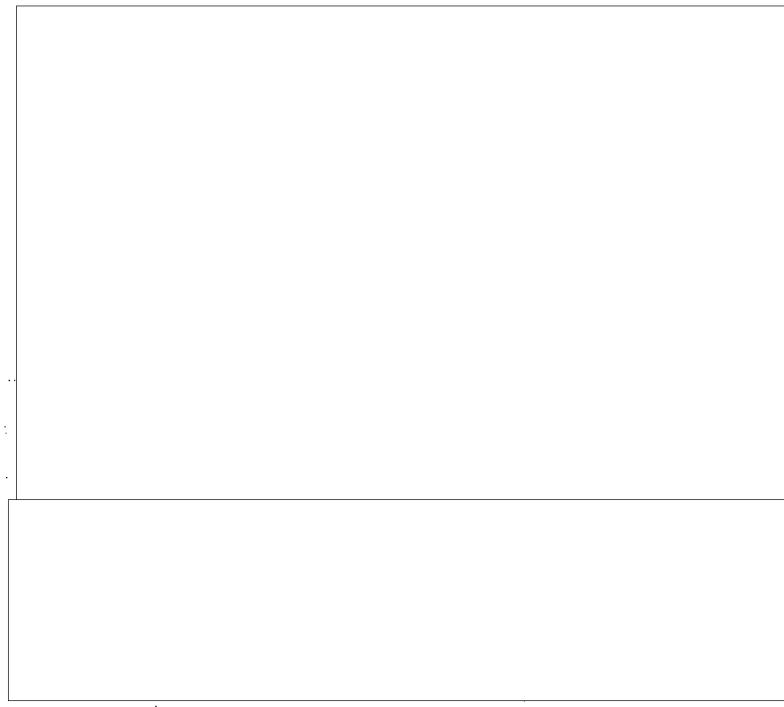
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5. Iraq

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b. Baghdad Radio claimed at 0535 EST this morning that Qasim had been executed by a firing squad.

c. This was six hours after

[redacted] reporting continued assaults on the barricaded Ministry of Defense. We have no more recent reports of fighting, but skirmishes may continue.

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d. The new regime's inflammatory calls for reprisals against Communists may bring the latter into the streets, in which case there may be more serious fighting.

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f. The Kuwaitis were among the first in line to recognize the rebels in Iraq, but nonetheless have declared a four-day alert.

6. Dominican Re-
public

a. Venezuelan [REDACTED]

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President Betancourt and Dominican President-elect Bosch.

b. Betancourt and other Latin American presidents are scheduled to attend Bosch's inauguration on 27 February. Security--and all other--arrangements for this occasion are at present rudimentary. [REDACTED]

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- A. Congo Tshombé flew off to Paris yesterday. The press last night was quoting an unnamed "Tshombé aide" in Angola as saying his tripping is to drum up support for a government-in-exile. However, today in Paris, Tshombé himself declared he was there only for treatment of his ailing eyes and that he would never set up such a government.
- B. Togo The atmosphere in and around Togo continues most uneasy.

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- D. Argentina Concern over anticipated extensive Peronist participation in the June general elections has led to new plotting for a coup attempt by civilian "commandos" and a group of retired military officers--

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The Guido government knows that something is up.

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H. India The split in the Communist Party should open wider with the resignation of its general secretary, which will probably be announced next week. The "right-wing" faction, which advocates supporting Nehru against the Chinese, will probably provide his successor.

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**11 FEBRUARY 1963
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1. Laos

a. The Polish member seems to have maneuvered the ICC into including an inspection of Air America in a package inspection proposal which would go to the Laotian government for concurrence. The Indian chairman--"with tears in his eyes"--told Ambassador Unger on Saturday that withdrawing Air America from the package could well lead to the break-up of the ICC.

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2. Iraq

a. The new regime is in control and is talking of an early return to civilian government. Gunfire, however, continues.

b. The government is dominated by the socialist Baath Party. Five cabinet members were educated in American universities and one in London. The defense minister was military attache in Washington in 1957-58.

c. The cabinet includes several Kurds, and Mulla Mustafa Al-Barzani has chimed in with a message of support. A greater measure of Kurdish autonomy may be in sight and with it the end of the Kurdish rebellion. Baghdad has ordered the release from prison of "Kurdish detainees" along with all other "non-Communist" detainees.

d. Communist demonstrations have so far been crushed by the military

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e. Moscow and Peiping in their news treatment of the revolt have carefully restricted themselves to factual reporting.

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f. On Sunday the US Embassy in Baghdad, in reporting that the city was relatively calm except for sporadic shooting during the roundup of Communists, noted that "Communist embassies are evidently frightened, with women and children concentrated in the compounds."

g. Arab countries have raced to recognize the government. Iraq's neighbors are nonetheless still extremely nervous over possible repercussions on their own internal security and their forces are still alerted. Hussein is concerned over Cairo's "Voice of the Arab Nation" broadcasts calling for revolts in Jordan and Syria and there have been further pro-Nasir demonstrations in Syria, where the situation has been restless for some weeks.

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Cairo's clandestine radio, however, has jumped in to call for the "killing of Communists," with "no mercy for a Red, an Englishman or any other agent."

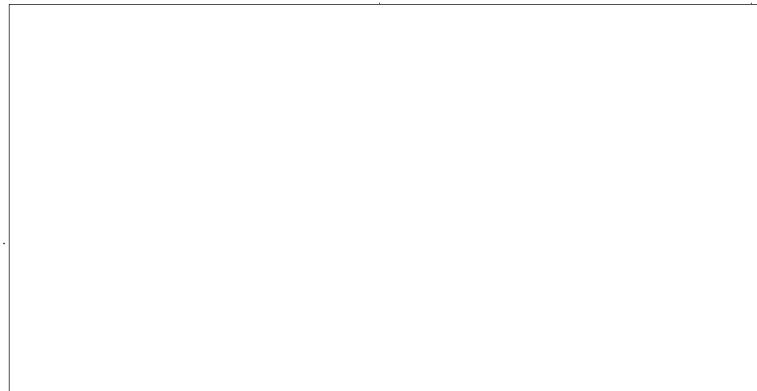
the general trend of the new regime is to "cooperate with all Arab countries without falling into

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the arms of Nasirism" but that the "Nasirites" are "busily" trying to exploit the situation.



3. Cuba

a. Analysis so far of the photos of the KHIMIK ZELINSKY suggests that neither combat aircraft nor strategic missiles were in its cargo.

b. However, there seems to be little question that military support items for Soviet and Cuban forces were unloaded, including at least some 130 jeep-like vehicles. Some have apparently been convoyed to a camp two miles from Torrens, a major Soviet headquarters area near Havana.

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d. Our first look at low-level photography of the construction on Cayo Frances was inconclusive.

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4. Kashmir

a. The Indians and the Pakistanis have "exchanged lines" for a partition proposal. They are still far, far apart, but at least were talking with map in hand.

b. The third round has adjourned, with the fourth scheduled for 9-12 March, in Calcutta.

5. Haiti

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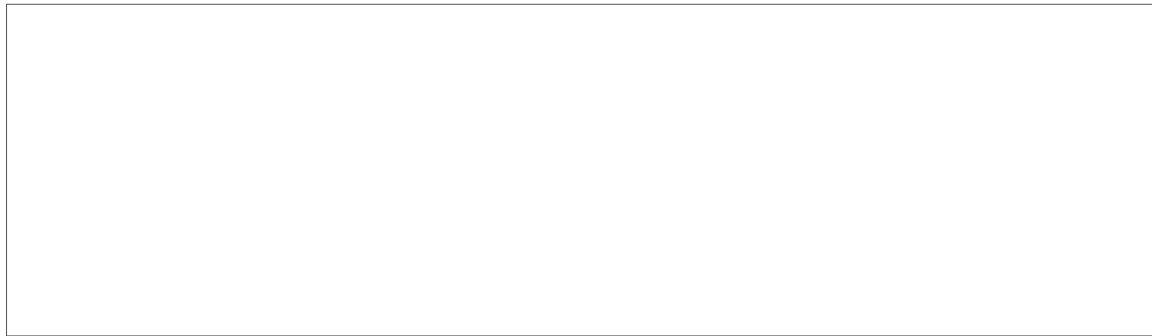
b. [redacted] although military morale is at an all-time low, they are "more powerful militarily" than Duvalier's civilian militia.

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6. Indonesia-Borneo



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b. A Czech domestic broadcast last week noted that a Czech youth group had invited him to study at Prague's foreign university.

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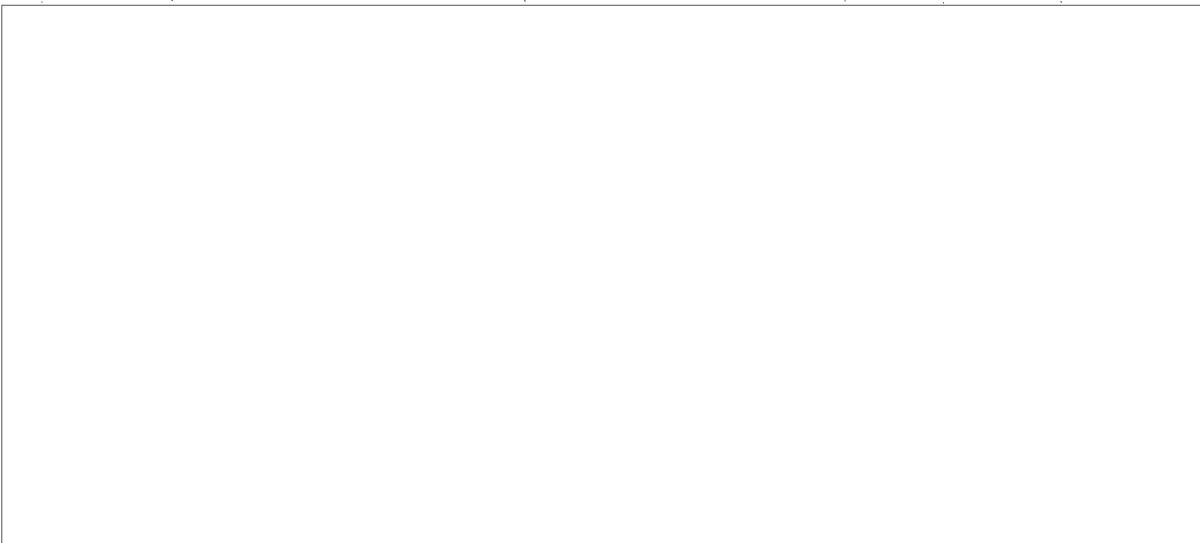
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B. USSR - Communist China Yesterday Pravda wound up a one and one half page article by saying that if "some party" (i.e., China) "displays an interest in a bilateral meeting, our party is ready" for it "at any level and at any time." We see this as yet another Moscow maneuver to place the blame on Peiping for the dispute and to paint itself as the champion of unity. The balance of the article indicated no change in the dispute. The Chinese have made any restoration of unity conditional on abandonment of the rapprochement with Yugoslavia and the Soviets make clear they will have none of it.

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G. Congo Some of those missing Bank of Katanga funds may be in Angola. Several mercenary pilots interned there have been "singing" to the US Consulate General. They say that "one Sunday morning" (presumably recently) one of Tshombe's DC-3s in Angola flew into Katanga and returned with "57 boxes" of gold. It is now being held in Luanda--presumably by the Portuguese.

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LATE NOTE

Iraq Press reports of heavy fighting in Basra appear to originate from sources in Iran. We so far have no confirmation from the area itself.

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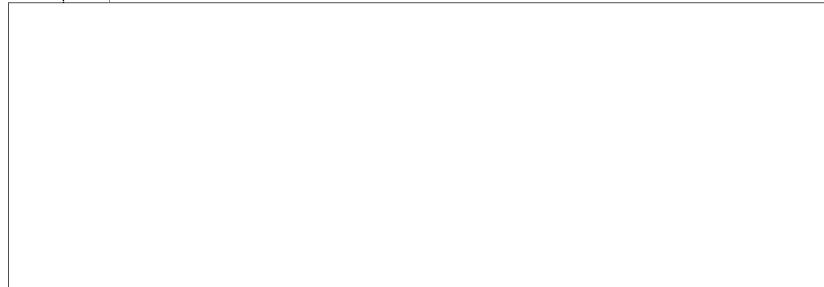
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12 FEBRUARY 1963
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1. Iraq

a. Resistance to the new regime--chiefly by Communist elements in scattered areas of the country--is waning.

b. Reverberations of the revolt are being felt in Syria and Kuwait, which have been the scene of demonstrations with a pro-Nasir flavor.



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c. Moscow, probably hoping to cut its losses, recognized the new government yesterday.

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the new government reveals a strong admixture of young men. Many of them are, by Iraqi standards, very well educated. Some in the West.



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2. Cuba

a. One of Castro's main agencies for nourishing subversion in the hemisphere, the Institute for Friendship with Peoples, received a sizeable budget boost (1,300,000 pesos) late last year. The agency's funds are used in large part to cover the expenses of Latin Americans who are brought to Cuba.

b. Venezuela was a major target of Havana Radio's insurrectionary appeals again last week, but nine other Latin American nations were similarly treated.

c. The government is sounding pessimistic about this year's sugar harvest. Fidel's brother, Ramon Castro, who is in charge of sugar production in Oriente Province [redacted] charged recently that the whole agricultural picture is in a sorry state because of government bungling.

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d. In a speech this past weekend, Che Guevara railed against bad harvesting practices and admitted that Soviet long-term loans were necessary because of shortfalls in sugar output. He reminded his audience in so many words that Cuba would have a one-crop economy for a long time to come.

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g. We have seen a number of indications that the government is strengthening its anti-insurgency forces.

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3. Indonesia-Malaya

a. The Indonesians yesterday added more acrimony to their angry exchanges with Malaya.

b. Subandrio called a special press conference to declare his country's unqualified opposition to the Malaysian federation.

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c. "With such a hostile Malaya at the head of Malaysia," he said, "there may be incidents and it will be difficult to avoid war."

4. Congo

a. Adoula has called his resident agent for Katanga back to Leopoldville to discuss means of making progress on integration.

b. Far more of the Katangan gendarmerie have faded into the bush than turned up last week to surrender arms and register with the central government.



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- A. Burma. Differences with Premier Ne Win over the pace of socialization have led to the removal of Brigadier Aung Gyi who had been the principal moderating influence in the government.

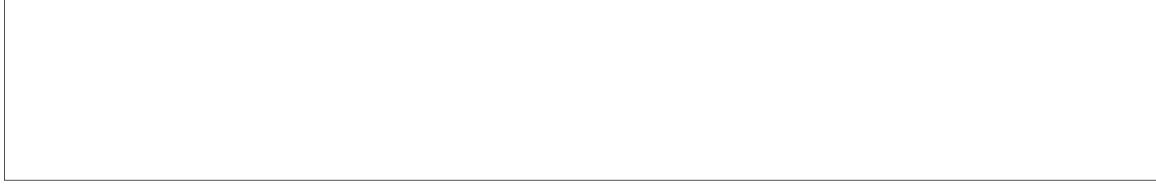
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13 FEBRUARY 1963

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1. Venezuela

a. Caracas early last night reported everything calm. There has been no information since to change this.

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[redacted] The government's redoubled security precautions may have thrown them off balance. Or they may be saving their punch for today--the fourth anniversary of Betancourt's inauguration.

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c. Betancourt retains the support of most of the armed forces and we believe they can prevent disorders from threatening the survival of his government. The President also has strong support from organized labor, the peasants, and most of the business sector.

d. Thus, barring Betancourt's assassination, we feel the government can keep the situation under control.

2. Cuba

a. The Soviet freighter L'gov, now in mid-Atlantic on route to Cuba, has declared a commercial cargo, but

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[redacted] suspect she may be carrying some military cargo.

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b. Jet operations at Holguin Airfield in northern Oriente Province may increase in the near future.

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[redacted] construction of more earth-covered arched revetments there of a type used to house MIGs. Eighteen such shelters were noted at Holguin

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3. Iraq

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b. Authorities are cracking down on pro-UAR activities and have banned distribution of pictures of Nasir. Cairo continues to play it cool

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c. [redacted] Kurdish chief-tan Barzani has called for a cessation of hostilities. Baghdad will respond eagerly in order to eliminate one of the gravest liabilities of the Qasim period.

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d. The Baghdad police [redacted] instructed [redacted] to treat all people in "a gentlemanly manner." [redacted] "forbade absolutely" the humiliation of political detainees, because this harmed the revolution's principles.

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e. [redacted] no one was to be arrested except on the order of competent legal quarters and no arrests could be made on the basis of unsubstantiated information, complaints, or calumnies.

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4. South Korea

a. The leadership crisis may not yet be over.

b. Kim Chong-pil, former security chief, tells us that Pak has become disheartened and has firmly decided to withdraw from politics.

c. Kim urged ambassador Berger to try to dissuade Pak and to boost Pak's chances of winning the election by announcing that "there is a prospect of further US aid."

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d. The Embassy is not yet sure of what Kim may be up to or what his motives are in trying to get the US embroiled in the current political maneuvering.

e. The country's dismal economic performance, most noticeable in inflation and a rice shortage, are not helping matters for the regime

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5. Bulgaria

a. Some 200 African students in Sofia were given a practical lesson with the ways of a Communist state when, last week, an all-African student union they set up was banned by the police and their leaders arrested.

b. A series of protest demonstrations with more arrests has ensued as the Africans began attracting enough Bulgarian sympathizers to force the militia to crack down in earnest.

6. Common Market

a. On 8 February, Bonn informally gave London a compromise proposal looking to full British membership in three or four years. It included linking the UK with the Common Market in a customs union covering industrial commodities and a gradual alignment during the interim of agricultural policies. Also envisaged were some arrangements already agreed to before the Brussels collapse and strengthened political ties through WEU.

b. The British and the Germans are to talk again in Bonn on this proposal later this month after London has had a chance mull it over.

c. After a conversation with Common Market President Hallstein on Monday, Fanfani told Ambassador Reinhardt he had been shocked by Hallstein's attitude, which he described as being tantamount to acceptance of De Gaulle's position. Fanfani said Hallstein considered the question of UK membership dead.

7. Yemen

a. The military situation has not changed. Egyptian troops have scored no recent successes, and it appears that Marshal Amer's "major offensive," if there is to be one, is yet to come.

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NOTES

A. Syria In the aftermath of the Iraqi coup, Prime Minister Azm's position is weaker than ever. Six members of his coalition government resigned over the week end, and to stay in power Azm will now have to do considerably more than the minor cabinet reshuffling he had originally planned.

B. Afro-Asian Conference The Soviets [redacted]

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were upstaged by the Chinese delegation which harped on racial issues and the need for violent revolution.

C. Cyprus Greek-Turkish friction is on the upswing and could erupt in serious rioting, particularly should Greek Cypriot officials carry out their threats to eject Turkish squatters from "municipal" properties long controlled by the Turkish communities. Police and the gendarmerie are on 24-hour alert.

D. India India's Communist Party leadership, its secretary general having resigned last week because of conflicting pressures, has now come out strongly on the side of the USSR in the Sino-Soviet dispute and has again condemned Peiping for its aggression against India.

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E. Laos Tensions, already high in the Plaine des Jarres, will be increased by the assassination yesterday of Kong Le's right hand commander there, Colonel Ketsana. Kong Le blames "evildoers who have ill intentions toward neutrality" by which we are sure he means the Pathet Lao, who have made several earlier attempts to get Ketsana.

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14 FEBRUARY 1963
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1. Venezuela

- a. The Venezuelan freighter ANTZOATEGUI has been hijacked en route to the US Gulf Coast by Venezuelan Communists. They are playing it as the highlight of their two-day demonstrations marking Betancourt's anniversary in the presidency.
- b. The Venezuelan navy and air force are trying to locate the ship, hoping to head it off before it can reach Cuba. The US Navy will probably be asked to help in the search.
- c. There were numerous sabotage attempts in Venezuela yesterday, many in provincial areas, but alert security forces turned most of them into failures. A fire set off in the Firestone Tire Company warehouse in Caracas, causing an estimated \$15,000 damage, was the main accomplishment.
- d. Terrorist forays are continuing. All state governors have been ordered to maintain a special security vigilance.

2. Laos

a. Kong Le has urgently summoned key neutralist commanders in outlying districts to join him in the Plaine des Jarres following Monday's killing of one of his principal aides, Colonel Ketsana. He lays the blame for the killing squarely on the "Communist reactionary" Pathet Lao.

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3. Syria

a. Premier Azm's frail government is rocking in the wake of the Iraqi revolt

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c. Ambassador Knight describes a meeting he had with the Syrian foreign minister Mahasin on Monday. He was struck by Mahasin's great eagerness to profess his and his government's anti-Communism and desire for friendship with the US. "As a matter of fact," said Mahasin, "should I ever need diplomatic asylum it is to you that I would come."

d. The foreign minister acknowledged that with Azm ill and the cabinet a shambles there is really no Syrian government.

e. The Baath party's founder and head was preparing to leave Beirut yesterday, going first to Damascus and then to Baghdad.

4. Cuba

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d. Readout on the high-altitude reconnaissance missions of 12 February provided no significant new information. Missions flown from 7 through 12 February have covered 52 percent of Cuba's land area.

5. USSR

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c. Since mid-1962, the Soviets have stepped up the number and extent of flights out over the Pacific and the North Atlantic [redacted]

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6. West Germany

a. The Social Democrats have concluded that they have no chance of holding off a Bundestag vote on the Franco-German treaty.

b. The party leadership reckons, contrary to its earlier overly-optimistic expectations, that Adenauer is sure of decisive backing from his own Christian Democrat - Christian Socialist party.

c. The plan now is to work for amendments to the treaty (e.g., pledges of fidelity to NATO and support for EEC membership for Britain) such that it will become unpalatable to De Gaulle.

d. Even if the Social Democrats fall short of their outer objective, as is likely, they may still achieve something by forcing Adenauer to come out into the open on the crucial issues.

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A. Ghana--James Meredith Ambassador Mahoney has been told officially of the proposal to invite James Meredith to study in Ghana. Ghana has decided that it would not be "appropriate," since the US Government had spent a great deal of money and time insisting that Meredith enter the University of Mississippi. Mahoney reports that Nkrumah's principal foreign affairs adviser praised to the skies the US Government performance in Mississippi.

B. Sino-Soviet relations Figures published by the USSR suggest that Sino-Soviet trade dropped by about a third last year from the year before and by two-thirds as compared with the peak reached in 1959.

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E. Poland-Brazil Poland is keeping alive its barter offer of a helicopter factory and up to 100 Polish helicopters--valued at \$10,500,000--for Brazilian coffee. The Brazilian Air Ministry recently announced that terms of a proposed US deal for helicopters were too stiff.

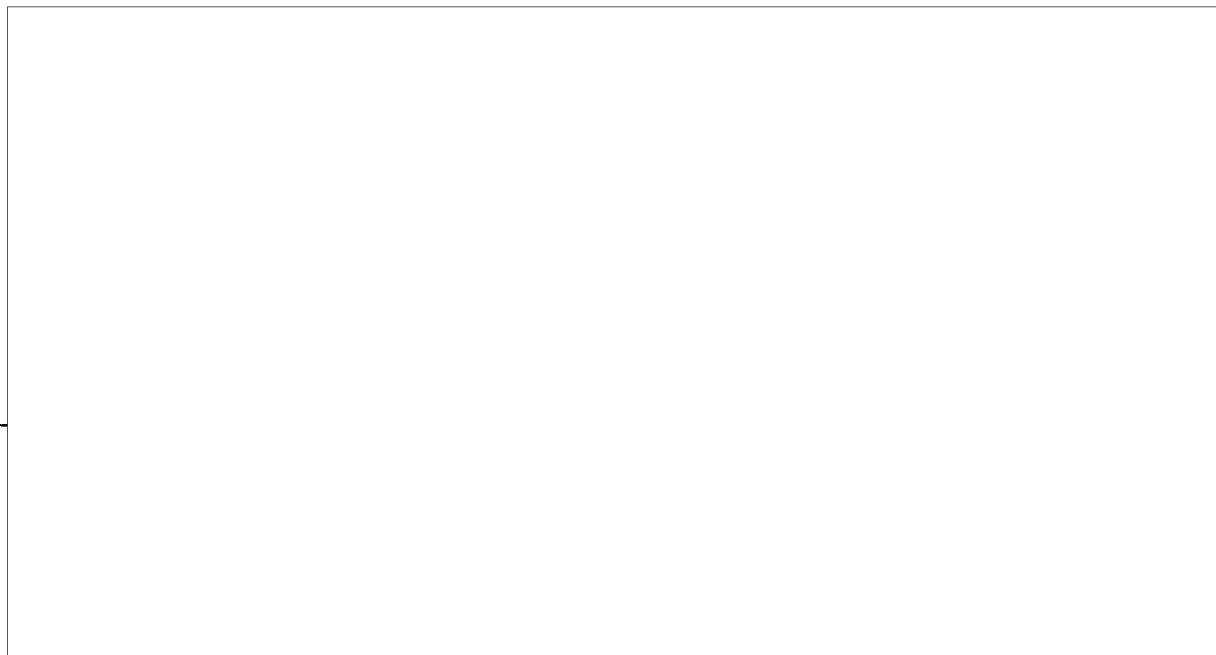
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1. Iraq

a. The initial honeymoon between the Kurdish rebels and the new regime could be drawing to a close. The Kurds think they are being double-crossed--many Kurdish nationalists are still in prison, including some initially released, and they are being put off on the matter of autonomy.



f. From Baghdad [redacted] 50X1

Soviet military advisers are going back out to their jobs on Saturday.

2. Cuba-
South America

a. A group of [redacted] Argentines--
back from training in Cuba--is now in Uruguay preparing to organize a guerrilla effort in Argentina.

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3. Cuba.



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Castro is using the Red Cross transport to unload "a great number of undesirables." Except for those ousted from property the government wanted, they are described variously as "the dregs of Cuban society, the physically disabled, Castroites, neophyte Communists or genuine Castro agents."

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4. Syria

a. The declaration broadcast by the Foreign Minister proposing federation with Iraq seems bound to lead to trouble, even though a considerable body of Syrian opinion may favor such a move.

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b. Egypt has always opposed
Iraqi-Syrian union. We expect Nasir
to do everything we can to block it.

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5. Test Ban

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b. In private talks with the US delegation, Kuznetsov is unyielding on three as the number of inspections.

c. In talking about US underground testing, Kuznetsov said the USSR would have to take the "necessary actions to protect its own security".

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- A. Sino-Soviet Dispute Pravda has published an Indian Communist proposal for a world Communist conference next December. This sounds like an endorsement but we doubt it; the Russians still set up pre-conditions unacceptable to the Chinese. The 13th Anniversary celebrations of the Sino-Soviet alliance were half-hearted in both Moscow and Peiping.
- B. UK According to the British Gallup Poll published Tuesday [redacted] 60 percent of the respondents favor an early general election, the Labor Party lead over the Conservatives has gone up to 15.5 percentage points, and either Brown or Wilson (elected party leader yesterday) could defeat Macmillan. 50X1
- C. Congo Adoula and General Mobutu are increasingly determined to get more Congolese Army troops into Katanga [redacted] in order to get a firm grip on the province before UN withdrawals begin. 50X1
[redacted]
[redacted]
- D. Laos Phoumi says his forces are in touch with Kong Le's and ready to render assistance should the Pathet Lao attack. Phoumi also says he is arranging some funds for Kong Le's troops. 50X1

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E. France According to the press, "several" army officers have been arrested, apparently yesterday, for a plot against De Gaulle. No details are yet available.

F. Venezuela Havana Radio says Cuba will offer asylum to anyone on the hijacked Venezuelan ship who wishes it; the ship would be turned over to the UN. The search for the ship continues. [redacted]

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G. East Germany Ulbricht's regime is undergoing a paroxysm of personnel shifts aimed at achieving less inept management of the economy. Younger, more aggressive men are being brought in; not everyone is happy over this. [redacted]

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H. White Africa Portugal, Rhodesia and South Africa are edging closer to a defense arrangement. Representatives are to meet in Mozambique next month. [redacted]

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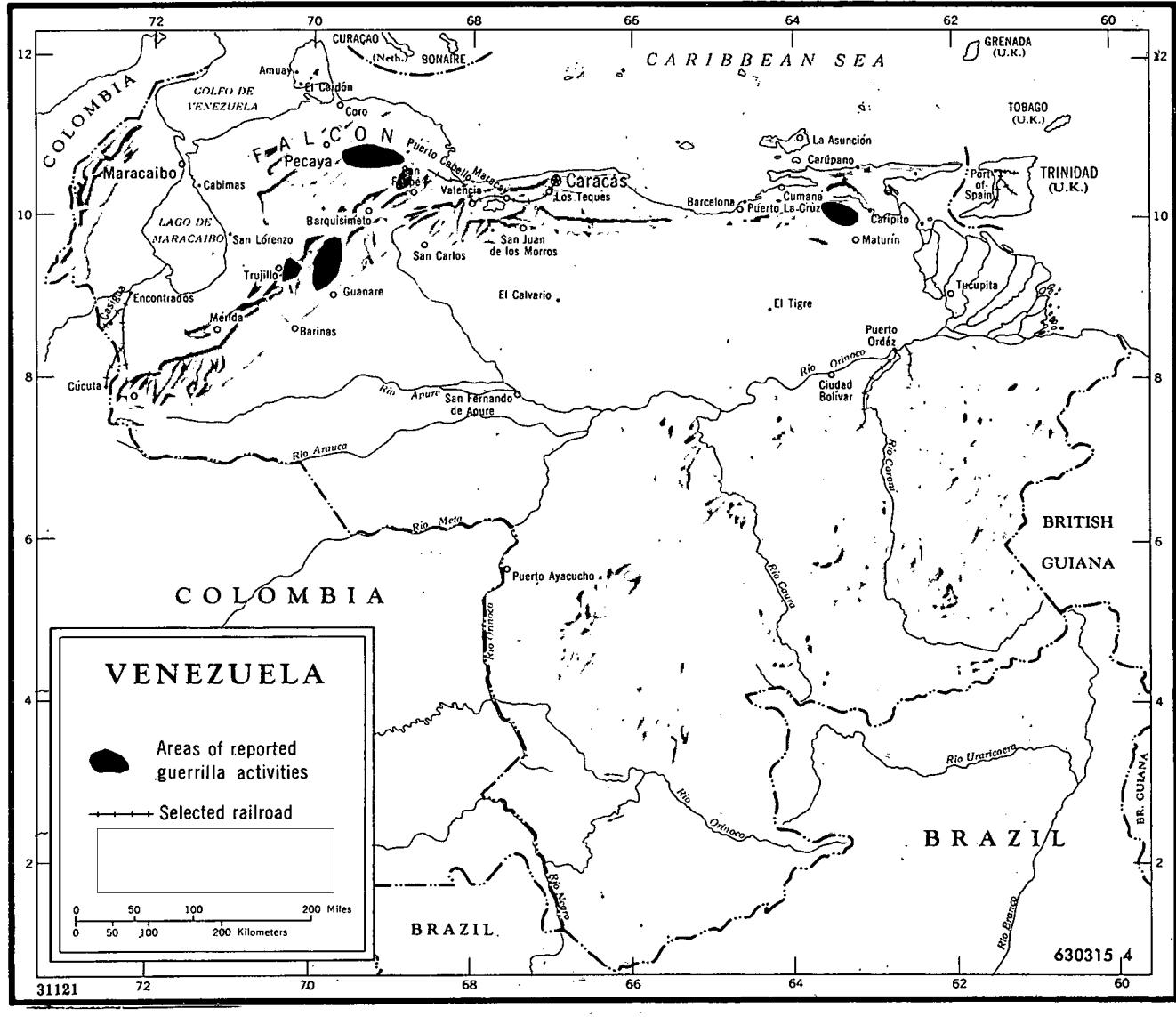
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1. Cuba-Bloc

a. The Cubans are falling behind in their payments to the Bloc.

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e. The KHIRUG VISHNEVSKY [redacted]

[redacted] is the
only one suspected of carrying a
cargo of military goods.

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2. Venezuela

a. The pace of hit and run
guerrilla attacks is quickening,
particularly in the western area of
the country, as the Communists step
up their effort to force Betancourt
to suspend constitutional guarantees
or to embarrass him otherwise as he
leaves for the US.

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b. Thought is being given to supplementing the harassed and over-worked police in the capital with armed squads of faithfulls from Betancourt's party.

c. The military are quiet and apparently united; they are ready to take up patrol duty, too, if ordered.

d. [redacted]
the ANZOATEGUI [redacted]

[redacted] Press reports say it is making for Belem, Brazil. [redacted]

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3. Togo

a. The Togolese military are again taking things into their own hands.

b. Acting independently of the shaky Grunitsky government, they are arresting and abusing former parliamentary deputies and local leaders of Olympio's Togolese Unity Party whom they fear would regain power if elections are held as promised.

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c. This will give impetus to Unity party exiles already working toward a coup from Dahomey and Nigeria.

d. Ghanaian security personnel, in glaring disrespect for Togo's sovereignty, are trooping in and about Lome in full uniform and in their own vehicles looking for Ghanaian emigrés.

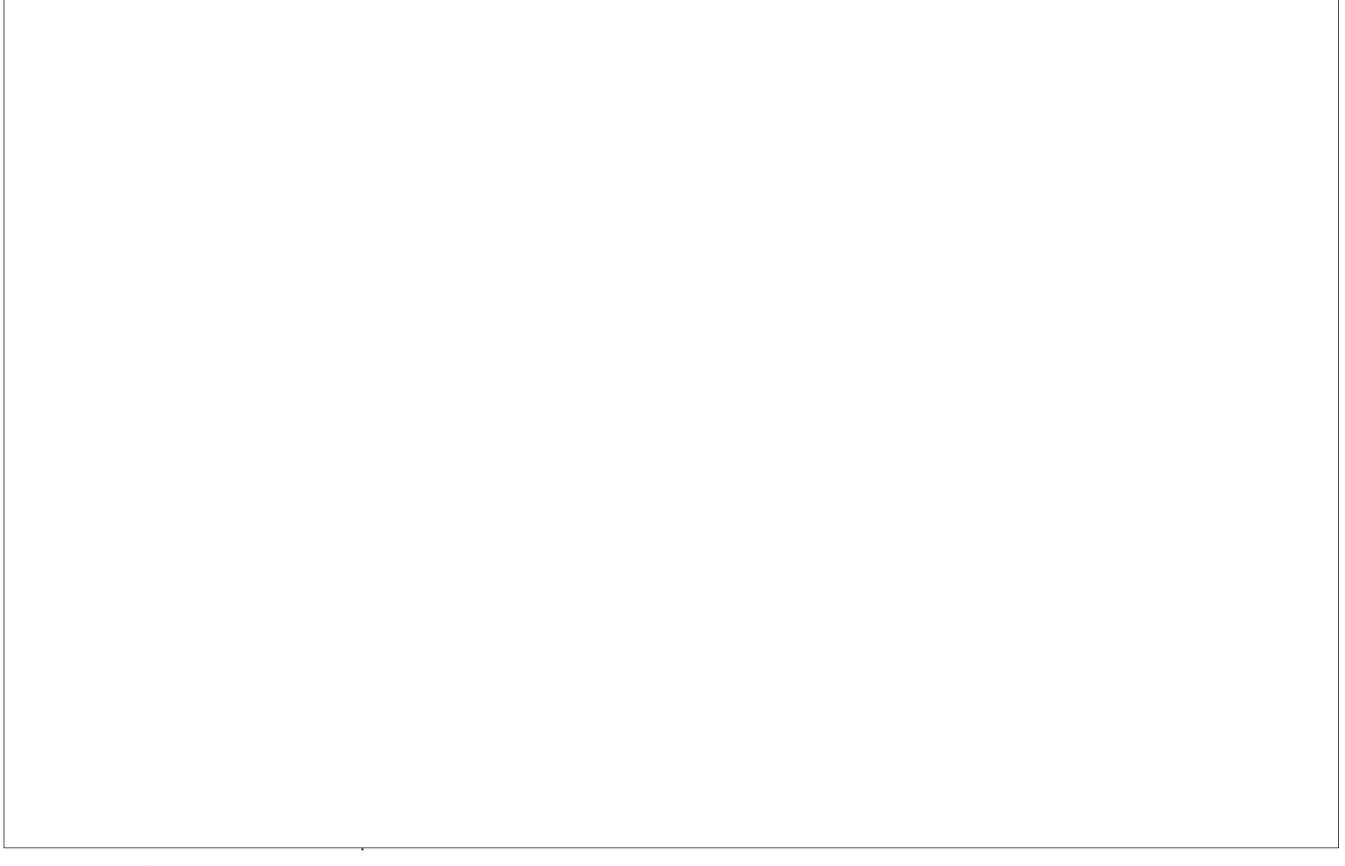
4. Iraq

a. Quiet returned to Baghdad yesterday after several days of resurgent Communist resistance.

b. The new regime is beginning in earnest to cast off close ties with the Bloc. Soviet projects now in progress will be completed, but the government intends to try to find other sources of assistance. Iraqi students in Eastern Europe are to be called home and a purge of far leftists in education and diplomatic posts is in the making.

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- B. Yemen The Yemenis have given Ethiopia one week to recognize them or get out. Addis Ababa is refusing to act under such pressure and has asked us to handle their interests in Yemen.
- C. Laos Souvanna has decided to quit the King's entourage in Moscow and return home. We are told he was deeply affected by news of the killing of Col. Ketsana, and he evidently feels (as do we) that the developing situation calls for his presence on the scene.

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18 FEBRUARY 1963
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1. Cuba

a.

counterrevolutionary plans to launch simultaneous attacks throughout Cuba

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b. The rumors are similar to those of a general uprising which had been planned three weeks ago.

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d. We doubt that insurgent groups are strong enough to stage the kind of attacks being rumored

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2. Venezuela

a. The Anzoategui anchored close off the Brazilian coast last evening

The vessel is some 300 miles from Belem.

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b. Minor terrorist acts continued through the weekend, but Caracas is relatively quiet with business as usual and major interest focusing on the fortunes of the pirated freighter.

3. Common Market

a. France may soon propose some kind of limited economic agreement between Britain and the Common Market.

b. The idea would be to soften opposition to De Gaulle's policies among the other five Market members and at the same time keep to a minimum Britain's political influence on the continent.

c. De Gaulle is no doubt aware that the US has opposed any such preferential arrangement for the UK unless it were tied to moves for furthering the political integration of Europe.

4. Laos

- a. Souvanna's thought of returning to Vientiane proved short-lived. He is said to have received "reassuring" word from home.
- b. We cannot imagine what this "reassuring" word could have been. Kong Le's lieutenants in the Plaine des Jarres this weekend left visiting journalists with the impression that tensions between neutralists and leftists there were reaching serious proportions.
- c. There has been no fighting yet, but the Pathet Lao are said to have withdrawn to prepared positions surrounding the Plaine des Jarres. There has been no contact between the Pathet Lao and neutralists since Col. Ketsana's assassination.
- d. The uneasy situation is filling Vientiane with reports of coup plotting by both rightists and leftists.

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5. South Korea

- a. Chairman Pak has tried another gambit to ease the still sticky political situation.

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b. Following a long talk with Ambassador Berger he issued a ten-point statement calling on all Korean politicos to acknowledge the legitimacy of the revolutionary regime and its principles, to support a popularly elected government and political neutrality of the military, and to "cease old-fashioned fighting and engage in gentlemanly competition" for the nation's trust.

c. If Korea's political leaders accept within the week, Pak declared, he would retire from politics after a newly-elected civilian government is formed. Elections for this, "shall be postponed until after May".

6. Disarmament Talks

a. The Soviets are trying every way they can to convince conference delegates at Geneva that Moscow has gone as far as it can go toward meeting our terms for a test ban.

b. Kuznetsov told Foster yesterday that Khrushchev had had a tough time selling Moscow on the principle of on-site inspection and on two or three inspections annually. He had to defend the President against the charge that the US was trying to take advantage of Soviet concessions in the Cuban case by "cheap bargaining" for further Soviet moves.

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c. Under these circumstances, he said, our adherence to a greater number of inspections raised grave doubts in the Soviet view about the prospect for the negotiations.

d. Our delegation advises that if we bring up the matter of B-47-Badger destruction, we do so privately with the Soviets at this stage. Otherwise it might be interpreted as a counter-offer to their declaration against stationing of strategic delivery vehicles abroad. This declaration is viewed by the delegates as propaganda which requires no response.

NOTES

- A. Philippines-US Macapagal told the press yesterday he would be inviting the President to come to the Philippines for a first-hand look at the situation in southeast Asia.
- B. USSR The head of the Soviet State Committee on Radio and Television expressed regret at the decision to close down NBC's offices in Moscow. He said he thought it was a mistake and that the ban would not last long.

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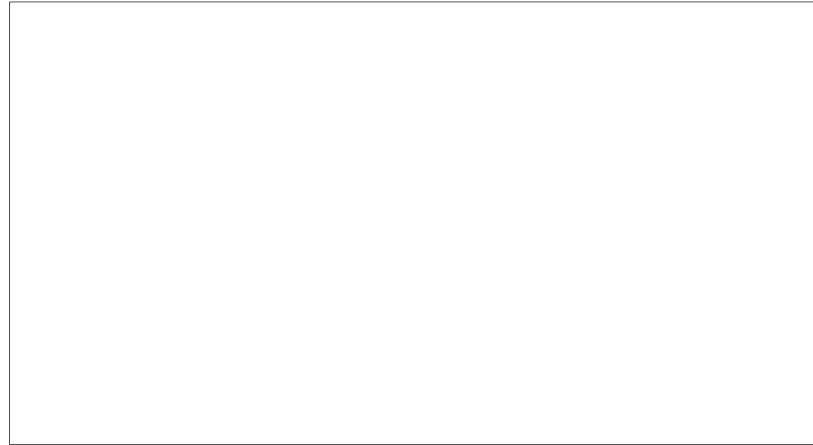
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1. Cuba



c. [redacted]

[redacted] supporters
and opponents of the regime alike
seem to have concluded that it is
likely to survive. Opponents appear
to accept it as a fact of life;
Cuban leaders give an impression of
complete confidence and--including
Castro--take only the most rudimentary
precautions for their own security.

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2. Haiti

a. Anti-regime activity by students last week has touched off a new wave of repression by the Duvalier government

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[redacted] there is a chance the students will go on strike.

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c. This could spark major civil disorders.

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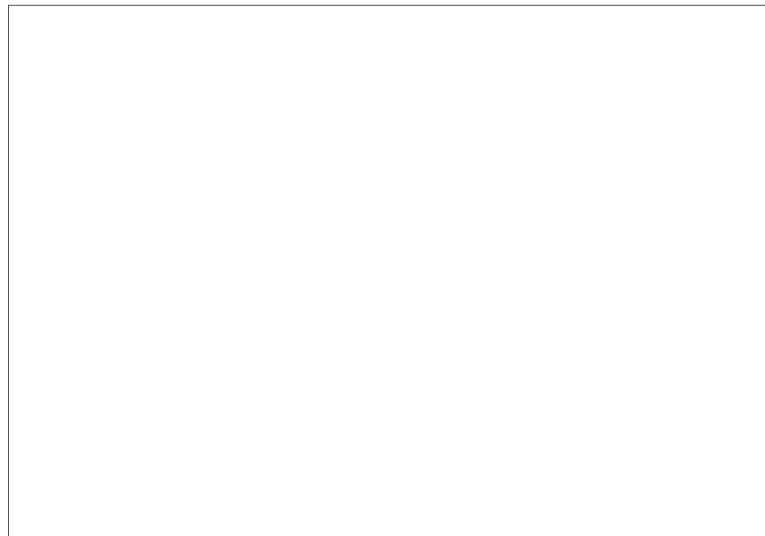
3. Indonesia

a. Djakarta is stepping up its efforts to sell its position on the Malaysian Federation.

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4. Saudi Arabia



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- B. Sino-Indian Border Ghana may be tempted to try its hand at solving the Sino-Indian border dispute. [Redacted Box]

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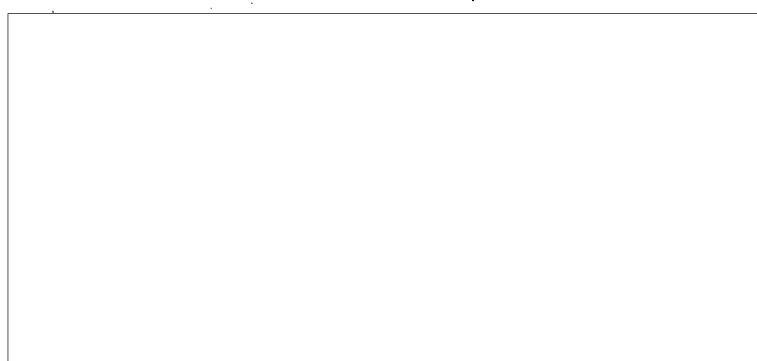
1. Soviet forces
in Cuba

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[redacted] preparations for the withdrawal of Soviet military elements.

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c.

[redacted] several hundred Soviets were seen moving into the port area a week ago today, prior to the departure of the Soviet passenger ship Baltika.

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2. Cuba

a.

[redacted]
[redacted] the Soviets were training Cubans in the operation of the SAMs [redacted]

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b. It would take many months, up to a year from the starting point, for the Cubans to learn to handle the SAM system.

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3. Venezuela

a. Betancourt's extremist enemies, having failed to block his departure for the US, are now considering new terrorist projects to greet his return on 28 February.

b. Oil installations and US business firms are again at the top of the target list. The Communists also plan to cut off electric power in the capital and nearby Maiquetia Airport when Betancourt puts down there.

c. US officials in Caracas believe that the Betancourt government has surmounted the immediate threat, but must still put down the terrorists if it is going to create a good climate for elections late this year.

4. Dominican Republic

a. Bosch's actions on returning to his country from two months abroad are disquieting.

b. His first public words, described by our Embassy as "disappointingly demagogic," included an attack on "vested interests" and a statement of approval for a draft constitution which has frightened business and propertied classes.

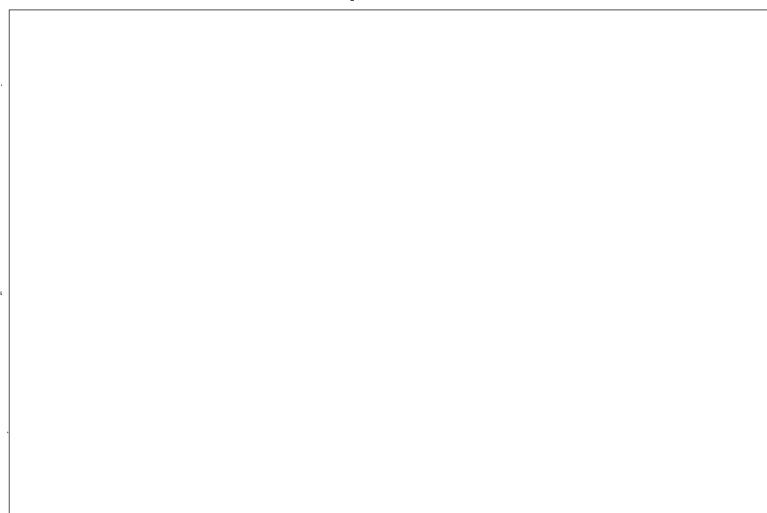
c. He is, moreover, talking in overwrought tones of an immediate showdown with ambitious Antonio Imbert, one of Trujillo's slayers, who happens now to command Bosch's security guard.

d. Bosch, calling Ambassador Martin to a secret meeting on Sunday evening, had little but Imbert on his mind. "I am his captive," he declared, "It is he or I. There are only three solutions--he must be killed, put in jail, or deported."

e. Martin has been asked to inform Bosch that the US favors the peaceful removal of Imbert.

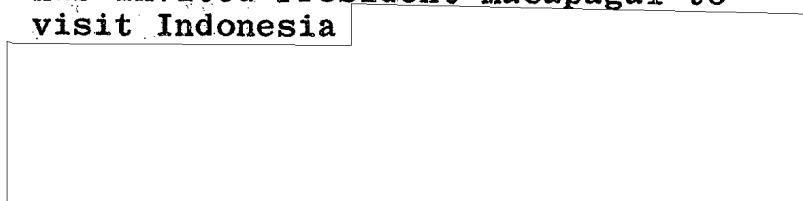
5. Indonesia-Malaysia

a. The Indonesians are working in several directions to prevent the birth of the Malaysian Federation.



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d. Djakarta is wooing the Philippines assiduously. Sukarno has invited President Macapagal to visit Indonesia



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6. East Germany

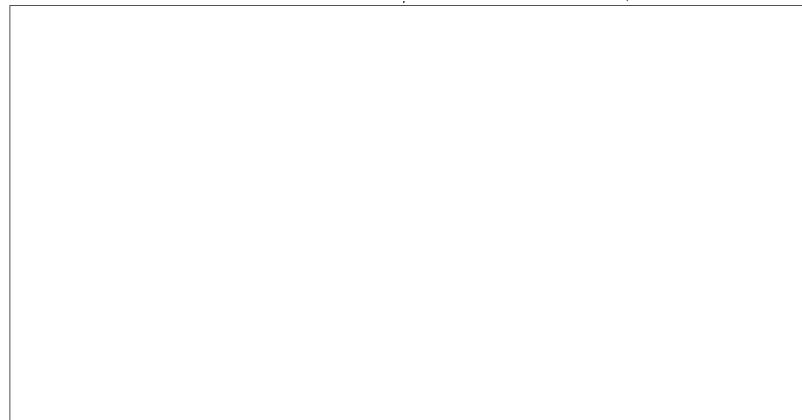


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- A. Nationalist China The Chinese are trying to charter a special aircraft for a flight to Saigon on 4 March. The matter is being treated with "urgency and secrecy." Our Embassy in Taipei suspects that either Chiang Kai-shek or Madame Chiang is to be a passenger on a mission connected with return-to-the-mainland plans.
- B. UAR - Saudi Arabia Another Egyptian bombing raid on the Saudi border village of Najran was carried out on Sunday.

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- D. Balkans Khrushchev met in Moscow yesterday with Bulgarian party chief Zhivkov amidst signs a Balkan "peace offensive" is about to be unwrapped.

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- E. Iraq-USSR The Soviet ambassador's diplomatic colleagues in Baghdad describe him as depressed and confused. They predict an early end to his tour in Baghdad. Two Western Ambassadors, waiting in an anteroom when the Soviet saw the Iraqi foreign minister on Monday, report that there was shouting by both parties.

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21 FEBRUARY 1963
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1. Cuba

- a. Castro will be giving two speeches this weekend. The first of these will be tomorrow to a group of party leaders--his first address to the party since last spring's Escalante affair.
- b. We might get some clues from it regarding the impending formal organization of the United Party of the Socialist Revolution--ultimate successor to Castro's present Integrated Revolutionary Organizations (ORI).
- c. Another trapping which will mark Cuba's emergence as a full-blown Communist state will be the adoption throughout Cuba on 1 April of the "socialist emulation" movement in all enterprises. This is the conspicuously unsuccessful Soviet system of wages, norms, and work incentives.
- d. There are signs that a purge of Moscow-oriented, old-line Communists such as Blas Roca, Lazar Pena and Carlos Raphael Rodriguez may be in the making, and Castro may have something to say on the score.

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e. [redacted]

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[redacted] the purpose of the conference of Cuban ambassadors to Western Europe which was held in Havana last month, was to set up a program for recruitment of engineers, technicians, doctors, and skilled workers to improve the economy and at the same time reduce reliance on Soviet bloc technicians.

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f. The ambassadors also were told not to lean so heavily on their Soviet counterparts at their posts abroad.

g. A Soviet TU-114 arrived in Havana late yesterday direct from Moscow.

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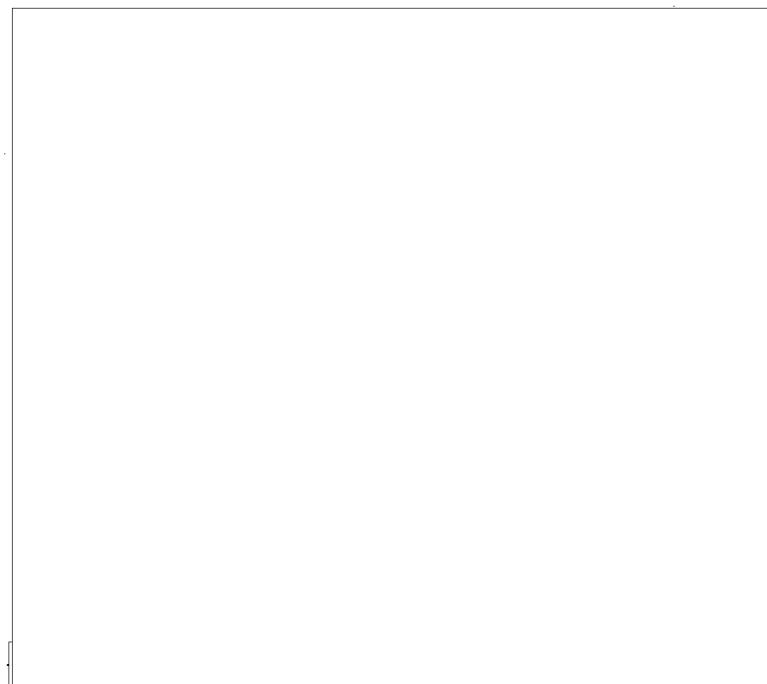
We do not know who might be aboard,

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h. The Communist clandestine radio for Italy (we believe it is near Prague) is tying our announcement last week concerning the withdrawal of some US personnel from Europe to Khrushchev's statement about withdrawal of Soviet troops from Cuba. It says ours was a quid for the Moscow's quo.

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2. Laos

a. The Pathet Lao apparently cannot tell the difference between a US C-47 and a Soviet LI-2. Soviets [redacted] are being fired at, too.

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b. The Pathet Lao are allowing Kong Le to send convoys into North Vietnam to pick up supplies, but, on the return trip, the Vietnamese seize travel and border-crossing orders, hijack the trucks and turn the supplies over to the Pathet Lao.

c. Kong Le's repeated complaints the Pathet Lao are trying to starve him out have been to no avail.

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3. Togo

a. Togolese refugees have abandoned plans for an early coup and, instead, plan to set up a government-in-exile in Nigeria

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b. Grunitsky's government has been accorded de jure recognition by only three states so far: Ghana, Senegal and Lebanon. Other states in the area hope that in isolating Togo diplomatically they can somehow bring about a favorable solution to internal problems there. Their inaction, however, is making it easier for Ghana to extend its influence in Lome.

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4. Yemen

- a. The British say the Yemenis have occupied a village in Aden Protectorate territory, and London has asked us to tell them to get out forthwith. Otherwise they will be forced out.
- b. The border in this area is poorly marked and the incursion may have been accidental. However, the Yemenis remain convinced royalist tribes are receiving aid infiltrated across the border in this area and they are intent on stopping it.

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5. East Europe

- a. Harsh weather this winter has been particularly troublesome for the vulnerable economies of Eastern Europe.
- b. Industrial output has been set back and some plans for the year may not be accomplished.
- c. There is, furthermore, the threat of disastrous floods in several areas

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6. Yugoslavia-
West Germany

a. Belgrade plans next month
to begin to show open hostility to-
wards West Germany in a variety of
ways, [redacted]

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b. The Yugoslavs are fed up
with Bonn's refusal to discuss a
number of bilateral problems with
them.

7. Communist
China

a. Peiping has printed the
full text of Khrushchev's 12 December
"the paper tiger has nuclear teeth"
speech, with choice phrases in bold
type--a set up, it would seem, for
a countering blast in the next few
days.

b. Communist Chinese [redacted]

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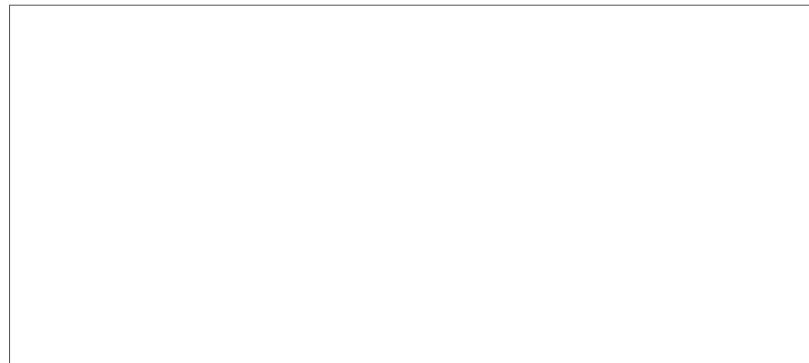
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orientation briefings
on how Peiping views things. They
were told that China had passed the
worst of its economic difficulties
and is now in a better position to
step up pressure against the Western
world. The situation, they were
told, was particularly promising for
this in South Vietnam.

8. Common Market

a. A meeting of Communist party delegates from each of the Common Market countries (plus Britain) is slated for the first week in March in Brussels.



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c. Brussels will also be the scene (this weekend) of a Socialist international confab with top leaders from each of the West European (plus Britain) Socialist parties to work out common lines of action in the new European situation.

d. Spaak, who took the initiative in calling the meeting, hopes it will result in concerted resistance to De Gaulle's concepts of Europe based on nationalism.

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- A. Guatemala A group of rightist military officers plans to move against Ydigoras' regime [redacted]

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- C. West Berlin A Socialist-Free Democrat coalition will probably result from last weekend's elections in Berlin. Brandt's SPD does not want to govern alone despite the victory which we suppose Brandt will interpret as a mandate for his policy of exploratory contacts with the East. The Free Democrats would encourage him in such initiatives.

- D. Venezuela The Anzoategui will be returned to Venezuela by 36 of its 45 crew members. The pirates and some of the rest of the crew are being held incommunicado at the Belem naval base until the Brazilian government decides what is to be done with them.

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1. CUBA--MILITARY:

A. WE HAVE NO WORD YET ON WHAT THE BAIKAL, THE SOVIET
PASSENGER SHIP WHICH ARRIVED TUESDAY, BROUGHT OR IS TAKING OUT.

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THE SOVIET DIRECT FLIGHT

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TU-114 WHICH ARRIVED IN HAVANA ON WEDNESDAY WAS A SPECIAL FLIGHT,
POSSIBLY WITH VIP'S ABOARD.

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F. HAVANA PROPAGANDA DENIES THAT CUBAN PILOTS OPENED FIRE
ON THE SHRIMP BOAT IN WEDNESDAY'S INCIDENT.

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2. CUBA--ECONOMIC:

A. [redacted]

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THE SOVIETS BOUGHT FOUR OLD 10,000-TON LIBERTY SHIPS IN ITALY
IN JANUARY AND ARE DICKERING FOR THREE MORE [redacted] TO 50X1
HELP THE SOVIET MERCHANT FLEET "ASSURE SHIPMENTS FOR CUBA."

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B. [redacted]

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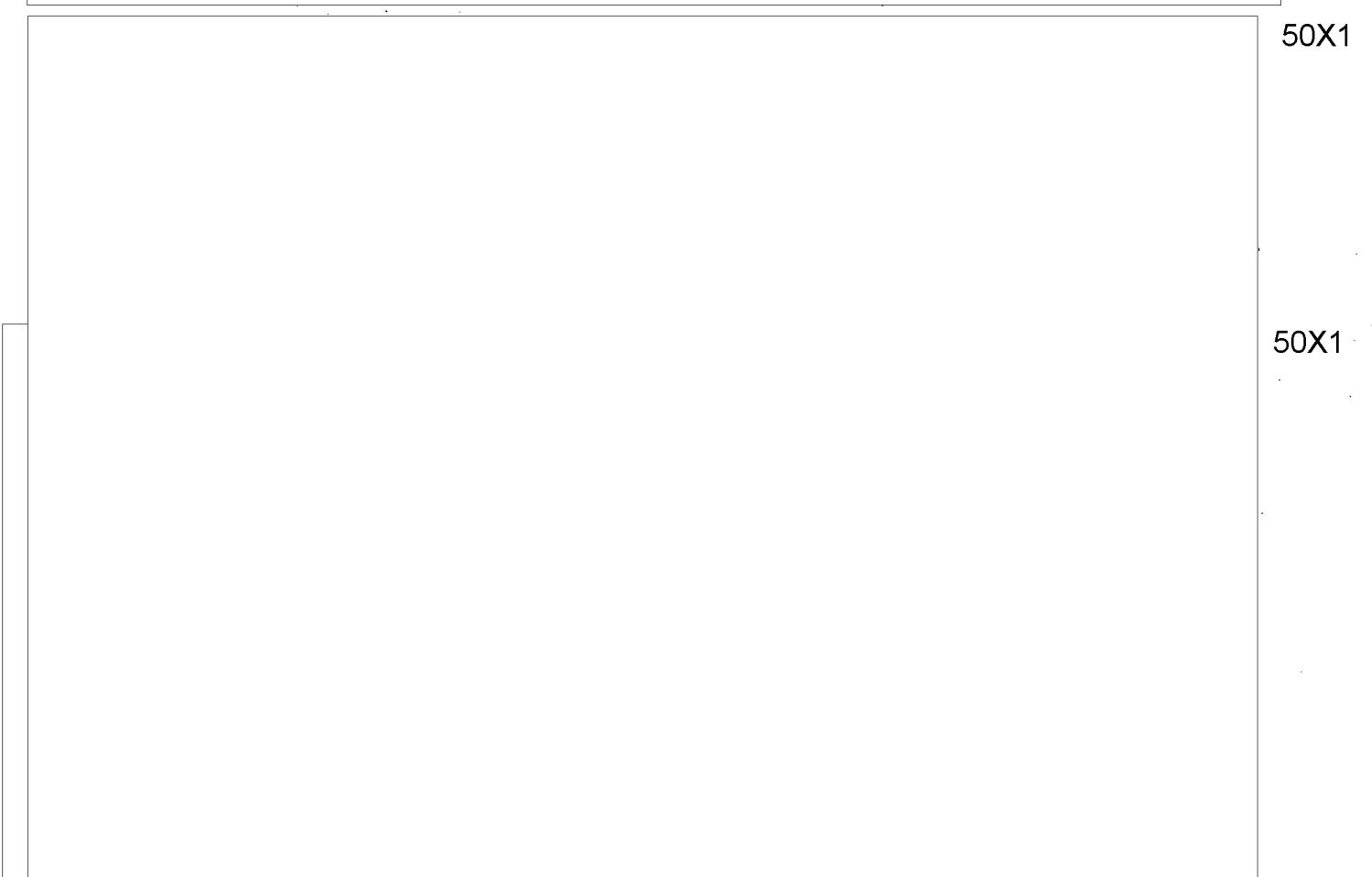
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YARDS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO KEEP PACE WITH DEMANDS, THE CUBA
RUN BEING THE LATEST. THE OLD LIBERTIES ARE A GOOD BUY AND THE
SOVIETS, WITH A LARGE NUMBER ALREADY, ARE FAMILIAR WITH THEM.
WE HAVE HEARD ELSEWHERE THAT THEY ARE DICKERING FOR A DOZEN OR
TWO IN THE LONDON MARKET.

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5. SPAIN:

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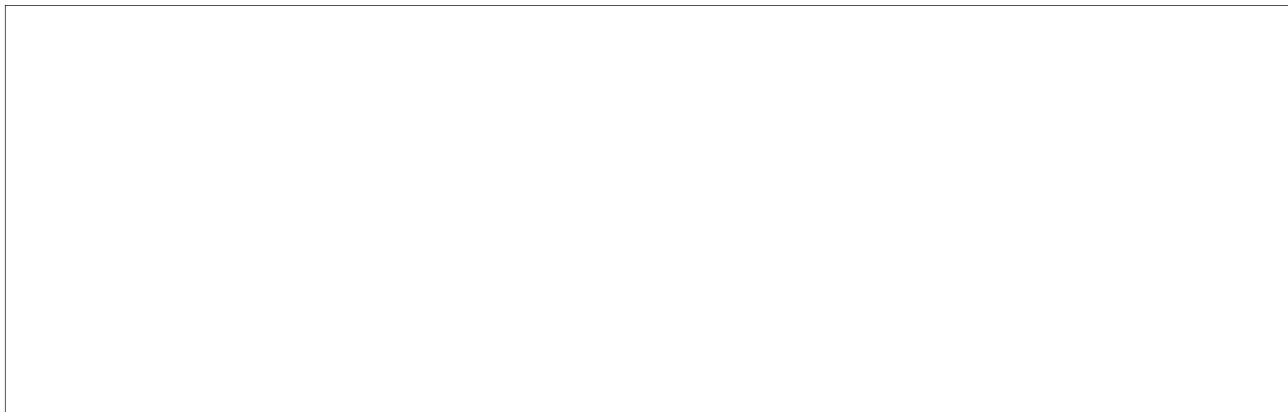
C. CIA PEOPLE IN MADRID THINK A 13 FEBRUARY PARIS HERALD-TRIBUNE ARTICLE WHICH QUOTED US OFFICIALS TO THE EFFECT SPAIN WAS OVERESTIMATING THE VALUE OF ITS BASES MAY HAVE BEEN PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PESSIMISM.

6. INDONESIA-MALAYSIA:

A. THE INDONESIAN COMMUNIST PARTY IS PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN INDONESIAN EFFORTS TO ABORT THE BIRTH OF THE MALAYSIAN FEDERATION.

B. VOLUNTEERS ENROLLED IN INDONESIAN WEST BORNEO FOR GUERRILLA WORK IN NORTH BORNEO ARE REPORTED TO BE DRAWN LARGELY FROM THE PARTY.

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7. USSR:

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A. FIRST DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE ROCKET FORCES TOLUBKO CLAIMED IN WEDNESDAY'S RED STAR THAT THE USSR NOW HAS MISSILES WHICH CAN DELIVER 100 MEGATON WARHEADS.

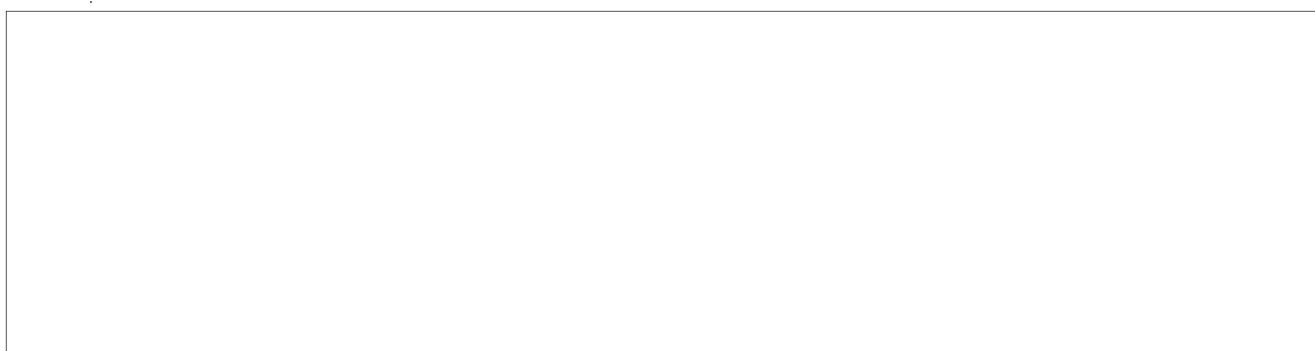
B. ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT BE DEAD CERTAIN, WE DOUBT THIS.

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C. TOLUBKO ALSO CLAIMED THE USSR HAS ANTI-MISSILE DEFENSE WEAPONS--IMPLYING AN OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY WITH A DEPLOYED SYSTEM.



E. MOSCOW IS POURING OUT A STREAM OF CLAIMS FOR MILITARY INVINCIBILITY TODAY; TOMORROW IS THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOVIET ARMY AND NAVY.

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8. NOTES:

A. BRAZIL-FRANCE: THE DISPUTE OVER FRENCH LOBSTER BOATS FISHING IN WATERS THE BRAZILIANS REGARD AS THEIRS (THE FRENCH SAY THE BOATS ARE FISHING AS FAR AS SIXTY MILES OUT) STILL REMAINS A WAR OF WORDS. GOULART IS UPSET BY FRENCH NOTIFICATION A WARSHIP WAS BEING SENT TO PROTECT THE LOBSTER BOATS AND HAS GIVEN ORDERS THAT HIS AMBASSADOR IN PARIS SEE DE GAULLE AND REQUEST THAT ANY SAILING ORDERS BE CANCELLED.

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B. COMMUNIST CHINA:

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THERE IS "ABSOLUTELY NO QUESTION" IN THE MINDS OF SOVIETS [REDACTED] THAT THE CHINESE CAN EXPLODE A NUCLEAR DEVICE--IN 1963. [REDACTED]

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C. USSR: WE MAY BE SEEING THE FIRST SIGNS OF PREPARATIONS FOR ANOTHER SPACE ATTEMPT, POSSIBLY A MANNED ONE.

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TRY COULD COME WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. [REDACTED]

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F. YUGOSLAVIA: TITO IS POSTPONING HIS VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA TILL LATE 1963 OR EARLY 1964. A YUGOSLAV OFFICIAL IMPLIED THAT TITO IS DELAYING ACCEPTANCE OF A CUBAN INVITATION IN THE HOPES OF GETTING A SETTLEMENT OF THE MOST-FAVORED-NATION ISSUE AND A US INVITATION.

G. EASTERN EUROPE: THE COMMUNIST IMAGE MAY SUFFER FURTHER DAMAGE IN AFRICAN EYES. AFRICAN STUDENTS IN BUCHAREST, ENCOUNTERING PROBLEMS SIMILAR TO THOSE EXPERIENCED IN SOFIA, ARE HOPING TO ORGANIZE A STUDENT UNION; AFRICAN STUDENTS IN MOSCOW ARE SAID TO BE "EXTREMELY" DISTURBED BY THE TROUBLES IN BULGARIA.

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I. URUGUAY: [REDACTED]

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STAGING A COUP UNLESS A WAVE OF STRIKES INTERRUPTING PUBLIC UTILITIES WAS DEALT WITH BY THE GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE SITUATION AS ONE OF VIRTUAL ANARCHY.

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THE PRESS LAST NIGHT, HOWEVER, REPORTED THAT TELEPHONE AND POWER PLANT WORKERS WERE GOING BACK ON THE JOB AND ANY COUP MAY HAVE BEEN AVERTED.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--23 FEBRUARY 1963**1. CUBA:**

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PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE PORT AREA BEFORE THE SHIP'S SAILING WAS NOT CLEAR ENOUGH TO DISTINGUISH THE NATURE OF DOCKSIDE ACTIVITY. PHOTOGRAPHY THROUGH LAST WEDNESDAY DOES NOT SHOW ANY EVIDENCE THAT SOVIET MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE LEAVING OR PREPARING TO LEAVE THEIR INSTALLATIONS.

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D. THE COAST GUARD IS CHECKING OUT A REPORT THAT ANOTHER US-OWNED FISHING VESSEL, THE ALACRAN, WAS BUZZED BY A JET IN WATERS BETWEEN THE WESTERN TIP OF CUBA AND THE YUCATAN PENINSULA ON WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY OF LAST WEEK.

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3. PANAMA:

A. PRESIDENT CHIARI SAYS HE WILL SOON DISPATCH A "VIGOROUS PLEA" TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY FOR A BIGGER FINANCIAL RETURN FROM

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THE OPERATION OF THE CANAL. CHIARI HOPES TO RECEIVE AN ANSWER AT THE SAN JOSE PRESIDENTS' MEETING.

B. CHIARI ALSO INDICATES THAT HE WILL URGE THE PRESIDENTS TO ADOPT SEVERAL SPECIFIC MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THE CUBAN PROBLEM

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4. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

A. [REDACTED] BOSCH [REDACTED] THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

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NOW SEES THE NEED FOR STEPS TO PLACATE BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL AND MILITARY ELEMENTS WHOSE ANGER HAS BEEN RISING OVER HIS ESPousal OF THE RADICAL DRAFT CONSTITUTION.

B. BOSCH PLANS TO ANNOUNCE

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[REDACTED] THAT THE PRESENT CONSTITUTION WILL REMAIN IN FORCE

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UNTIL A SATISFACTORY REPLACEMENT CAN BE PRODUCED.

C. [REDACTED]

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5. VENEZUELA:

A. COMMUNIST LEADERS HAVE RECONSIDERED PLANS TO ATTEMPT ANOTHER OUTBURST OF SABOTAGE AND VIOLENCE,

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[REDACTED] TO COINCIDE WITH PRESIDENT BETANCOURT'S RETURN.

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B. FEAR THAT THEY AND THEIR FAR-LEFT ALLIES WILL BE OUT-LAWED UNLESS THEY EASE OFF LAY BEHIND THE DECISION.

C. TENSION IN CARACAS HAS [REDACTED] DIMINISHED CONSID- 50X1
ERABLY. THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION HAS SHIFTED TO BETANCOURT'S US 50X1
TRIP, WHICH IS WIDELY VIEWED AS A SIGNAL SUCCESS.

6. CUBAN INSURGENCY:

A. CUBAN SECURITY FORCES ARE USING ARMOR AND HELICOPTERS AGAINST INSURGENTS ACTIVE IN LAS VILLAS AND CAMAGUEY PROVINCES

B. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GOVERNMENT FORCES ARE MEETING FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL RESISTANCE. 50X1

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7. NOTES:

A. PAKISTAN - COMMUNIST CHINA: THE PAKISTANI FOREIGN MINISTER HAS ANNOUNCED ABRUPTLY THAT HE WILL LEAVE FOR PEIPING TOMORROW TO SIGN A BORDER AGREEMENT WITH THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS. THE ACTION CASTS A SHADOW OVER THE KASHMIR DISCUSSIONS SCHEDULED TO RESUME IN CALCUTTA ON 12 MARCH.

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C. BERLIN: A SOVIET BUS CONVOY BOUND FOR THE SOVIET WAR MEMORIAL IN THE BRITISH SECTOR WAS TURNED BACK BY US MP'S THIS MORNING WHEN IT TRIED TO CROSS OVER AT CHECKPOINT CHARLIE. THE CONVOY EVENTUALLY REACHED ITS DESTINATION BY WAY OF THE SANDKRUG BRIDGE CROSSING WHICH THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN OBLIGED TO USE SINCE LATE LAST SUMMER.

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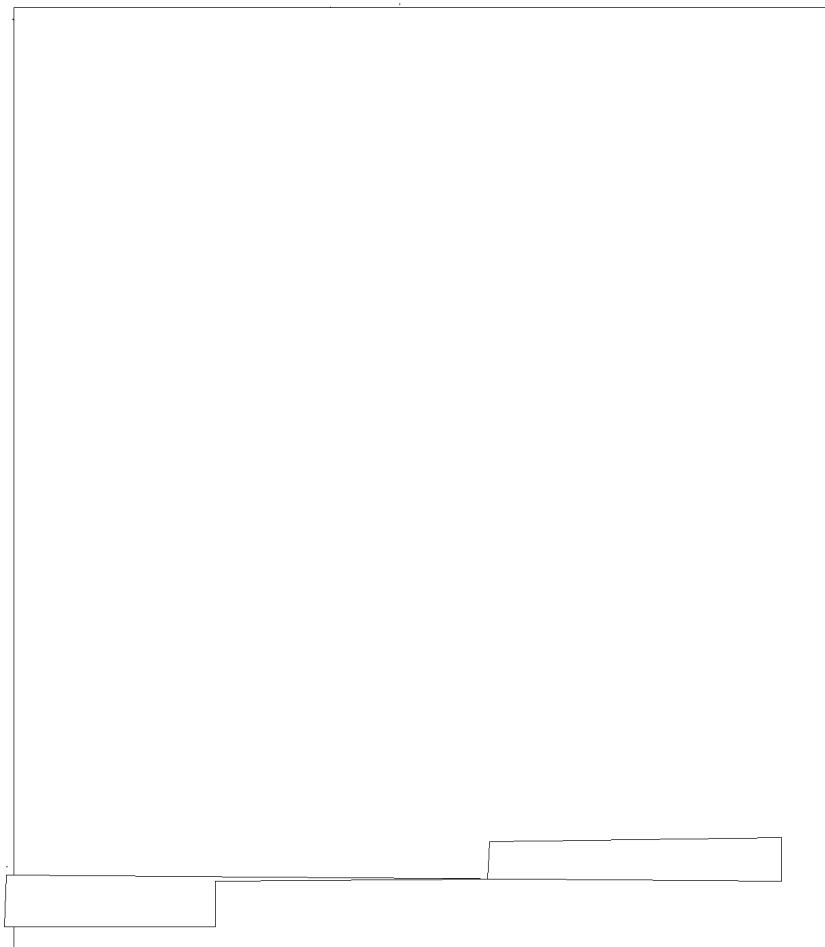
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1. Soviet forces
in Cuba

a. Low-level photography of
the outbound Baikal on Saturday
showed about 70 persons on the deck
of the Soviet passenger ship.



2. SAMs in Cuba

a. Castro has intimated--in his Friday night - Saturday morning speech--that he wants or expects Cubans to have a part in the handling of the SAM system.

b. The hint came in this rambling passage: "Right now we have a problem...an enormous quantity of equipment, magnificent equipment... without the technical personnel.... We need a good technician to manage a surface-to-air missile, but at the same time we take him out of school. No, it hurts to lose a good technician. What to do?"

3. Belgium-NATO

a. Spaak has put forward an idea which he feels would bring in substantial European support for a multilateral NATO force.

b. His proposal, still only schematic, is for the creation of a "European component" in a NATO multilateral force which would embrace Britain, Belgium, West Germany, Italy, and any other European nation which wants to take part.

c. The European component would apparently be parallel to a US component, but the relationship is not spelled out.

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d. Besides giving momentum to the MLF, Spaak reasons, the plan would also frustrate De Gaulle's efforts to exclude the British from a political role in Europe.

e. Despite his enthusiasm for early action on the MLF, Spaak has yet to sell his own government on Belgian participation. The Belgian Defense Minister is raising objections on both military and financial grounds.

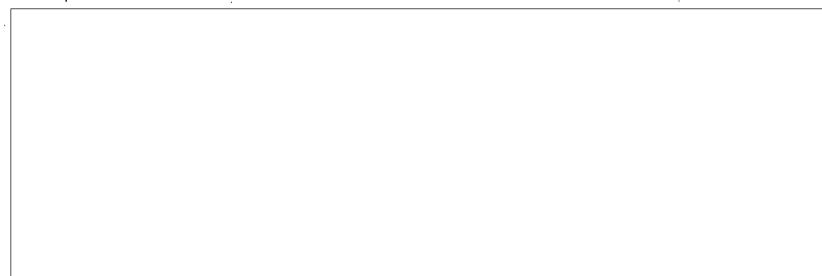
4. Yemen

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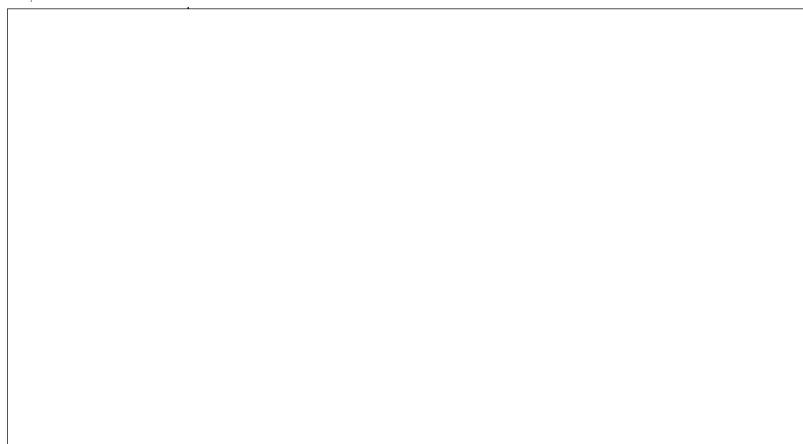


5. South Korea

a. Former security chief Kim
Chong-Pil

boarded a plane for Tokyo today. He begins what is being described as a 50-day tour as "ambassador-at-large."

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6. Uruguay

a. Troops moved into the struck electrical and telephone installations by the government have brought service back to about two-thirds of normal.

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b. The striking utilities union is Communist-controlled. However, the party, in a cautious mood, is working to choke off sentiment for a general strike in the Uruguayan Federation of Labor which it also dominates. Communist leaders reckon that broadening of the strike will bring an angry public reaction down on them, and invite stiff government countermeasures.

c. There is some unhappiness within the governing Council of State and among the military over the indecisiveness and economic ineptitude of the plural executive. However, discussion of a coup seems to be well short of the point of action.

7. Haiti

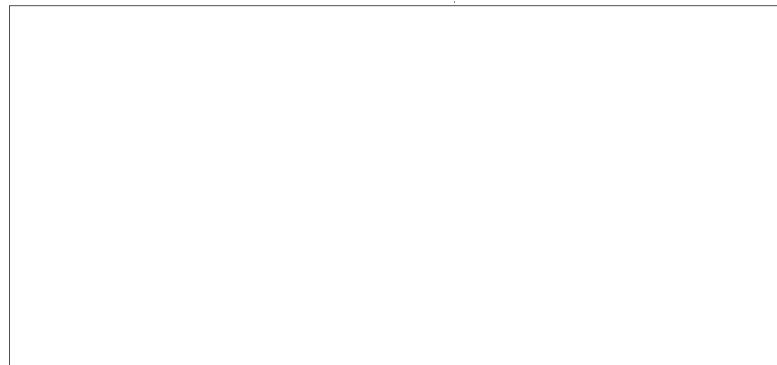
a. President Duvalier's grip is becoming increasingly uncertain.

b. Duvalier has security forces to deal handily with any show of dissidence, but there is mounting evidence of sullen defiance, especially from Haitian students.

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A. Dominican Republic Bosch called in the armed forces chiefs on Saturday to try to soothe fears that he is planning to reshuffle the military hierarchy. The US service attachés in Santo Domingo report that he seems to have made some headway.

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C. Somalia The demonstrations against our embassy in Mogadiscio yesterday were apparently a by-product of demonstrations against British support of Kenya in a border dispute with Somalia. The grievance against the US is actually unrelated: we supply arms to Somalia's traditional enemy Ethiopia. Press references to "4,000 troops in action" apparently derive from a long-planned British military exercise scheduled to begin tomorrow in the border area.

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D. Sino-Soviet Relations Mao Tse-tung met with the Soviet Ambassador in Peiping last Friday, the first time he has dealt directly with a Soviet official in several years. Although the brief formal announcement called the meeting cordial, it came at a time when the Chinese party press appeared to be preparing the way for a new step in the Sino-Soviet controversy.

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E. Indonesia-USSR Four Komar guided-missile patrol boats have been sighted on the deck of a Soviet ship bound for Indonesia. The Indonesians are scheduled to receive 12 of the Komars.

G. France-Brazil Paris has recalled the destroyer which had been dispatched to back French lobstermen off the Brazilian coast. However, a smaller warship is being sent in its place. The French seem intent on keeping the dispute within bounds but show no inclination to concede on the legal points at issue.

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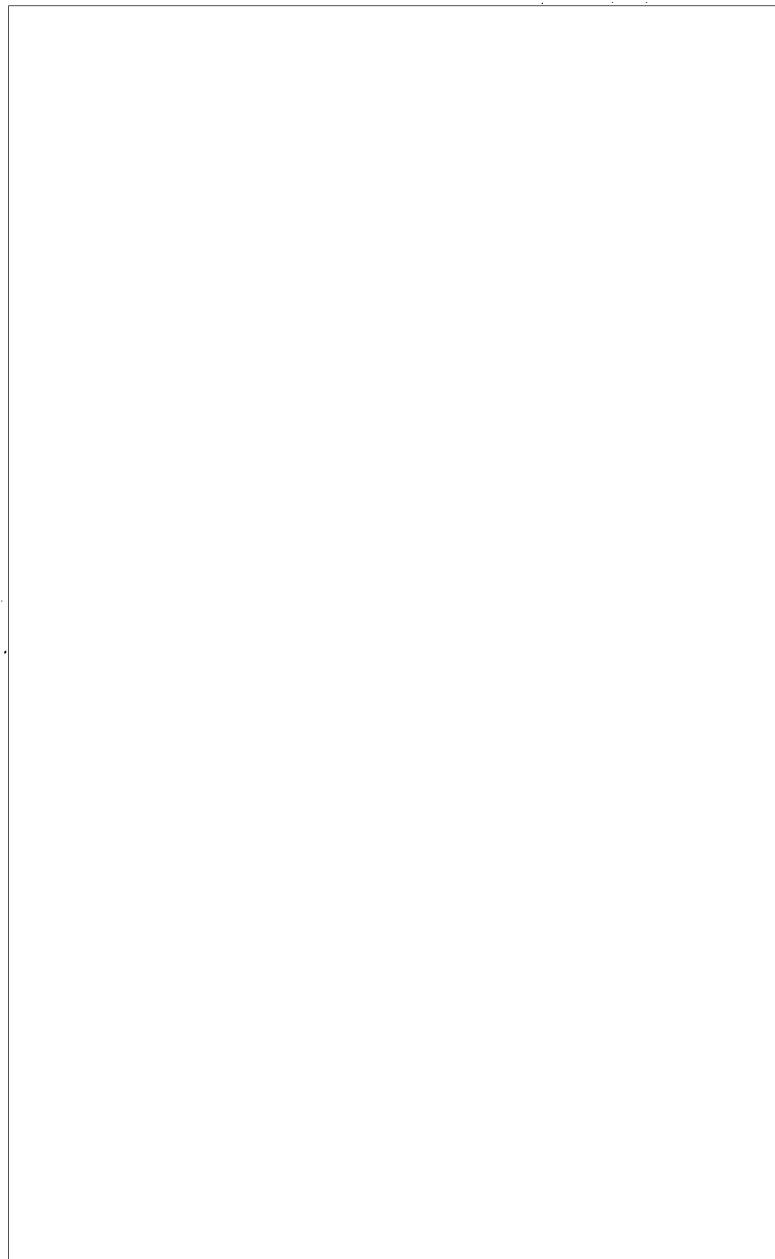
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1. Cuba



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g. Photography on Sunday showed two truck convoys parked in the southwest outskirts of Havana--one of 45 empty open-bed tractor trailers and 9 empty cargo trucks. The other convoy had 17 open-bed tractor trailers.

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2. Yemen

a. Sallal yesterday cut loose with another belligerent speech threatening to carry the war into Saudi Arabia. He said, among other things, "we shall break into Saudi Arabia...UAR leaders and military commanders among us...are pondering with us how to wipe out reaction and trample Saud and Husayn."

b. Nasir told Ambassador Badeau last weekend that UAR troops (he confirmed there were just over 20,000 of them) had, two weeks ago, embarked on a concerted campaign to sever major Saudi supply lines into Yemen.

c. He hopes to have the Saudis closed out entirely by mid-March.

d. Current UAR strategy is not to engage pro-Badr tribes directly, but rather to encircle them where possible and, by a combination of threats, cajolery and bribery, make them switch sides. This, he said, is proving effective.

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3. West Berlin

a. Willi Brandt has confirmed to our mission in Berlin that the Christian Democrats will become the opposition party in Berlin and that a coalition with the Free Democrats is in the works.

b. To ensure continued cooperation of all on vital issues, Brandt plans to set up a consultative body made up of leaders of all three Berlin parties.

c. Brandt said Adenauer put considerable pressure on the Berlin Christian Democratic faction to rejoin the coalition, but they would have none of it--a decision which does not pain him.

4. Brazil

a. Ambassador Gordon notes that Brazilian military officers friendly to the US are being gradually eased out of good jobs. The result has been a tendency for those without strong feelings in the matter to lean to the left in order to get promoted.

b. Pro-US Minister of War Kruel is still on the job and has strong backing in the officer corps, but his support will be eroded if the present trend continues.

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- A. Yugoslavia-Venezuela Yugoslav officials are now telling the Venezuelans that Tito would accept an invitation for a visit which, if offered, would preclude a stop in Cuba. We understand his Latin American tour will take place in September and that he definitely will not be visiting Cuba.
- B. Britain Harold Wilson is fishing for an excuse (such as a speaking engagement) to visit the US (specifically Washington, Secretary Rusk and the President) before his mid-April official visit to the USSR.
- C. Ghana Nkrumah's press is again having at us, pasting us with just about everything bad it can think of.

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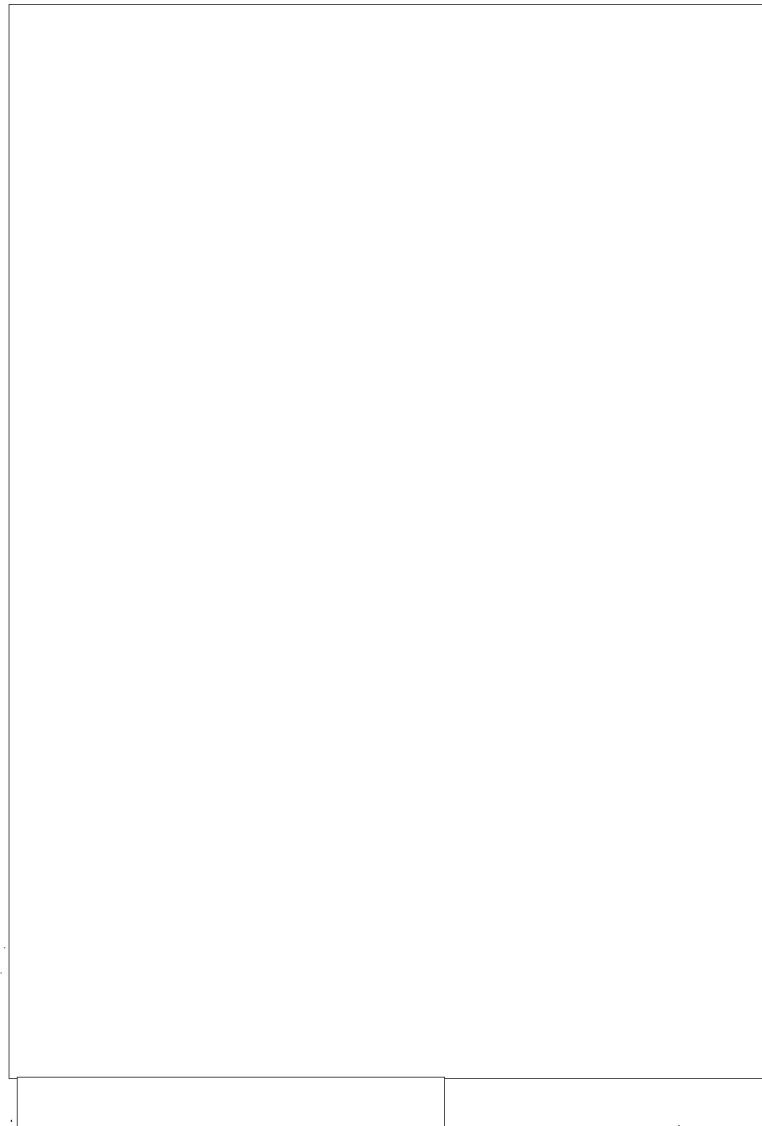
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1. USSR-Cuba



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2. Cuba-Military

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b. Preliminary readout of Monday's high altitude photography reveals no significant discernible change in the disposition of Soviet military equipment. Information from yesterday's missions is not yet available.

3. Yemen

a. Yesterday, British artillery opened up on the Yemeni detachment which had moved across the border into the Aden Federation.

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The Yemenis [redacted] have lodged a complaint with the UN.

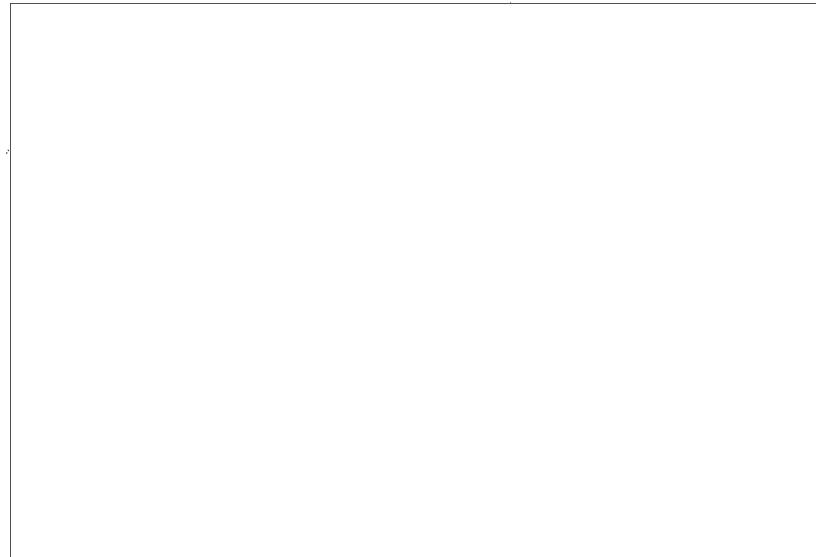
b. The London Daily Telegraph says the UAR recently agreed to an Iraqi proposal that Iraq send troops and aircraft to Yemen. We have no solid word on this,

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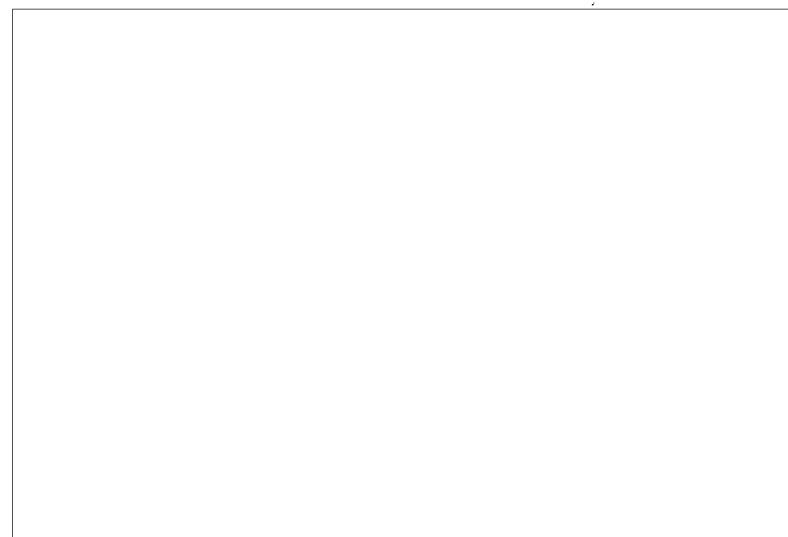
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4. Laos

a. Kong Le is still having trouble coping with the Pathet Lao.

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5. Iraq

a. Baghdad and Moscow continue to exchange recriminations.

b. Pravda, on Monday, warned Baghdad that repression of the Iraqi Communists serves only "the imperialists"; the same day Baghdad Radio said the USSR had been removed "from the list of states which can be depended upon."



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d. Nevertheless, Baghdad intends to honor economic agreements concluded with the bloc during Qasim's regime.

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- A. USSR-India The flow of Soviet aircraft to India
continues.

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- B. Burma Reaction is setting in to acceleration of the government's nationalization program and to the recent ouster of the moderate Aung Gyi, General Ne Win's former number-two man. Civilian opposition is not unified, but discontent and apprehension are widespread.

- C. Syria An extensive shake-up in the Syrian officer corps-- involving the transfer of a number of senior officers--

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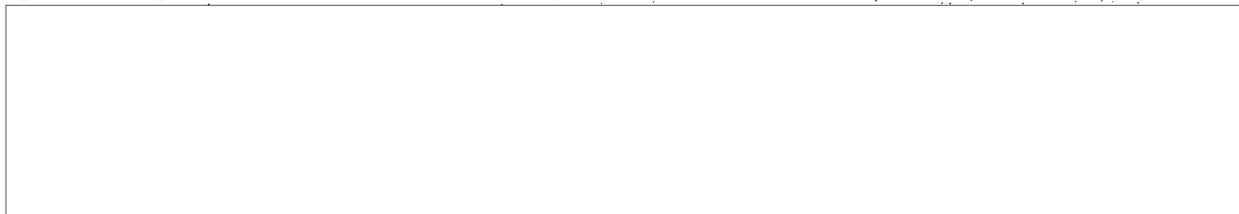
The shake-up has increased tension in the army and may precipitate another coup attempt.

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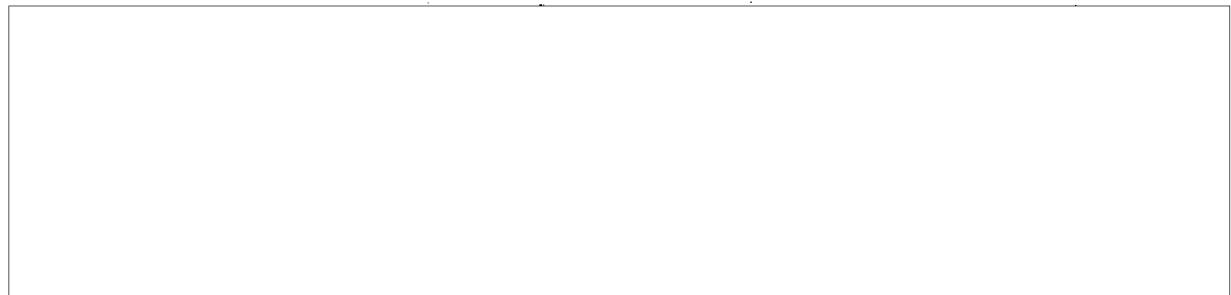
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F. Cuba Havana has denied a visa for NBC's Martin Agronsky. [redacted]

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H. Uruguay The government, still beset by the public utility strike, has declared a "limited state of siege." There is some chance this may lead the Communists to reverse their policy and support violent opposition in order to maintain their influence among leftist groups and the unions.

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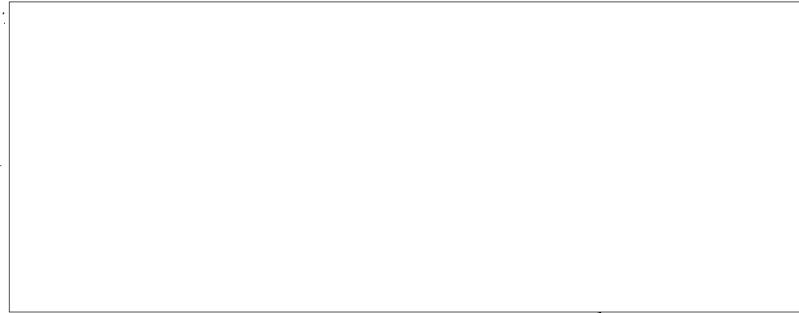
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1. Cuba

a. Monday's high-altitude photography showed about 85 trucks at one pier in Havana harbor and about 40 more at another. There is nothing to indicate what they were doing there. Monday's photography does not reveal whether the 70 empty trucks seen parked on the outskirts of Havana the day before were still there.

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2. Communist China

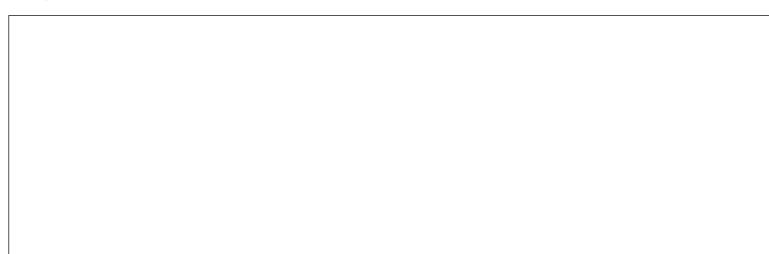
a. [redacted] impending military redeployment in the Foochow military district facing Taiwan. [redacted] more toward a withdrawal of units than to a buildup.

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a. President Betancourt says that Lopez Mateos registered surprise on hearing that third country nationals were travelling to Cuba by way of Mexico with visas stamped on pieces of paper separate from their passports, thereby preventing their governments from setting up controls.

b. Betancourt has promised to provide supporting evidence to Lopez Mateos. Mexico, said Lopez Mateos, does not want to be a transmission belt for travel to Cuba if it can be shown that this endangers Venezuela.

c. Betancourt asserts that if Mexico does not take the necessary steps, he will insist that his foreign office pass on any Venezuelan who wants to travel to Mexico.

4. Guatemala

a. Defense Minister Peralta may be about to align himself with rightist military officers bent on overthrowing the Ydigoras government. Their grievance is Ydigoras' tolerance of the presidential aspirations of Juan Jose Arevalo, who is anathema to the rightists.

b. In a move which could be related to the conspiracy, Guatemalan security forces were yesterday ordered to be alert against the danger of a leftist-Communist attempt to overthrow the government [redacted]
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5. Uruguay

a. The Uruguayan parliament yesterday approved the limited state of seige declared by the government in the face of the continuing utilities strike.

b. There is no word this morning of a reaction from the Communists who had resolved to call a general strike if the government acted as it has.

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B. Yemen Ralph Bunche plans to arrive in Yemen either today or tomorrow to begin a "fact finding" mission for U Thant.

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D. Philippines-US A Filipino Senator, who is considered a mouthpiece for President Macapagal, has accused President Kennedy from the Senate floor of not giving a fair hearing to the Philippines' position on Malaysia. Ambassador Stevenson sees this as a further sign that Macapagal is worried over US intentions toward the Philippines regarding not only Borneo but military assistance, economic aid, and trade policy as well.

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