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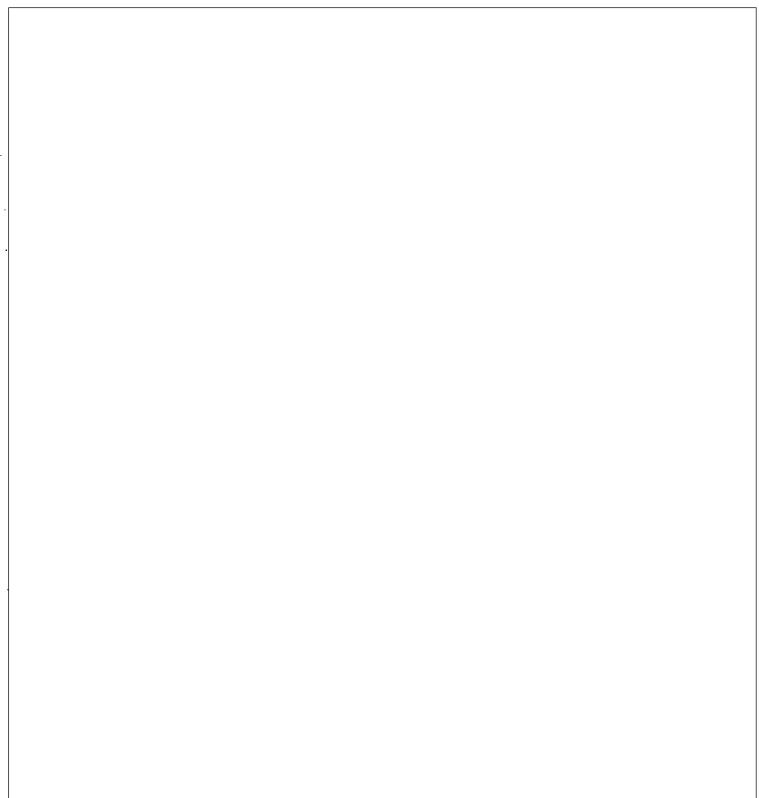
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1. Cyprus



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Ankara says that at first reading it finds U Thant's report on Cyprus "constructive." It will probably also welcome such indications as the positioning of permanent UN teams in the Kyrenia Mountains and the forceful disarming of a group of Greek Cypriots by an irate Swedish contingent.

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e. The Greeks are moving into their Easter weekend with an assurance from the government that "all necessary" measures have been taken to deal with the threat of Turkish intervention. [redacted]

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2. Tanganyika

a. His initial jubilation gone, Nyerere is now worrying about his new province of Zanzibar.

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b. The basic problem in his eyes is to convince the majority of Zanzibaris that the new union serves their interest. [redacted]

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c. [redacted]
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[redacted] The Tanganyikans expect May Day to bring large numbers of Communist representatives to the island for an all-out effort to recoup their fortunes.

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d. They are also somewhat nervous about the security implications of the fact that opponents of the union still have not been disarmed.

3. Cuba

a. Castro now proposes that the issue of US overflights be submitted to the International Court of Justice. He coupled this bid with renewed threats of action against US aircraft.

b. We doubt that the Cubans or the Soviets, who have been providing counterpoint for Castro, expect that the US will agree to submit the matter to adjudication.

c. Their aim of course is to increase the political costs of the overflights. Both appear confident that Cuba will be able to marshal a good measure of international sympathy over this.

d. In his keynote speech at the Moscow May Day parade, Malinovsky had nothing to say on this score. We expect Castro to have something to say on it later today, however.

4. Laos

a. Souvanna's rickety coalition is still hanging on, and yesterday he announced yet another "last attempt" to get it into working order.

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b. He announced he had agreed to meet with Souphanouvong at the latter's Khang Khay headquarters next Tuesday. The Pathet Lao leader refused to come to Kong Le's "unsafe" headquarters.

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d. In the present situation we are not even sure that the coup leaders, in physical control of Vientiane, will let Souvanna go to the scheduled meeting.

e. There is also talk of a coup. Ambassador Unger finds it hard to believe that Phoumi will take the reduction of his power lying down. One of his supporters has been criticizing Siho and hinting that he could muster substantial military support if need be.

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5. Indonesia-
Malaysia

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b. He says he cannot come because of uncertainties over a possible Maphilindo summit meeting, but Ambassador Jones suspects the real reason is that the Indonesian leader has no stomach for the unfavorable atmosphere he would face in the US just now.

c. Jones adds that the build-up in the anti-Malaysian campaign, ordered after the Tunku's "to hell with Sukarno" stand, may also have played a part.



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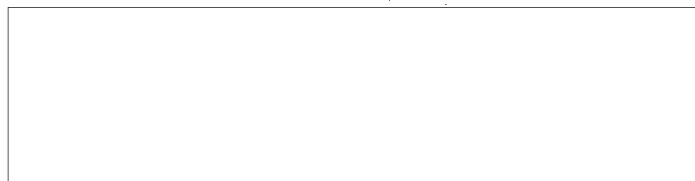
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unnamed Brazilian military leaders do not like the way Castello Branco is running the country.

b. [redacted] 50X1
these leaders think the President is giving too much rein to "the politicians." They intend to remind him that his first duty is to carry out the aims of the "revolution."

c. These military men may fear that political leaders like ex-President Kubitschek will be able to manipulate the President and regain power at their expense.

7. Italy

a. The storm clouds are beginning to gather around the Moro-Nenni government.



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[redacted] some Italians believe that a new crisis is building up, and that it could lead to violence.

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c. While the challenge just now is mainly from the right, there are also indications that the Nenni socialists are feeling very uncomfortable in the government because of the lack of progress toward agreed reforms.

NOTES

A. Mexico Lopez Mateos is concerned over the inroads being made by Communist agitators among the poor peasants of northern Mexico. There have been land invasions by peasants, and Diaz Ordaz, Mateos' heir apparent, was physically assaulted while campaigning in this area. Further disturbances are entirely possible before the 5 July elections, and there are [redacted] reports of arms being smuggled in to enable the leftists to exploit the situation.

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B. Jordan Waters Major testing of the Lake Tiberias pumping system is scheduled to begin early next week, and water may flow through the entire canal system in a few weeks.

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D. Communist China [redacted]

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[redacted] in Kwangtung Province
[redacted] the regime is encountering a good deal of opposition there. [redacted]

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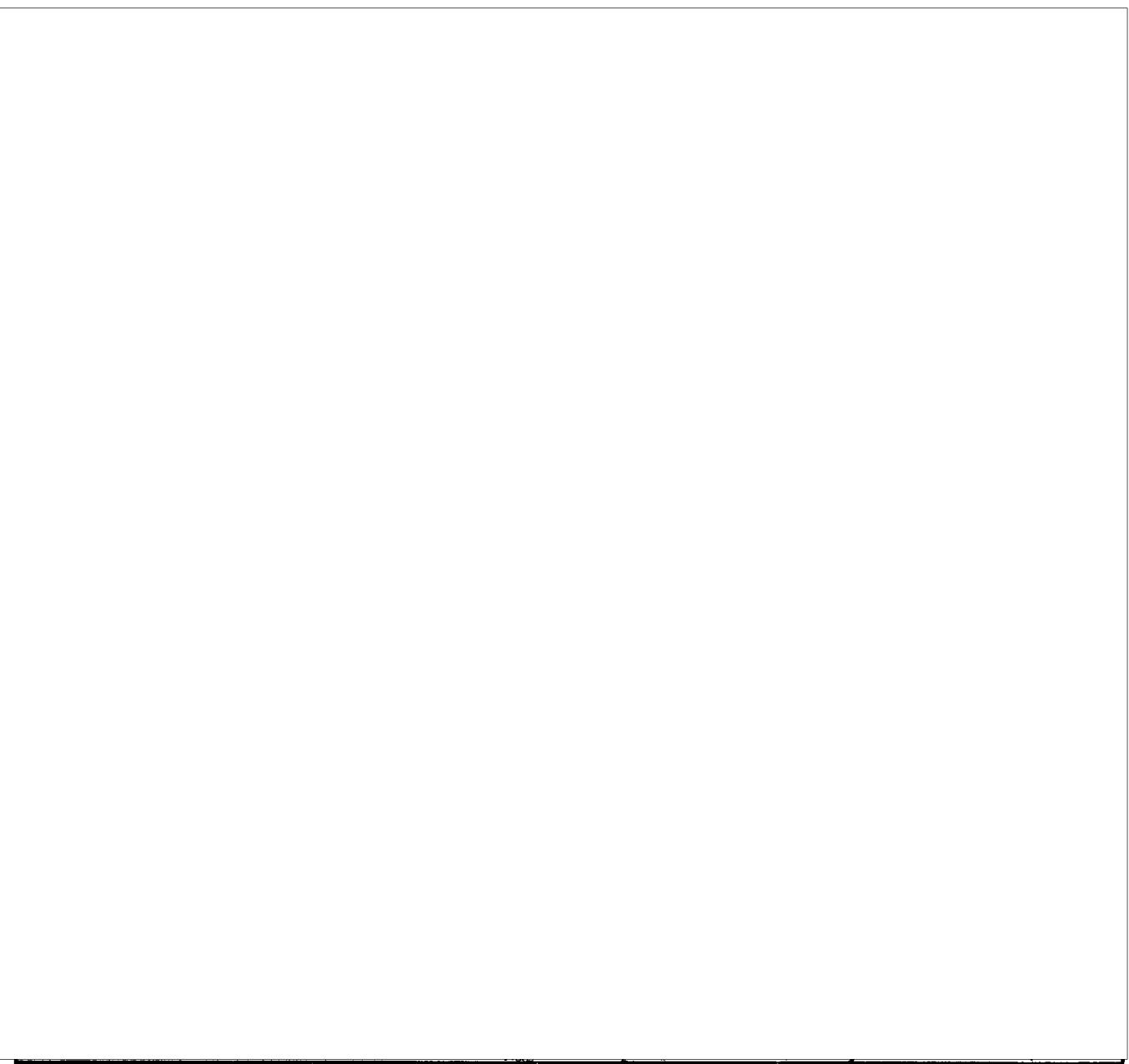
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- E. North Vietnam The North Vietnamese, worried as ever about the security of their seacoast, have been laying mines in Haiphong harbor and have instituted more patrols off the southern naval bases of Vinh and Dong Hoi. [redacted]
- F. Portugal Anti-Salazar organizations are said to have plans for a "maximum effort" today. Unless we are greatly mistaken, the Salazar security forces, already alerted, should be able to cope with this easily.

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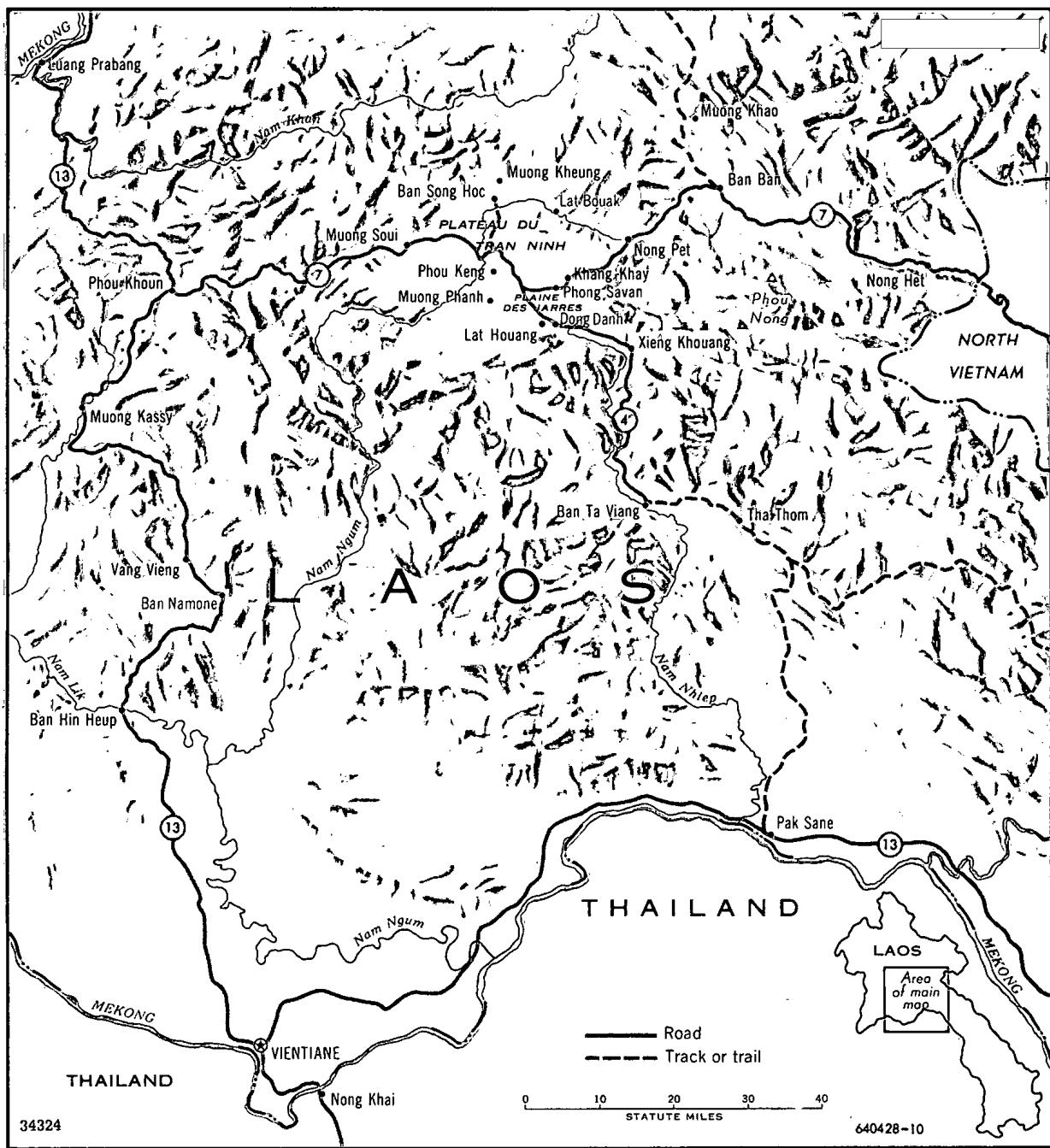


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Laos:

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Souphanouvong

[redacted] if the situation in Vientiane is not cleared up by 9 May, [redacted] will take the city by force and/or set up his own "legitimate" Laotian government.

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[redacted] Ambassador Unger reports that he finds it hard to believe that the general will sit back as his power is whittled away.

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Meanwhile, fighting in the Plaine des Jarres has quieted down. In other areas, the Pathet Lao forces appear to be taking advantage of the confusion in non-Communist ranks and are pressing attacks against rightist and neutralist units in the mountains east of the plain.

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Cyprus: Turkish military units, readied for action, appear to be standing by as Ankara assesses the UN's new "hard look" on Cyprus.

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[redacted] will probably welcome the new orders given to UN teams in the Kyrenia Mountains to return any Greek Cypriot fire on the local Turks. Ankara probably is also pleased at the show of toughness by a UN Swedish detachment which disarmed a group of Greek Cypriots on Thursday. Ankara has already commented that it found U Thant's recent report on Cyprus "constructive."

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no indications of an imminent Turkish move on Cyprus and commented that intervention appears unlikely.

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3. Cuba: Castro is working hard on gathering international sympathy against US overflights. His proposal for taking the issue to the International Court of Justice is a move in that direction. It is unlikely that the Cubans really expect US agreement on adjudication.

This proposal, Castro's threats to attack US reconnaissance aircraft, and his claim to be willing to negotiate with the US, are typical Communist tactics. They are probably designed to increase the political costs to the US of continuing the overflights and to encourage US willingness to consider a negotiated settlement of a whole range of US-Cuban issues.

4. Indonesia-Malaysia: Sukarno has postponed indefinitely his trip to the New York World's Fair, originally set for 16 May.

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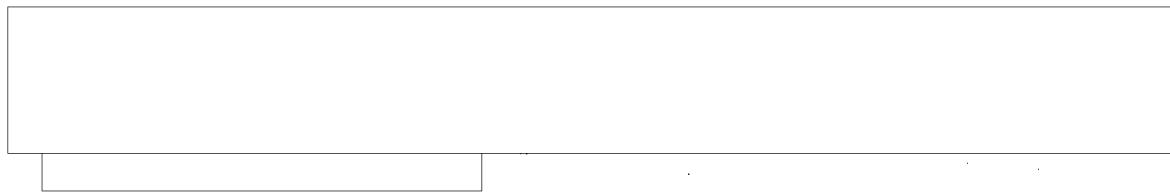
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5. Brazil: We have evidence that Castello Branco may have alienated some of Brazil's military leaders. These leaders are reported to feel that the President is giving too much leeway to the politicians and intend to remind him that his first duty is to carry out the aims of the revolution.
6. British Guiana: Jagan's People's Progressive Party is making a deliberate effort to arouse its East Indian supporters against both the Negro population and expatriate Britishers.

The Negro population is in turn talking openly of retaliation if there are any further provocations by the East Indians. In this setting, any minor racial incident could easily and quickly assume serious proportions.



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8. Saudi Arabia - UAR: The Saudi foreign minister has said that Faysal is not canceling his trip to Cairo, as had appeared to be the case earlier. He stated it is only being postponed for a month or so.

Nasir has been urging the meeting to settle Saudi-UAR differences over Yemen. Faysal may simply be stalling, waiting to see how Nasir's fortunes go in Yemen following the recent government reorganization.

9. Syria: The hard-pressed regime in Damascus has had to turn to drastic measures to break the shopkeeper's strike. Henceforth any shop which stays shut is to be confiscated. This does nothing to placate the opposition which is now close to spontaneous combustion.

10. Bolivia: Tin miners loyal to leftist Vice President Lechin are again stirring up trouble for the government.

They clashed last weekend with progovernment miners and were urged on by a fierce speech delivered by Lechin. Lechin, who is having difficulty getting any but Communist support for his presidential candidacy in the 31 May elections, may be ready to turn to armed violence.

11. Congo: Bands of terrorists, calling themselves "Mulelists," are active in Kwilu Province near the Burundi border. They may force the commitment of additional units of the Congolese Army, already hard pressed by the Mulele rebellion in Kwilu and disturbances elsewhere.

12. Italy: The Moro-Nenni government appears to be in for hard times. It has never really gotten moving, and some Italians are reported to believe a crisis, possibly leading to violence, is in the offing. Trouble now appears most likely to come from the right, but the Nenni socialists are also becoming uneasy over the government's lack of progress on agreed reforms.

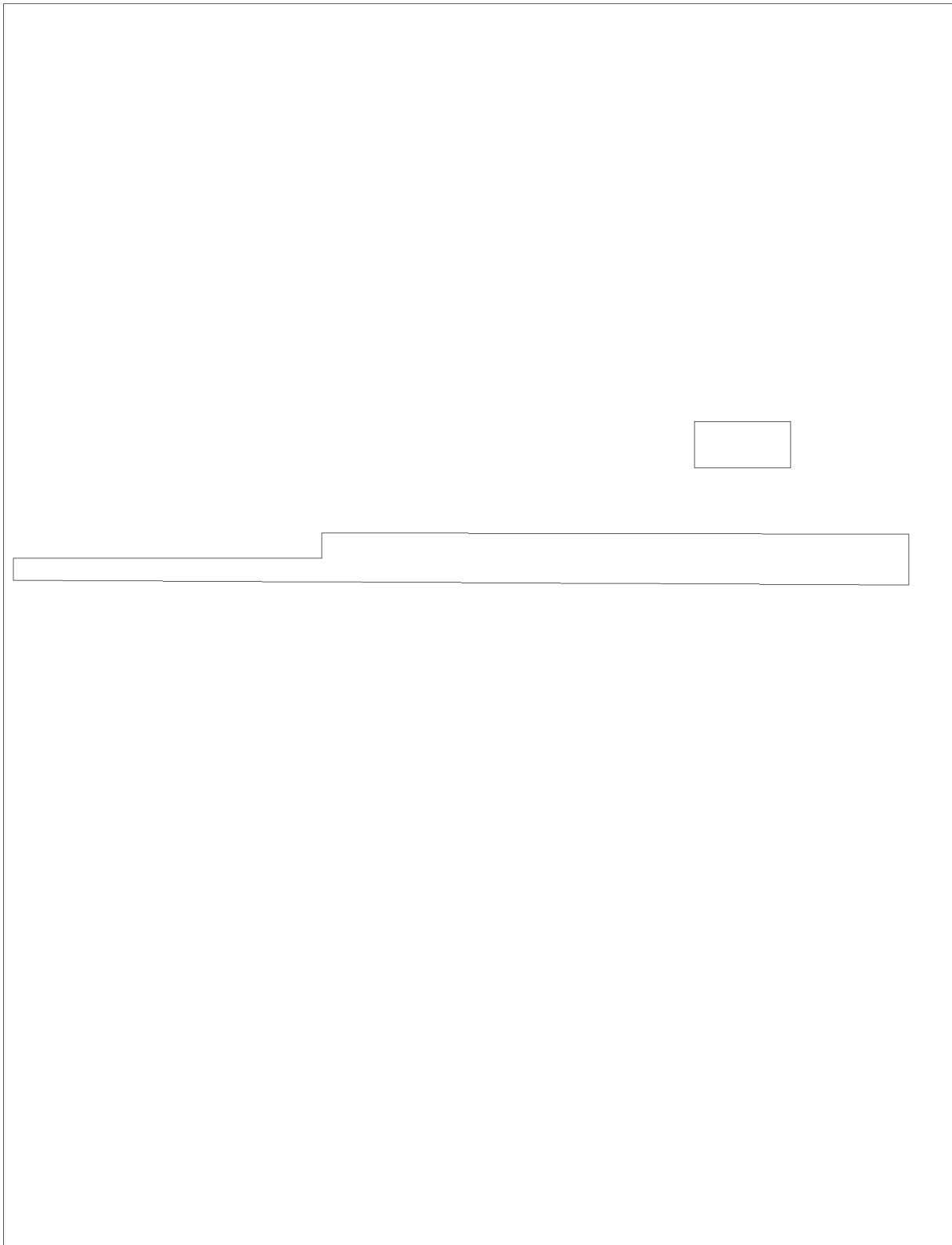
13. Pakistan - Communist China: [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] General Mohammed Musa, Pakistani Army 50X1
Commander-in-Chief, has received an invitation to visit Communist China. President Ayub will probably authorize the trip. Ayub accepted a similar invitation during Chou En-lai's February visit to Pakistan and is [redacted] considering going late this year. 50X1

14. Israel - Arab States: Further tests of Israel's Jordan River project are scheduled to begin early next week. They will involve the first actual diversion of small amounts of water from the Jordan basin. Progress on the water project has been slower than expected, and large-scale withdrawals of water probably will not be possible until much later this year.

The Arab states will denounce the tests as soon as they become known, but are likely to do little else.

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1. Laos

a. Souvanna now hopes to meet with Souphanouvong tomorrow.

b. He plans to assure Souphanouvong, as he said in a broadcast last night, that "all the rightists in the country have completely agreed to return power to me."

c. At present, the facts deny these brave words. The coup generals appear to retain effective control over the government.

d. General Siho still commands the military units in the capital, and stringent controls have been imposed on financial transactions, news media, and the movements of foreigners.

e. The military situation remains uneasy.

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2. Cyprus

a. The island is relatively calm at the moment.

b. Turkish Cypriots have agreed to a ceasefire in the Kyrenia mountain area where the Greek Cypriot offensive took place last weekend.

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c. Both the Greeks and Greek Cypriots seem to want to keep the situation quiet over the four-day Orthodox Easter weekend that began yesterday.

d. The danger of Turkish intervention seems to have receded, at least temporarily.

3. Congo

a. The Leopoldville government is urgently airlifting more troops into southeast Kivu Province after a terrorist attack on Congo Army forces there yesterday.

b. Casualties are reported to have been heavy, and Colonel Mulamba, commander of the 3rd Congo Army Group, and one of the Congo's most competent officers, is said to be missing.

c. The specific identity and objectives of the terrorists have not been established. [redacted]

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4. USSR-India

a. The USSR has offered to help India build the first stage of the Bokaro steel plant.

b. The Indian steel minister, who announced this to Parliament yesterday, said a team of Soviet experts will visit India soon to work out details.

c. New Delhi has also been seeking funds for this project in the West and in Japan.

d. The Soviets have assisted with another steel plant at Bhilai with an expenditure of over \$200 million, more than one fourth of the \$800 million in economic aid which the USSR has made available to India since 1955.

NOTES

- A. USSR-Egypt Khrushchev will arrive in Cairo next Saturday
He will depart from Odessa on Wednesday for a leisurely boat trip.
- B. Rumania-US A Rumanian Government industrial and commercial delegation hopes to begin talks in Washington next Friday. Included in its shopping list are rubber plants, chemical and synthetics factories, several oil industry plants, a nuclear power station, and a glass factory.
- C. Communist China Prospects for the winter wheat crop are not bright. The crop, plagued with unseasonal cold and excessive moisture, is now threatened by an infestation of rust, which the Chinese are ill-equipped to handle. At present, Chinese grain purchases abroad are running at about the same rate as last year's record level.
- D. UK The latest Gallup Poll shows a further decline in the popularity of the Conservative Party. Labor is now 13.5 percent ahead.
- E. Cuba Castro devoted about a fifth of his May Day speech to the issue of US overflights. He stressed Cuba's determination to bring about an end to the flights by violence if necessary, but stressed even more his regime's determination to exhaust every peaceful means before taking action against them.

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1. Cyprus

a. Tuomioja is still exploring various compromise solutions following his round of Ankara, Athens, and London.



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c. [redacted] he favors continuation of a unitary state with Turkish Cypriot political privileges sharply reduced.

d. Harold Wilson has called for the demilitarization of Cypriot irregular forces and the dispatch of more UN troops to the island.



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f. There was some firing yesterday in the Kyrenia mountain range. We expect fighting to pick up again tomorrow after the Easter holidays are over.

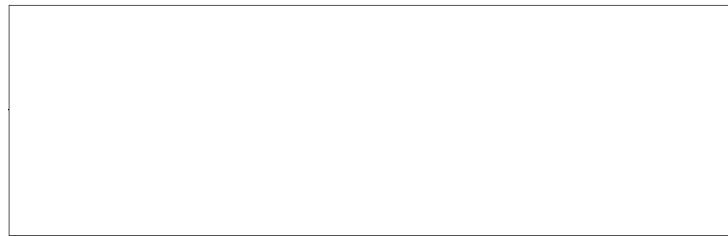


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2. Laos

a. Souvanna, who could not get to Khang Khay yesterday because of weather, flew there this morning to meet Souphanouvong.

b. Prospects for this meeting are not good. If Souvanna makes any concession to the Pathet Lao, someone like Siho is likely to pull the rug from under him in Vientiane.



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d. The Pathet Lao--with some reason--regard Souvanna as a captive of the rightists.

e. They have repudiated the announced merger of rightist and neutralist forces under Souvanna, and hold that all actions taken in Vientiane since the coup are illegal.

f. [redacted] Phoumi is still talking optimistically about persuading the coup leaders to reinstate the coalition government without violence

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g. No major fighting occurred over the weekend, but the Pathet Lao continue to ooze forward.

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3. UK-Egypt

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4. Zanzibar

a. Babu is already complaining of being hemmed in by the new enlarged cabinet of the union, though it is not yet a going concern.

b. Carlucci reports Babu clearly does not want to go to Dar-es-Salaam and plans to be as difficult as possible.

c. Among other things, Babu refused to alter customs duties and has ordered a step up in anti-Western propaganda.

d. Nyerere has been pushing London for a quick infusion of development aid for Zanzibar. He fears that the bloc representatives are exerting a good deal of pressure on Karume to promote Zanzibar separatism and preserve their own position on the island.

5. USSR-Turkey

a. There have been a number of straws in the wind lately suggesting that the USSR might try a new softer policy toward Turkey.

b. This would seem an opportune time to take advantage of Turkey's bitterness over what it considers the tendency of NATO and the West to back Greece in the Cyprus crisis.

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d. One conjecture is that Khrushchev might stop off in Turkey on his way to Cairo.

e. If this is planned, the Turkish minister in Moscow knows nothing about it, or so he told Ambassador Kohler.

f. The minister went on to deprecate rumors that Turkey might be tempted to follow an "independent course" a la de Gaulle. He did say, however, that Turkey would probably accept some economic offers.

NOTES

A. USSR The Soviet dual missiles displayed for the first time in the Moscow May Day parade are probably a new surface-to-air type for mobile use with field forces.

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C. Indonesia Sukarno's "important command;" issued yesterday, orders the Indonesian people to: (1) intensify the defense of the Indonesian revolution; (2) help the struggle of Malaya, Sarawak, Sabah, Brunei, and Singapore to dissolve the puppet state of Malaysia and achieve their own independence. This leaves us about where we were.

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E. South Korea Student leaders are planning renewed demonstrations soon calling for the ouster of Kim Chong-pil.

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b. [redacted] cloud cover affected about 60 percent of the photography and some important targets were missed.

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c. At the Leningrad suspect anti-missile missile complex there has been no significant change [redacted] in the southwest installation--the one considered to be in the most advanced stage of construction.

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d. The buildings at all five launch sites appear to be complete, but the internal cabling at three sites apparently has not yet been installed.

e. This information, together with that obtained on the northeast installation from the previous mission, suggests that the complex will not be used or is awaiting modification.

f. [redacted] also sighted E class nuclear powered submarines equipped with cruise missiles in the Northern Fleet--the first time such boats have been noted in this fleet.

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g. This underscores the Soviet Navy's heavy commitment to the cruise missile weapons system.

h. In China a large 350-foot tower has been identified at a possible nuclear weapons test facility near Lop Nor

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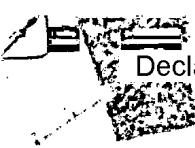
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We do not know its purpose. 50X1

i. Several other structures were noted, including small buildings and a possible bunker, but the entire installation appears to be in an early stage of construction.

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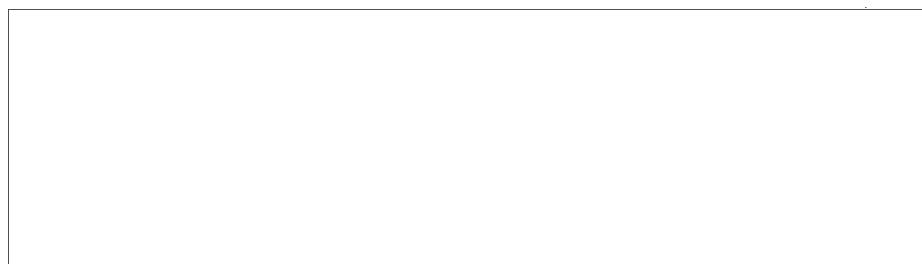
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5 May 1964

1. Laos: Souvanna has had his first session with Souphanouvong and has come back "optimistic" saying there would be another meeting "in a few days." The two princes presumably have gotten nowhere.

The coup group maintains the upper hand in Vientiane with Sihou controlling the military units there. Stringent controls have been placed on financial transactions, news media, and the movements of foreigners.

The latest deadline imposed by the Revolutionary Committee is 15 May, after which time it plans to form a new government if Souvanna has not come up with something it can accept. Although deadlines have a way of evaporating in Laos, the problems do not.



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[redacted] photography [redacted] discloses that Hanoi is making substantial supply deliveries to South-Central Laos, probably to ensure ample supplies for Communist forces in the area before the rainy season sets in.

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2. Cyprus: The long Easter weekend brought a halt to the intra-Cypriot skirmishing and it has yet to pick up again.

The Turks, who had given evidence of once more being on the brink of intervention, seem to have taken some solace in the more forceful actions of the UN contingent on the island.

However, they are not letting their guard down. On 5 May they began a combined amphibious operation, "Exercise Attila," in the Gulf of Iskenderun. The Turkish press describes it as "the country's greatest combined maneuver to date."

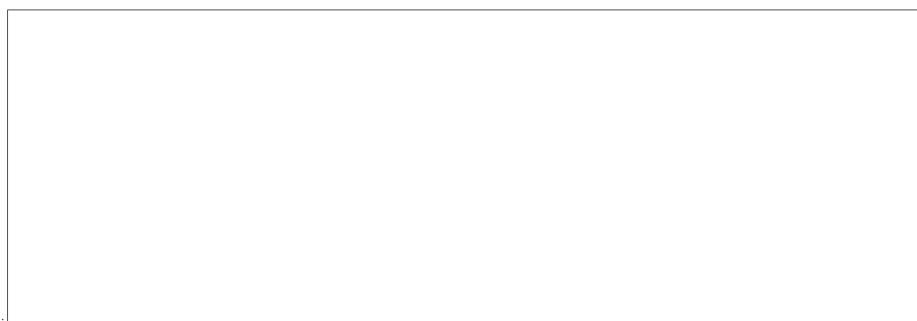
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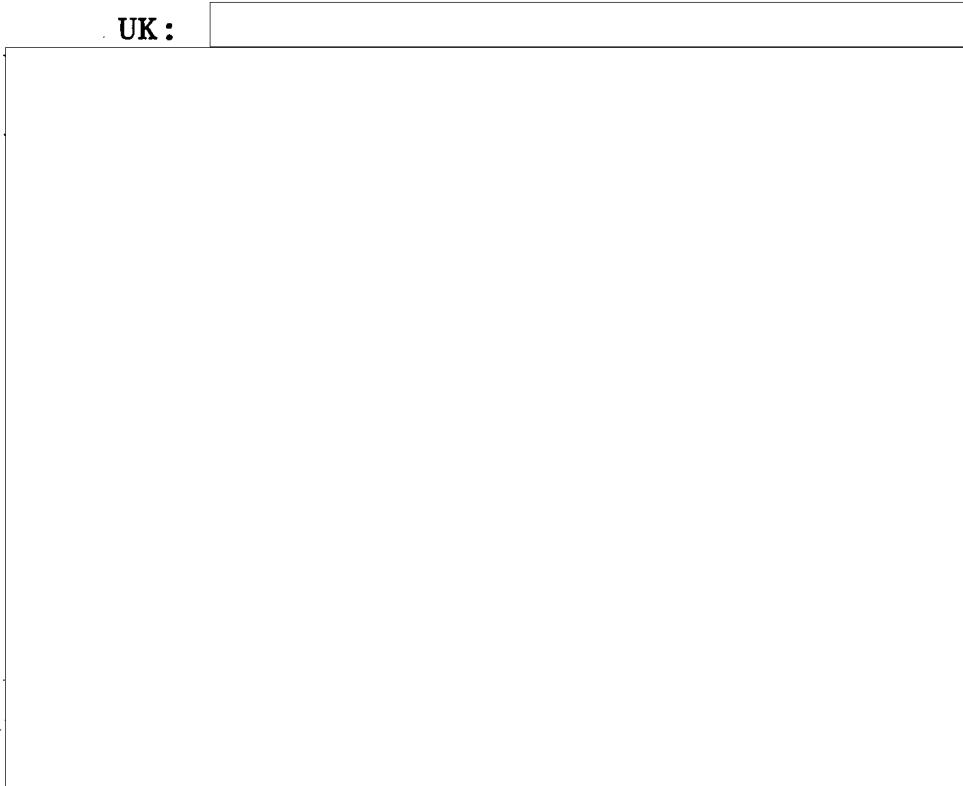
Press reports that the SA-2 surface-to-air missiles deployed in Cuba have been replaced by other models are false.



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5. Zanzibar: Babu, to no one's surprise, is already beginning to vent his anger over the way things have gone for Zanzibar.

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11. Japan - Communist Bloc: [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry is circulating sweeping proposals for doubling trade with Communist countries. 50X1

Our embassy thinks such proposals would be drastically modified before the government would adopt them.

However, strong elements of the Liberal Democratic Party favor expansion of trade with Communist China, and Prime Minister Ikeda might find it expedient to go along to some extent with a liberalization program.

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12. Burma: Ne Win has avoided a showdown with the Buddhist monks by stipulating that only religious organizations engaged in "political activities" must register with the government. The monks had resolved to defy the regime's registration order, and a direct clash had appeared likely.

13. Maphilindo Talks: President Macapagal's formal proposal to Tunku Rahman and Sukarno that the three hold a summit meeting in Tokyo by 10 May does not look promising. We see no real signs of give on either side.

14. South Korea: Student leaders are planning renewed demonstrations soon calling for the ouster of Kim Chong-pil.

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16. Argentina: We expect a period of labor unrest to begin in Argentina this month. The General Confederation of Labor plans to set off nationwide demonstrations on 18 May to protest the government's failure to curb inflation and enact a minimum wage law.

17. Panama: Arnulfo Arias is still the front-runner in the presidential campaign. The elections are scheduled for 10 May and could well be preceded by violence.

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In China a 350-foot tower has been identified at a possible nuclear weapons test facility near Lop Nor [redacted]. We do not know its purpose.

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Several other structures were noted, including small buildings and a possible bunker, but the entire installation appears to be in an early stage of construction.

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1. Laos

a. Souvanna came back from his talks yesterday with his pro-Communist brother-in-law saying he was "optimistic" and would meet again with Souphanouvong "in a few days."

b. We judge that the talks were inconclusive. Meanwhile, the coup group is concerned over Souvanna's efforts to bring the Pathet Lao back into the government. [] they may yet engineer some of the cabinet changes they have been trying to urge on Souvanna.

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[] coup leaders plan to form a new government [] if Souvanna does not meet their wishes beforehand.

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2. UK - Aden
Protectorate

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3. Japan - Communist Bloc

- a. The Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry reportedly is making proposals for a sweeping liberalization of Japan's trade with Communist countries.
- b. The ministry claims that its comprehensive plan could lead to a doubling of Japan's 1964 exports to Communist areas, now set for \$320 million.
- c. Among other things, the plan calls for a substantial erosion of COCOM restrictions and a liberalization of credit terms.
- d. We understand the proposals are being quietly circulated among top officials of the governing Liberal Democratic Party. When sufficient high-level political backing is obtained, they will be considered by the cabinet.

4. Burma

- a. Ne Win has avoided a showdown with the Buddhist monks by stipulating that only religious organizations engaged in "political activities" must register with the government.
- b. Buddhist monks had resolved to defy the regime's registration order, and a direct clash had appeared likely.

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c. The monks still oppose
the regime, and their resolve has
probably been strengthened by the
retreat they forced.

NOTES

- A. Maphilindo Talks President Macapagal's formal proposal to Tunku Rahman and Sukarno that the three hold a summit meeting in Tokyo by 10 May, if possible, holds little promise. We see no signs of give in either the central issues or in the views of the disputants. In any event, the proposed timing seems unrealistic.
- B. Dominican Republic Violence has subsided in Santo Domingo. The junta called out the troops this morning to restore order and prevent the transport workers' strike from spreading. Transport service will be taken over by the military if the strikers do not return to work by tomorrow. A roundup of strike leaders and sympathizers, including some among the junta's substantial political opposition, continues.
- C. Argentina We expect a period of labor unrest to begin in Argentina this month. The General Confederation of Labor plans to set off nationwide demonstrations on 18 May to protest the government's failure to curb inflation, and enact a minimum wage.

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1. Tanganyika-Zanzibar

a. Zanzibar officials, far from broken to their new union harness, are resisting Tanganyikan "domination," especially in foreign affairs.

b. As expected, the question of which Germany the union will recognize is proving a particularly prickly problem.

c. Karume and his Zanzibari ministers, after spending May Day entertaining Communist dignitaries, arrived at a Monday meeting of the union cabinet and insisted that the union recognize the East Germans or else.

d. Nyerere, considerably nettled, was just as adamant on recognizing West Germany. The meeting broke up after an acrimonious exchange, and there have been no subsequent contacts between Karume and Nyerere.

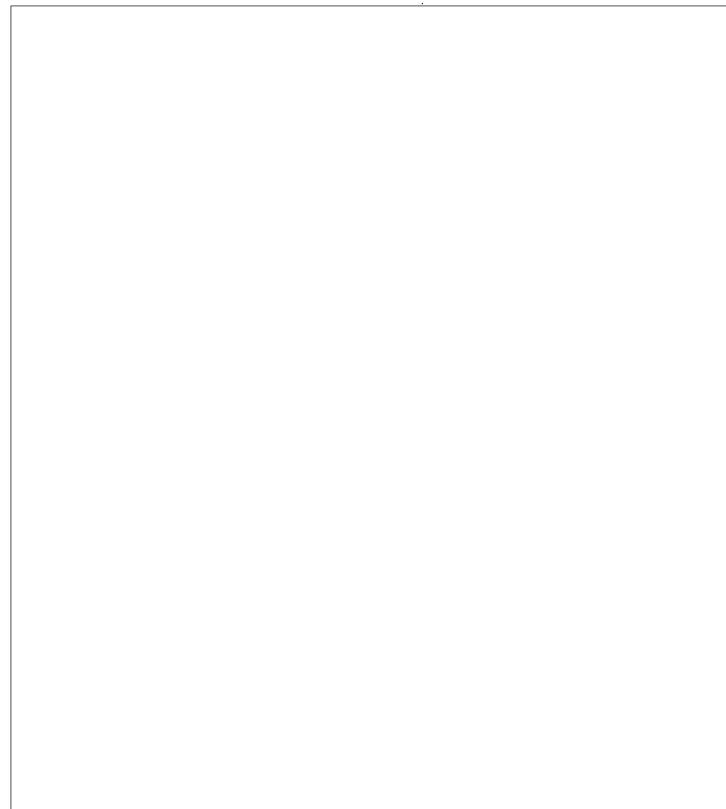
e. In addition, the Zanzibar element has been talking about setting up diplomatic relations with North Korea and North Vietnam without even bothering to consult officials in Dar-es-Salaam who are responsible for the union's foreign relations.

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f. While all this is going on, Foreign Minister Kambona is in Bonn talking aid.

2. Laos

a. About the only thing that is certain in the scrambled Laotian political scene is that the coup generals are still very much in charge of the government.



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3. Cyprus

a. Turkish land, air, and sea forces, including those alerted for possible intervention on Cyprus, begin today a major amphibious operation in the Gulf of Iskenderun.

b. Called "the greatest combined exercise" in Turkish history, it is designed not only for training but also to show the Greeks that Ankara is ready.

c. The debate on Cyprus in the Turkish assembly opened yesterday with both government and opposition spokesmen dwelling at length on the sins of the Greeks. There will apparently be no attempt to bring down the Inonu government over Cyprus at this time.

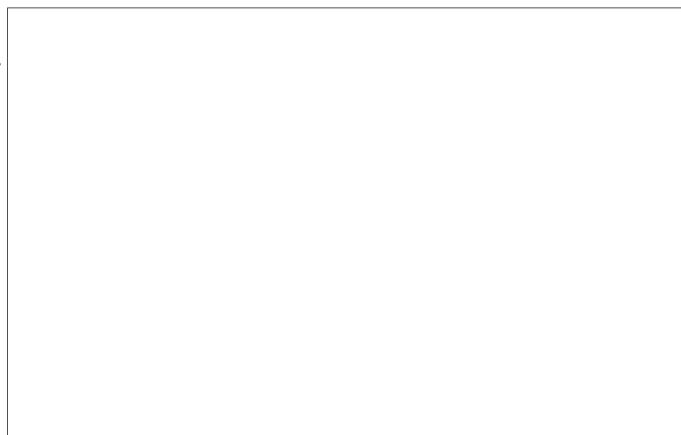
d. For their part, the Greeks yesterday charged that a Turkish plane had violated the Lesbos air-space and intimated that it would have been shot down if the Greeks had been able to find it.

e. There was scattered firing at several points on the island this morning following quiet Easter observances. Makarios yesterday told Ambassador Belcher that barring direct provocation there would be no repetition of the St. Hilarion action. We are not very confident of this.

4. Panama

a. There is widespread foreboding as the Panamanian presidential campaign rolls into its last few days.

b. The Panamanian elite, badly split, have failed to come up with a candidate who can match the voter appeal of the front-running Arnulfo Arias. As time grows short, the elite gets more desperate.



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5. British Guiana --
Trinidad

a. Prime Minister Williams, who has dabbled in British Guiana affairs before, says he has agreed to mediate the differences between British Guiana's political leaders.

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b. We would rate his chances of pulling a rabbit out of this particular hat as poor, since Jagan wants mostly a postponement of Sandys' proportional elections, and his opponents, scenting victory, are little disposed to compromise.

NOTES

- A. France De Gaulle has resumed an active work schedule his first week out of the hospital, and, as far as we can tell, no major reductions in his calendar are planned over the next few months. It is still too early to tell whether he will now seek a second term.

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- B. North Vietnam Hanoi is trying to build up the stocks of Communist forces in south-central Laos before the rainy season, which could begin at any time, slows down road traffic in the area. Photography dated Sunday shows a considerable number of trucks heading for this area or making ready for the trip. Some of the supplies are likely to find their way into the hands of the Viet Cong.

- C. Brazil The new government, worried about the image it is projecting abroad,

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- d. Cuba-Belgium

Castro is interested in recruiting Belgian specialists in agriculture and stock breeding to work in Cuba.

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- E. Bulgaria Chargé Johnson reports from Sofia that there is no basis in fact for the front-page story in Monday's New York Times concerning Easter riots in Sofia. He reports that, on the contrary, the services were impressive and orderly with the regime bending every effort to avoid the sorry spectacle of the previous Easter.
- F. Indonesia-Malaysia Djakarta is still trying to pressure the Malaysians into going to the summit with the wily Sukarno. An Indonesian general this morning announced that a combat brigade was being sent to the border prepared to enter Malaysia at any time.

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1. LAOS:

A. THE COUP GROUP IS TIGHTENING UP THE REINS ON SOUVANNA.

B. ON TUESDAY PHOUMI ANNOUNCED THAT THE PREMIER HAD AGREED TO CHANGES IN THE CABINET DESIGNED TO "IMPROVE" ITS EFFICIENCY.

C. WE THINK THE DECLARATION HAD SOUVANNA'S APPROVAL IN NAME ONLY.

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E. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, THE PATHET LAO HAVE TAKEN A DIM VIEW OF PHOUMI'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

F. SOUVANNA ALSO HAS A BIG HURDLE TO SURMOUNT ON 11 MAY WHEN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, DOMINATED BY RIGHTISTS, IS SCHEDULED TO MEET. HE IS WORRIED THAT THE ASSEMBLY WILL TAKE ACTION WHICH COULD LEAD TO A FORMAL BREAK WITH THE PATHET LAO.

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G. SHOULD THIS HAPPEN, THEN SOUVANNA WOULD PROBABLY
PACK HIS BAGS FOR PARIS.

H. TODAY SOUVANNA FLEW TO LUANG PRABANG TO DISCUSS
THE CRISIS WITH THE KING.

2. CUBA:

A. RECENT INTERCEPTS DISCLOSE THAT INDIVIDUAL SAM
SITES ARE BEING PLACED UNDER MORE CENTRALIZED CONTROL [REDACTED] 50X1

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E. THE PATTERN OF TIGHTER CONTROL MAY BE DESIGNED TO
MINIMIZE THE CHANCES OF AN UNAUTHORIZED SHOOTDOWN. IT WILL
GIVE CASTRO TIGHTER CONTROL OVER HIS NEWLY FORMED AND TRAINED
SAM TROOPS [REDACTED] 50X1

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3. TURKEY-CYPRUS:

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D. THERE WAS SCATTERED FIRING ON THE ISLAND YESTERDAY
AND IT IS CONTINUING THIS MORNING.

E. IN NICOSIA, GENERAL GYANI, TOLD AMBASSADOR BELCHER
THAT HE HAS AN "ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE TASK" AND HINTED HE
WOULD NOT EXTEND HIS THREE-MONTH COMMITMENT.

F. GYANI BLAMED TURKEY FOR MUCH OF HIS DIFFICULTY
BECAUSE ANKARA CONTINUED TO HOLD OUT HOPE OF INTERVENTION TO
THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS.

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4. CONGO(BRAZZAVILLE):

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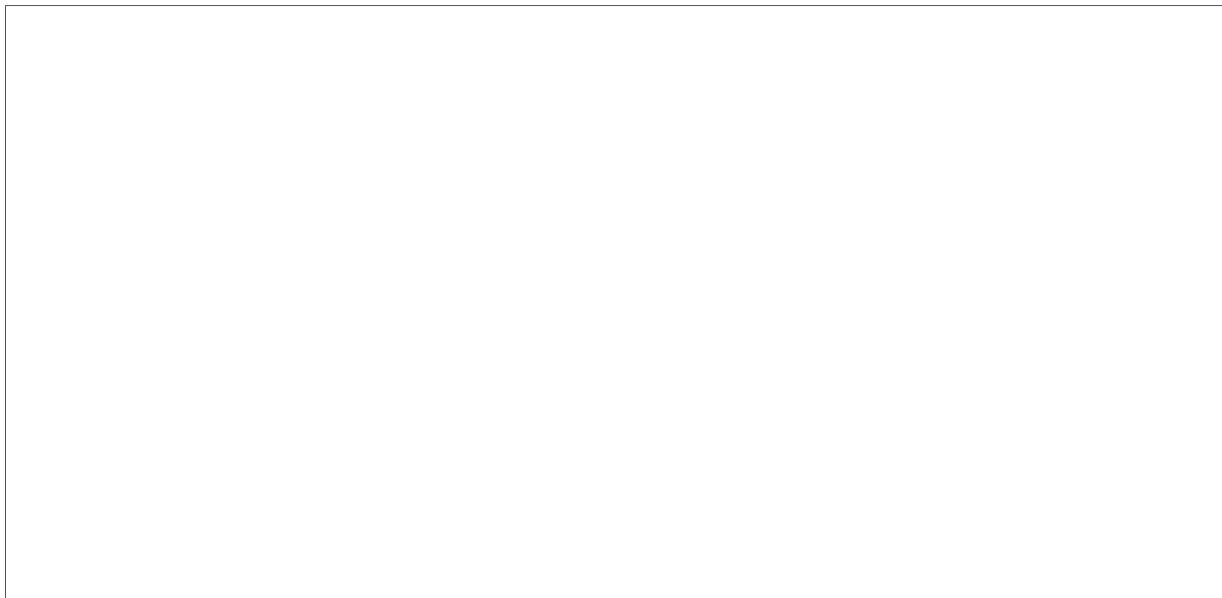
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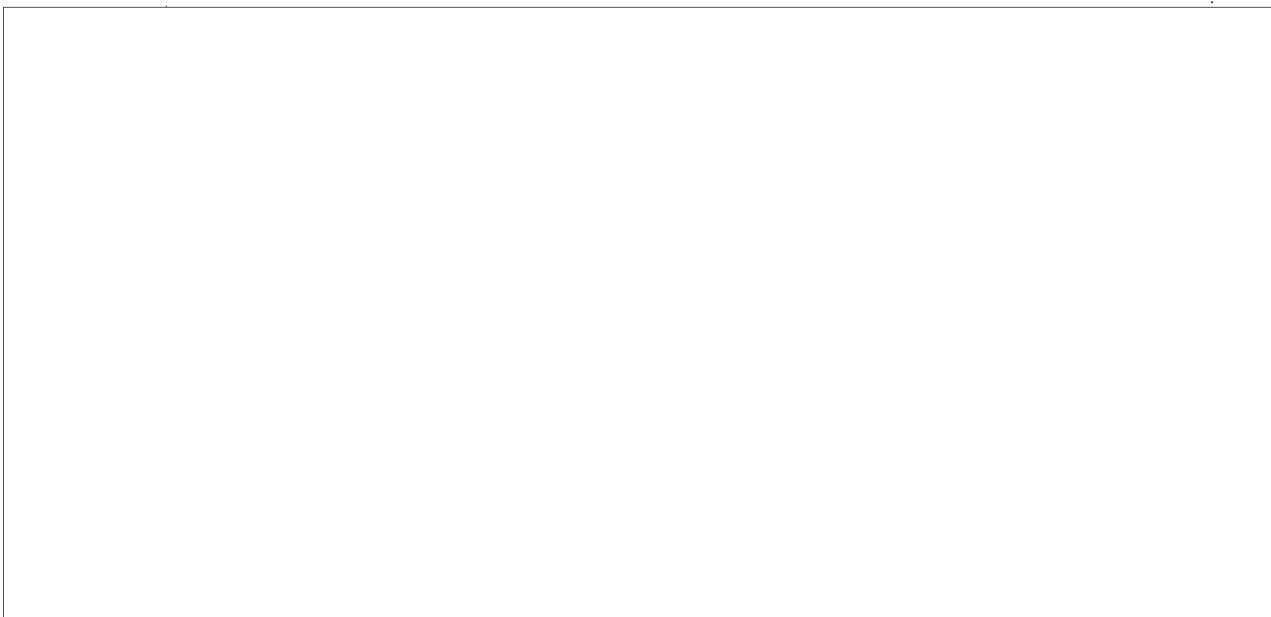
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5. BRITISH GUIANA:

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6. GERMANY-ZANZIBAR:

A. THE BONN GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED "IN PRINCIPLE" TO
TAKE OVER THE EAST GERMAN AID PROJECTS ON ZANZIBAR IN RETURN
FOR RECOGNITION BY THE NEW UNION GOVERNMENT AS PROMISED BY
KAMBONA. [REDACTED]

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B. KAMBONA INDICATED [REDACTED]

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IF THE UNION RECOGNIZED WEST GERMANY IT MIGHT ACCEPT AN EAST GERMAN TRADE MISSION.

C. CARRYING THROUGH ON THIS DEAL WITH BONN COULD PROVIDE A SEVERE TEST OF THE UNION AND OF KAMBONA AND NYERERE'S STRENGTH ON ZANZIBAR WHERE BABU STILL APPEARS TO RIDE HIGH.

7. NOTES:

A. ADEN: THE REBELS IN THE RADFAN HILLS, 60 MILES NORTH OF ADEN, ARE PROVING TO BE DETERMINED AND WELL ORGANIZED. THEY ARE EQUIPPED WITH RIFLES, SOME AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, AND MORTARS.

B. PANAMA: CUBAN-TRAINED PANAMANIAN REVOLUTIONARIES MAY TRY TO CAUSE TROUBLE THIS WEEK, POSSIBLY INCLUDING A MARCH ON THE CANAL ZONE ON SATURDAY, THE DAY BEFORE THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

C. CUBA: AMBASSADOR FINLETTER, REPORTING ON CONVERSATIONS WITH NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES FROM FRANCE, BELGIUM, ITALY, CANADA AND THE NETHERLANDS, SAYS HIS IMPRESSION IS THAT A CHAIN REACTION MAY BE ABOUT TO GET UNDER WAY TO BREAK THE FRONT AGAINST CREDITS TO CUBA.

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1. Laos: The coup group is strengthening its control over Souvanna while pushing a government reorganization in the face of Pathet Lao opposition.

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Last Tuesday it was announced that Souvanna had agreed to changes in the cabinet designed to improve its efficiency. In fact, the changes appear to have been dictated to the Premier by coup General Sihou.

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There have already been indications that the Pathet Lao may be preparing to set up a separatist government outside Vientiane. On Thursday, a Pathet Lao spokesman said that if his party is forced out of the present coalition, there will be "partition and civil war."

2. Cuba-USSR: [REDACTED] 50X1
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3. South Vietnam - Cambodia: Another serious border incident has occurred between South Vietnam and Cambodia.

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Cambodia charges that 13 South Vietnamese M-113 armored personnel carriers penetrated two-and-a-half kilometers into Svay Rieng Province yesterday, firing on village inhabitants and clashing with local Cambodian forces.

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From Saigon, MACV reports that a South Vietnamese M-113 was hit and set on fire by a Cambodian armored vehicle in an apparent follow-up action in the incident area. The M-113 was identified by MACV as part of a security force operating against Viet Cong forces which have been harassing South Vietnamese border posts in recent days.

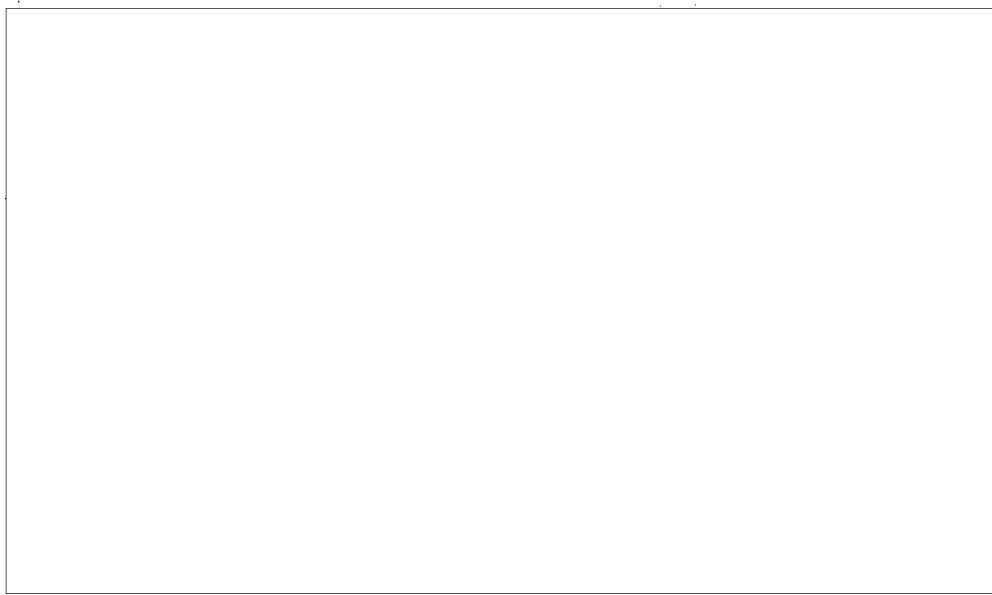
Sihanouk's reaction is not yet known. Following the 19 March incident at Chantrea in the same general area, he warned that Cambodia would take drastic diplomatic action if another serious border incident occurred. At that time he threatened to seek recognition of Cambodia's borders from Hanoi.

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4. South Vietnam: Complaints about Khanh's method of government continue.

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The strength of the armed forces has been declining rapidly since last November's coup. Failure to fulfill conscription quotas is partially responsible, but more alarming is the steady rise in the number of desertions.

The desertion rate was about 3,000 per month before the coup. In March 1964, it was 8,500. Most deserters are from paramilitary units, but this year's monthly rate in the regular force is about 1,600, more than double the rate in 1963.

Combat units are expected to remain understrength at least until August, even if Khanh's plans for boosting morale and recruitment bear fruit.

5. Cyprus: Military activity has declined to a relatively low level during the past few days, but there has been no visible progress toward a political settlement.

Turkish military units [redacted]

[redacted] will probably remain ready, however, and could react quickly to any change in the situation on Cyprus.

In Nicosia, General Gyani has told Ambassador Belcher his task is impossible and hinted he would not extend his three-month commitment. Gyani has expressed sympathy for the position of the Turkish Cypriots, but he is highly critical of their recent actions and those of the Turkish Government. He blamed Turkey for much of the difficulty because Ankara continued to hold out hope of intervention to the Turkish Cypriots.

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6. France: De Gaulle has resumed an active work schedule his first week out of the hospital, [redacted]

[redacted] It is still too early to tell whether he will now seek a second term.

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7. Lebanon: President Shihab has decided not to run for re-election this August. The removal of his steady hand from the reins of government could mean a renewal of traditional clashes among Lebanon's numerous religious and political factions.

Shihab, however, has changed his mind before, and may be persuaded to do so again in the interests of national stability.

8. USSR-Egypt: Nasir, whose foreign exchange reserves are dangerously low, may ask Khrushchev for a cash loan during the Soviet premier's visit. [redacted]

[redacted] Khrushchev, with hard currency problems of his own, probably will counter with the promise of a large credit for Egypt's second five-year plan which starts next year.

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9. Cuba: The Cubans are pushing hard for more Western credits, following the recent favorable decision by France. Ambassador Finletter, reporting on his conversations with North Atlantic Council representatives, has the impression that the French decision may have set off a chain reaction. The Dutch and Belgian representatives have indicated that their governments may now find it difficult to hold the line.

10. Cuba-Brazil: [redacted]

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11. Communist China - USSR: The Chinese appear confident that Khrushchev cannot muster the support he needs to call an international Communist meeting. Peiping's published letter of 7 May to the Soviet Communist Party takes note of the point made by the Italian, Rumanian, and other parties that if the Soviets rush into a meeting, Moscow will have to shoulder the blame for splitting the movement. The letter states that adequate preparation would take several years and adds that even a bilateral meeting could not be held in less than one year.

12. Panama: There is still widespread foreboding as the Panamanian presidential campaign rolls into its last few days.

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13. Congo (Brazzaville):

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14. Rumania-US:

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the Rumanian industrial and commercial delegation expected in Washington

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on 15 May and discussions are to begin on the 18th.

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1. Cambodia -
South Vietnam

a. South Vietnamese troops seem to have pursued a group of Viet Cong into their Cambodian sanctuary again yesterday in the same general area as the earlier incident at Chantrea.

b. Phnom Penh charges that 13 South Vietnamese M-113 armored personnel carriers penetrated some two miles into Cambodia, shooting at villagers and Cambodian guards, killing six and wounding four.

c. We do not yet have full details from MACV in Saigon, nor has Sihanouk been heard from.

2. South Vietnam

a. The number of desertions from South Vietnam's armed forces has been rising alarmingly since last November, and their strength has steadily declined.

b. The desertion rate has risen from about 3,000 a month before the coup on 1 November to a peak of 8,500 in March.

c. Most deserters are from the paramilitary units, but so far this year, the average monthly rate from the regular force is now about 1,600, double that of last year.

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d. Khanh plans some steps to boost morale and step up recruitment, but even if these programs succeed, combat units are likely to stay understrength until August at least.

3. USSR--Wheat

a. There are good reserves of moisture in the ground this year, for a change, in the "New Lands" areas of Kazakhstan and West Siberia.

b. It is too early to say anything about the final grain harvest, but the USSR has at least this important hurdle behind it.

c. Even so, the Soviets are rumored seeking an additional three million tons of wheat from Canada, if the price is right.

d. We find this curious. It may be the Soviets need more grain for seed and reseeding than they originally thought.

4. Lebanon

a. President Shihab now says he will not run for re-election in the presidential election this August. If he holds to this decision, another period of religious and political squabbling may develop.

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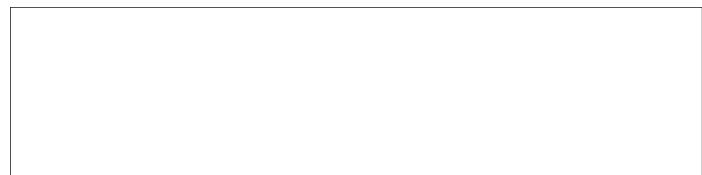
b. He had earlier said he would run, and action was under way to remove the constitutional stipulation against a president succeeding himself.

c. These efforts will probably continue and Shihab may yet be persuaded to run in the interests of preserving stability, even though he apparently sincerely wants to quit.

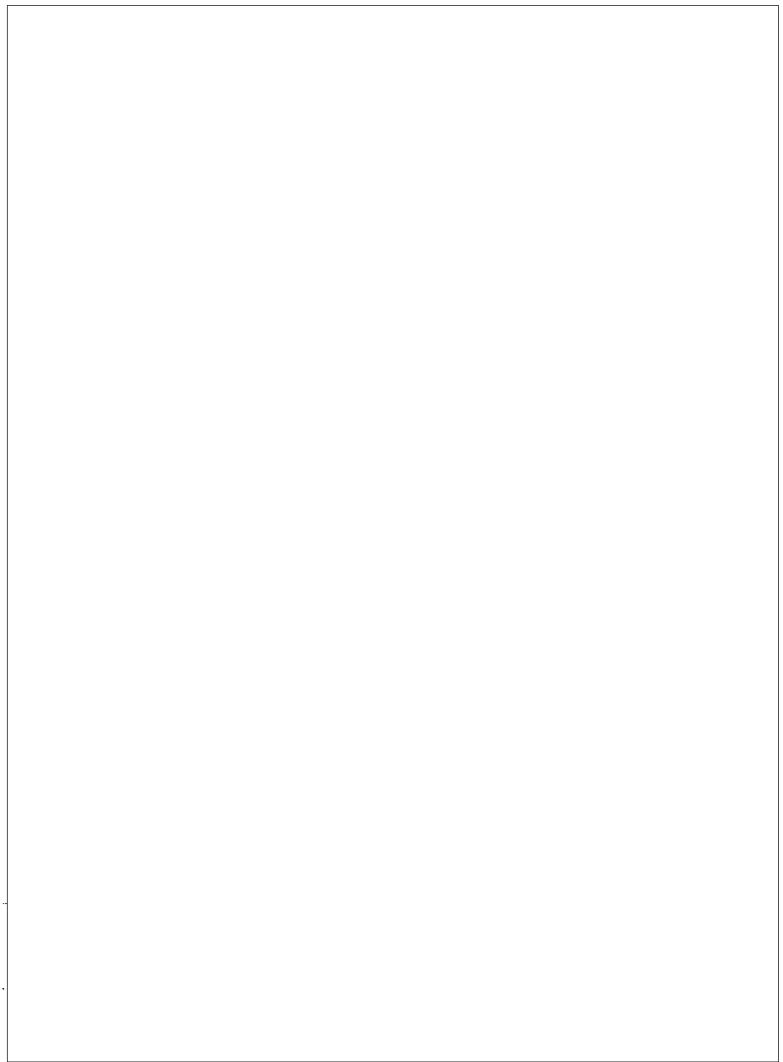
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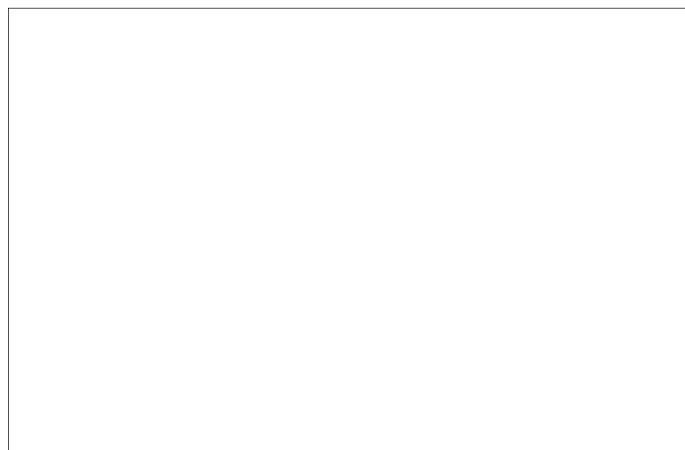


6. Cuba-USSR



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7. Cyprus-UN

a. Like Gyani, UN mediator Tuomioja is discouraged.

b. He feels he is not getting anywhere and plans to wrap up his on-the-scene activities shortly, submit his report to New York, and return next month to his ambassadorial post in Stockholm.

c. There, he says, he can "mediate in comfort" in case there is any further call for his services.

d. His report will recommend a quasi-federal system under which five of six predominantly Turkish areas would have some autonomy in communal affairs; also, a long-term international observing or supervising role.

e. The island is comparatively quiet.

NOTES

- A. Laos There has been no essential change in the situation in Laos since yesterday.
- B. South Vietnam Plans are for Ngo Dinh Can to be put to death by a firing squad on Sunday in Saigon. Selected witnesses are to be present, but the circumstances are to be carefully controlled to avoid a public spectacle. 50X1
- C. Cuba-Brazil [redacted] 50X1
- D. Middle East Oil The solid front that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has tried to maintain in bargaining with Western oil companies has collapsed as a result of the Iranian Government's action in independently reaching agreement with the Iranian oil consortium. Kuwait has now informed the Kuwait Oil Company that it wishes to begin direct negotiations.
- E. Kashmir The current talks on the status of Kashmir between Nehru and the recently released Kashmiri leader, Sheihk Abdullah, have not developed much beyond an exchange of generalities. 50X1

[redacted] Abdullah has now been officially invited to visit Pakistan, but New Delhi is not likely to permit him to make such a trip in the near future.

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F. India-US The advance party of the Indian Air Force team is to leave Delhi today en route here for military aid talks.

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G. Communist China Radio Peiping has announced that at 0930 this morning (Washington time) it will begin broadcasting an "important document." The broadcast, a nationwide hook-up, will last an hour and 40 minutes. Preliminary information is that the broadcast will publicize seven heretofore unpublished letters dealing with the Sino-Soviet dispute.

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1. Cambodia -
South Vietnam

a. Details on the latest border fracas are far from clear.

b. The Cambodian version holds that there were actually two border crossings by South Vietnamese forces, one Thursday and the other Friday morning.

c. In the first, seven Cambodians were killed. One alleged eyewitness told the US army attaché that there were "white men" in the vehicles on this occasion. It was in the second incident that the South Vietnamese personnel carrier was destroyed. No "white men" were reported this time.

d. Sihanouk, in a speech yesterday, charged that Americans were involved.

e. For its part, Saigon says that one M-113, in hot pursuit of a Viet Cong force, crossed into Cambodia. It was destroyed by Cambodian Army fire about 700 yards inside the border.

f. Ambassador Lodge suspects that the Viet Cong lured the South Vietnamese across the border. He is advising the Khanh government to lodge a strong protest if this proves to be the case.

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g. A South Vietnamese statement released today expresses regrets but goes on to say that Saigon hopes the Cambodians have taken measures against the Viet Cong's using Cambodia as an escape hatch.

2. South Vietnam

a. A number of leading Khanh subordinates continue to growl about the way the general is running things.

b. One of them, a corps commander in the northern part of the country, fears that South Vietnam is becoming "another Laos" with various political groups unable or unwilling to pull together even though the military situation is deteriorating.

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d. To add to Khanh's political woes, the Catholics will doubtless regard the execution today of Diem's younger brother, Can, as a reprisal by the Buddhists.

[redacted] some Buddhist leaders are not happy and may provoke demonstrations.

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3. Laos

a. Souvanna yesterday announced his intention of proposing that the King replace the two neutralist ministers who have been in Phnom Penh for months refusing to come back to Vientiane because it is unsafe. The King will probably agree..

b. Souvanna's announcement said that the pair, as well as the "lamented" Quinim, would be replaced with members of his neutralist faction.

c. The coup group will not like this since it had been urging that rightists get these posts. Neither will the Pathet Lao since they oppose any change in the makeup of the Souvanna cabinet that does not have their prior agreement.



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4. Panama

a. Panama is quiet this morning as the country prepares for the presidential vote tomorrow.

b. Violence is still in prospect but is not expected until voting trends become apparent tomorrow or Monday. Major disorders could develop if one or the other contender comes to believe that the vote count has been manipulated to their disadvantage.

c. Both the government and Arias forces have sufficient men, weapons and ammunition to take their case into the streets if the result is not to their liking.

5. Sino-Soviet Dispute

a. The Chinese yesterday sent Moscow another letter, making it clear that they have no intention of entering into talks with the Soviets or any combination of parties in the near future.

b. Evidently gaining confidence as they go, the Chinese now say that there can be no bilateral talks before next May, if then. [redacted]

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c. The letter also makes it clear that Peiping does not want a formal split, preferring to carry on the fight within the existing movement.

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6. Malta

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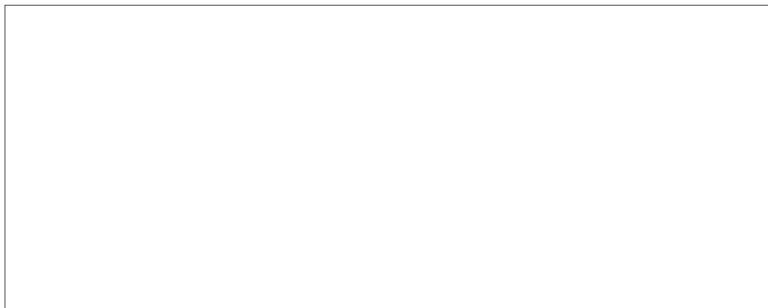
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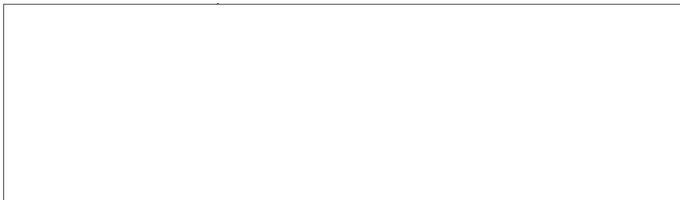
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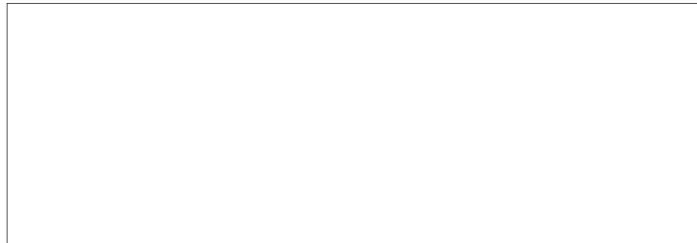
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8. Zanzibar

a. Nyerere is letting tempers cool a bit longer after Monday's cabinet disagreements, during the course of which, [redacted] Nyerere hinted at the use of force to bring recalcitrant Zanzibaris into line while the latter defied him to try.

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b. While Nyerere dallies, all ministries of the supposedly defunct government of Zanzibar are operating as usual, apparently with Karume's full blessing.

c. For example, information bulletins bearing the seal of the old government are still being put out and are taking an anti-US line.

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d. The East Germans, meanwhile, are stepping up their efforts to dig themselves an even deeper foothold on Zanzibar.

[redacted] a team of 15 East Germans is conducting a door-to-door campaign, picturing in grandiose terms what East German assistance means to each inhabitant.

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A. Cyprus



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B. UAR-USSR



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LATE ITEM

Panama

a. With 256 precincts out of 1140 reporting, Arnulfo Arias leads with 28,846 as against Robles with 27,859. As expected, Galindo is running a poor third with 10,859.

b. Arias had built up an early lead but this seems to be dissipating as the tally progresses and the rural returns begin to filter in.

c. It will probably be several days before the tally is completed, but we should have a fairly good fix on the outcome by nightfall.

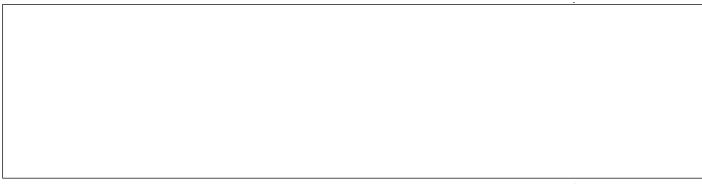
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South Vietnam



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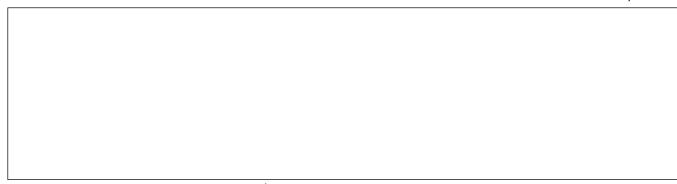
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2. Laos

a. Souvanna's infirm government faces trouble from yet another quarter when the rightist-dominated National Assembly meets today.

b. Some rightists have been urging a sweeping cabinet reorganization on Souvanna, but so far the cautious premier has been able to fend them off.

c. All he intends to do at this time is to replace one dead and two absent neutralist ministers. He says he will not make other changes until he has cleared them with foreign representatives in Vientiane and with the Pathet Lao.

d. He is planning another trip to the Plaine des Jarres for more talks with Souphanouvong.

3. Cuba-USSR

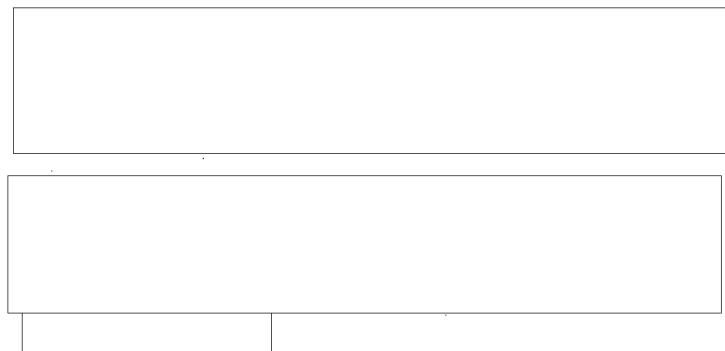
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4. South Korea

a. The Pak regime may have succeeded in buying at least a brief period of political quiet with a new cabinet under Chong Il-kwon.

b. Chong, one-time ambassador to the US and foreign minister in the outgoing cabinet, is a popular figure in both political and military circles. He is no friend of Kim Chong-pil, and his appointment may mollify for a time Kim's many opponents.

c. The new prime minister is astute and energetic. Ambassador Berger feels he will be a definite improvement over his ineffectual predecessor.

d. If Chong can infuse his ministers with some of this spirit, the new cabinet could be more effective in dealing with the many problems confronting the Koreans.

5. Southern Rhodesia



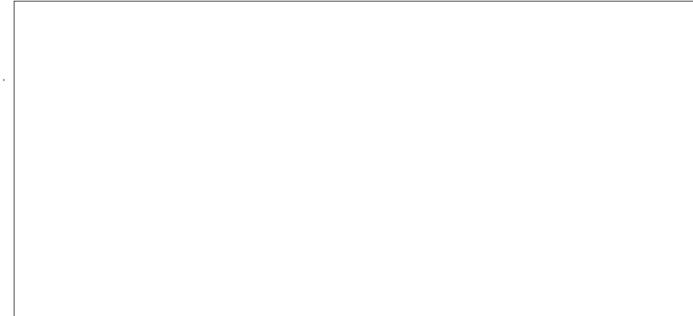
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b. These elements have long
been deaf to warnings that economic
and political disaster would
follow such a unilateral step.



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Nyasaland is due to
get full independence in early
July.



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NOTES

- A. Cyprus The island was quiet over the weekend. General Gyani, who was getting a little unstrung, was able to take a day off Saturday for the first time in the forty days he has been on the island. There is little confidence anywhere, however, that the calm can last. 50X1
- B. Yemen-Aden 50X1
[Redacted]
- C. Czechoslovakia President Novotny's position, shaky for some time now, may be eroded even further if the changes in the governmental setup now being contemplated are put into effect. 50X1
[Redacted] proposals have been advanced to replace the presidency with an executive council which would have Novotny as one of its members. 50X1
- D. Zanzibar Karume, who last week declared that Western loans and investment were not welcome on his island, was in Dar-es-Salaam yesterday where he might get together with Nyerere for the first time since the stormy cabinet session last Monday.

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E. West Germany Chancellor Erhard has [redacted] put aside any idea of a mission to Moscow for the time being. He is, however, toying with the idea of sending a Bundestag delegation there this summer.

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F. France-Vietnam [redacted]

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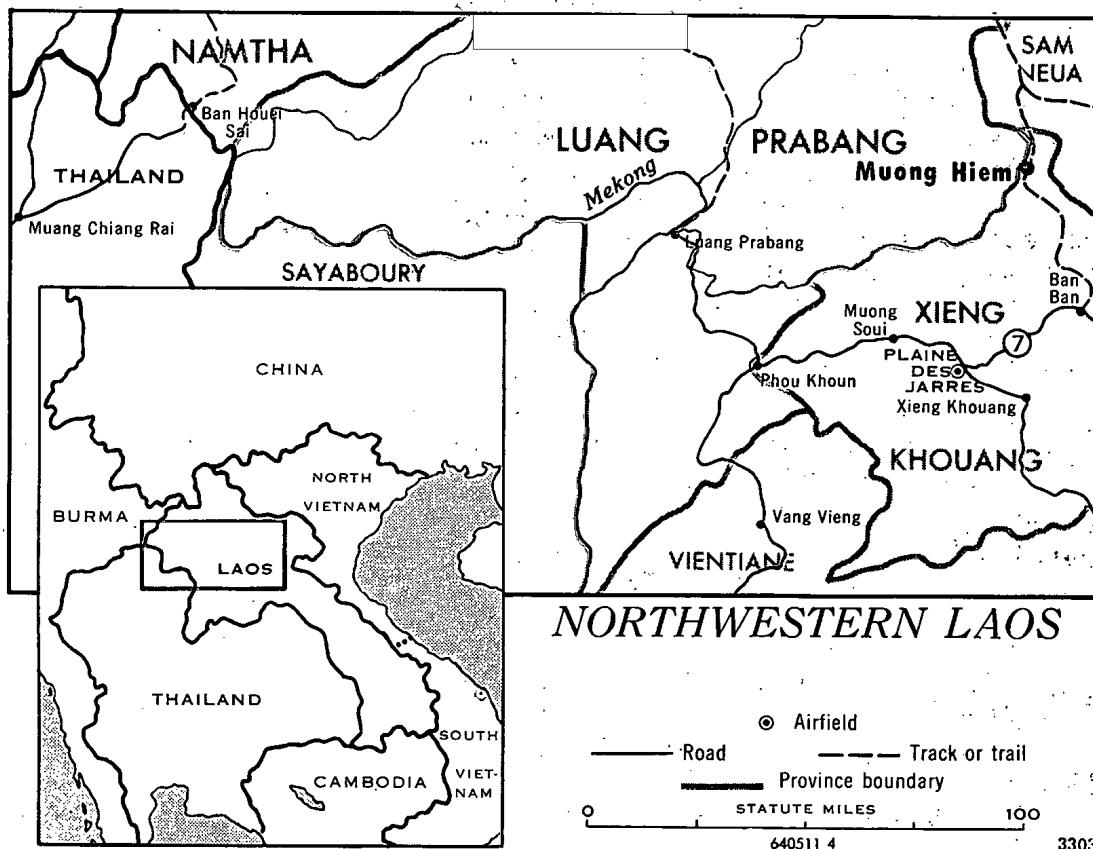


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1. North Vietnam -
Laos

a.

[redacted] Hanoi has
recently strengthened its mili-
tary presence in northern Laos.

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2. UK-Indonesia-
Malaysia



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3. Tanganyika-
Zanzibar

a. The Communists on Zanzibar
are still working overtime to
sabotage the country's two-week-
old union with Tanganyika.

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b. Our chargé on Zanzibar says that the Communists are confident that either they will win on the issue of East German recognition or make use of it to destroy the union.

c. A team of 15 East Germans is reported to be conducting a door-to-door campaign to explain how East German aid will benefit individual Zanzibaris.

d. At the same time, Karume's pro-Communist advisers are making every effort to discredit Western aid.

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- A. Cyprus Turk Cypriots shot and killed three
Greek Cypriots at Famagusta yesterday.

We expect some
Greek Cypriot retaliation.

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- B.

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- C. Khrushchev [redacted]
the Soviet premier may stop off in Algiers
after his visit to Egypt. There is also an
outside chance he may visit Addis Ababa as
well.

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- D. Panama When the vote counting was suspended
last night, Robles had 122,000 to Arias'
106,000 with 648 out of 1,140 voting stations
reporting. Both are claiming victory. The
counting resumes this morning. An interesting
aspect is that some of the supporters of the
third running candidate, Galindo, are support-
ing Arias' claims that he is being cheated.

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12 May 1964

1. Cuba-USSR: It now appears that Cuban personnel will not be ready to take over all the Soviet SAM sites on the island before the latter part of June.

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The program in the central sector has also been lagging. Training in the western part of the island is further along.

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2. Cuba: [Redacted]

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[Redacted] upsurge in counterrevolutionary activities in central Cuba. There have been numerous small-scale clashes involving government forces in the past three weeks.

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3. Cambodia - South Vietnam: Sihanouk has reacted to last week's border fighting with a characteristic flurry of diplomatic activity.

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He also levels charges of US complicity in the incidents, charging that US troops actively participated in these "veritable acts of war against Cambodia."

[Redacted]

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Sihanouk has not yet used the incidents for further approaches to Hanoi or Peiping, but he [redacted] may ask for UN observers to investigate charges that the Viet Cong use Cambodian soil.

[Redacted]

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4. South Vietnam: A number of leading Khanh subordinates continue to growl about the way the general is running things.

One of them, a corps commander in the northern part of the country, fears that South Vietnam is becoming "another Laos" with various political groups unable or unwilling to pull together even though the military situation is deteriorating.

[redacted]
[redacted] Khanh's failure
to delegate authority. [redacted]
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5. Laos: Souvanna, who has been picking his way carefully between pitfalls to the right and left, has managed to get through another week.

The right-wing coup group has been demanding a wholesale shakeup of his government while the Pathet Lao is threatening political or military retaliation if he does.

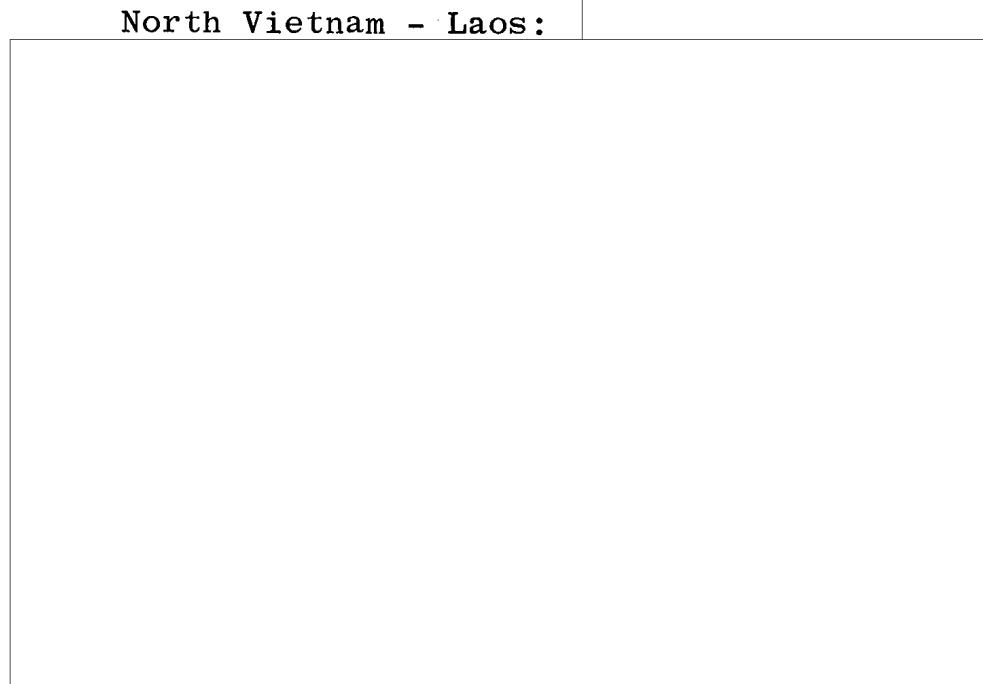
He must now deal with the rightist-dominated National Assembly which is meeting in Vientiane.

His present plan is to present the assembly with a scheme for replacing one dead and two expatriated neutralist ministers.

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6. North Vietnam - Laos: [redacted]

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7. South Korea: Pak may have succeeded in buying at least a brief period of political quiet by setting up a new cabinet under Chong Il-kwon.

Chong, one-time ambassador to the US, is popular in both political and military quarters. He is both energetic and astute and will be a definite improvement over his ineffectual predecessor.

More importantly from Pak's point of view, Chong's appointment may serve to mollify the many opponents of Kim Chong-pil, both in and out of government.

8. Indonesia-Malaysia: Macapagal is sending former Foreign Minister Lopez to Djakarta and Kuala Lumpur for still another try at arranging a meeting with Sukarno and the Tunku.

Sukarno of course will not be hard to persuade so long as no one insists he withdraw his guerrillas from Malaysia.

The Tunku has insisted on some give from Djakarta on this point, however, and will look skeptically at any proposal Lopez brings.

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There has not been a great deal of action in the Borneo jungles over the past few days, but the situation remains explosive.

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9. Southern Rhodesia: [redacted]

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These elements have long been deaf to
warnings that economic and political disaster
would follow such a unilateral step. [redacted]

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[redacted] Nyasaland.
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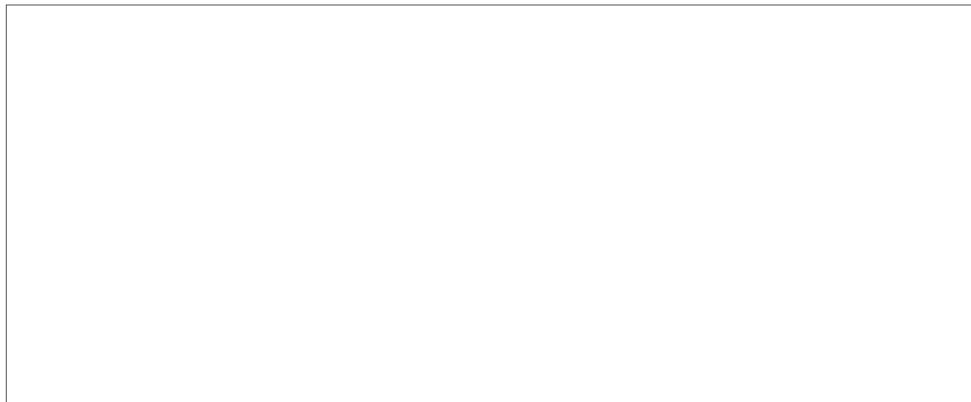
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10. Malta: [redacted]

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11. Cyprus: The island was quiet over the weekend and General Gyani, who was beginning to show the strain, was able to take a day off for the first time in the 40-odd days he has been there.

There is little confidence anywhere that the calm can last. In fact the killing Monday by Turkish Cypriots of two officers of the Greek Army contingent could set things off once again. Already ten Turkish Cypriot hostages have been seized in reprisal.

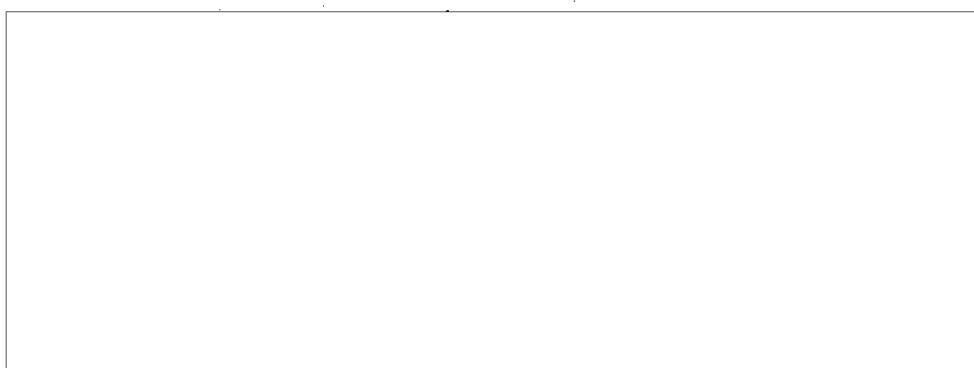
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12. Yemen-Aden: 50X1

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13. Tanganyika-Zanzibar: Nyerere, a conciliator rather than a fighter, is having trouble bringing the Zanzibaris to heel.

The union is two weeks old, but all ministries of the supposedly defunct Government of Zanzibar are operating as usual and with Karume's blessing. Information bulletins bearing the seal of the government are still appearing on the streets.

Karume, urged on by the many Communists who still surround him, has been saying that Zanzibar neither needs nor wants Western aid. Nyerere has been urging a quick injection of just such aid for the island.

The thorniest problem between the two union partners remains East Germany. Nyerere is deeply committed to the West Germans, while Karume prefers to stick with East Germany.

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The East Germans are working overtime in their efforts to keep their favored position on the island. Not only have they been pushing their case on Zanzibari officialdom, but they have been conducting a door-to-door campaign to explain how East German aid will benefit the individual Zanzibaris.

They apparently are confident that they will either keep their foothold or tear the union apart.

14. Algeria: [redacted] Ben Bella may be about to nationalize Algeria's petroleum extraction and distribution facilities, an act which will not sit well in Paris.

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The Algerian leader, who has long been interested in breaking France's stranglehold over this and other Algerian businesses, may have gotten a commitment from Moscow for help if the French react strongly.

15. West Germany: Chancellor Erhard has reportedly put aside any idea of a mission to Moscow for the time being. He is, however, toying with the idea of sending a Bundestag delegation there this summer.

16. Khrushchev: There is some indication that the Soviet premier may stop off in Algiers after his visit to Egypt. There is also an outside chance he may visit Addis Ababa as well.

17. Panama: As matters now stand, Robles has been elected with a plurality of 20,000 in a total vote of around 300,000. We do not expect the final official tally to change this outcome.

So far there has been little evidence of extensive vote rigging on behalf of Robles. He seems to have attracted a considerable vote away from Galindo, and this may have reduced the need.

The unpredictable Arnulfo Arias, who has said that he could be beaten only by fraud, has not yet reacted. He still has the potential to cause trouble, but some of his followers seem to have been intimidated by the way the National Guard has handled the election thus far.

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1. Panama

- a. Robles, it seems, has been elected.
- b. However, his margin has been whittled down in late count to a slim 10,000 out of a total vote of around 300,000.
- c. The final tally is not in, and there are conflicting predictions about the results in the few remaining precincts.
- d. So far there has been little evidence of extensive vote rigging on behalf of Robles.
- e. The unpredictable Arias, who has said that he could be beaten only by fraud, still has the potential to cause trouble. Some of his followers, however, seem to have been intimidated by the way the National Guard has handled the election thus far.

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2. Cyprus

a. UN troops have managed so far to keep the lid on in Famagusta, but the atmosphere following yesterday's killing of the son of the Nicosia police chief and two Greek army officers is explosive.

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b. In the Kyrenia pass area, the UN force has been tripled in size in hopes of enforcing the ceasefire there.

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3. Cuba-USSR

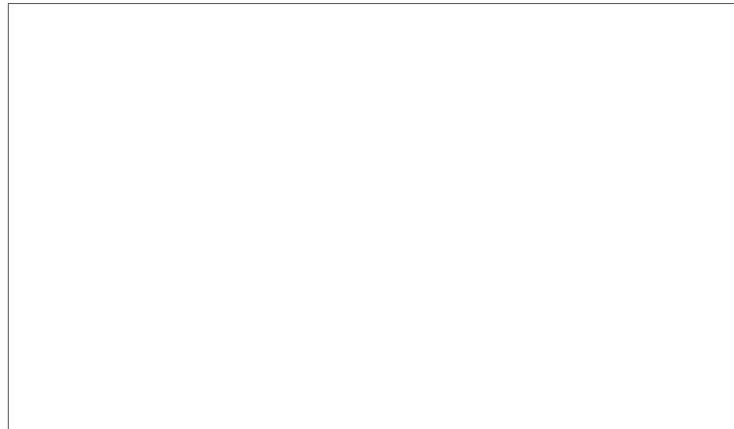
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d. [redacted]
Havana's concern over an upsurge
in counterrevolutionary activities
in central Cuba. There have been
numerous small-scale clashes
involving government forces in
the past three weeks.

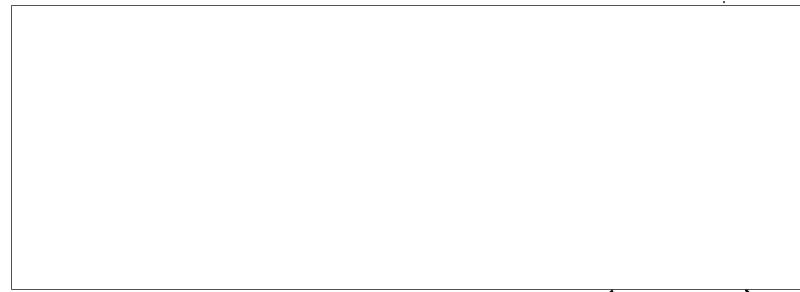
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4. Laos

a. The political situation
remains confused with a good deal
of tension under the surface.

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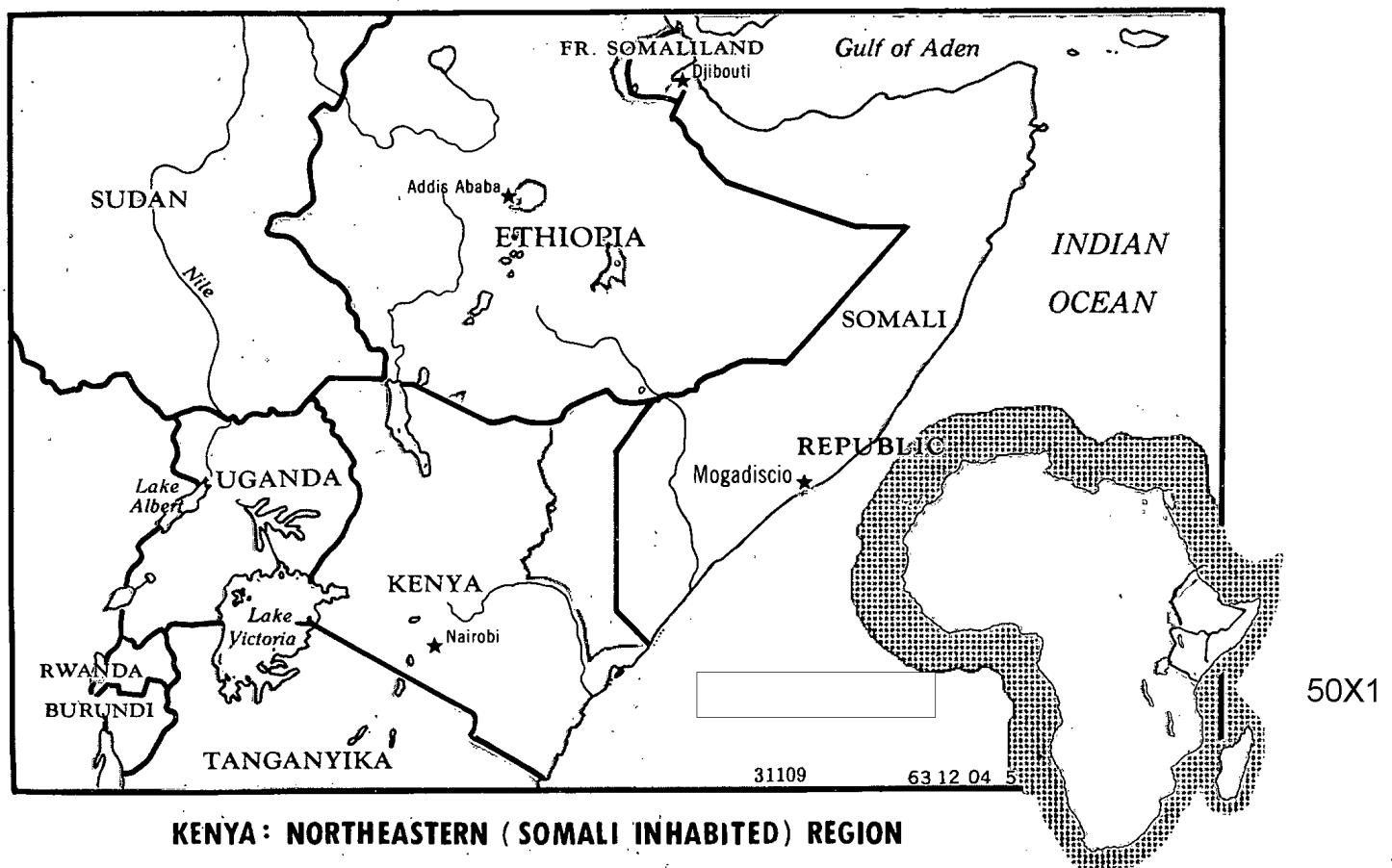
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c. The Pathet Lao and dis-sident leftists, meanwhile, continue to push rightist troops southward away from the Plaine des Jarres. Rightist Meo guerrilla forces have also been under pressure in this area and have lost several key mountain positions.

d. The leftists are now in a position to threaten Tha Thom, and this would be a serious loss to the government. The town controls the northern approaches to the Mekong Valley.

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NOTES

- A. South Korea - Japan Newly installed Prime Minister Chong Il-kwon plans to send one of his ministers to Japan next week to resume the fishery talks. In a talk yesterday with Ambassador Berger, Chong was brimming over with ideas for a more vigorous administration in Seoul.
- B. Kenya-Somalia Kenya's security forces seem to be fighting a losing battle to control the large Northeastern Region inhabited by Somali nomads. Armed raiders supported by Somalia, which covets the disaffected region, are extending their operations and stretching Nairobi's forces to the limit. Somali broadcasts now dub the terrorists a "National Liberation Army."
- C. Communist China - Canada The Chinese Communists have contracted to buy an additional 1.1 million tons of wheat from Canada at a cost of some \$84 million (25% down and balance over 18 months). This contract brings Chinese purchases of Western grain this year to about 5 million tons. Last year they bought close to 6 million tons.
- D. Cuba - UN Trade Conference With Che Guevara at their head, the Cubans went into the UN's Conference on Trade and Development in Geneva with careful preparation and high expectations.

[redacted] however, that they gained little from the conference and that Guevara returned to Havana disgusted with the delegation's failure to play the conference to Cuba's advantage.

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- E. Cuba - Sugar Production For the past several weeks, Havana has been releasing spurious reports of its sugar production and harvest prospects in an attempt to influence the market. We expect the harvest this year to be at least equal to last year's 3.8 million metric tons. Production seems to be keeping pace with last year. Transportation and labor shortages are, as usual, their major problem.
- F. Japan - Communist China The Japanese Foreign Ministry has turned down a proposed deal to exchange newsmen with Communist China. The proposed exchange of newsmen, of course, turned out to be a one-sided deal whereby Japanese reporters would be pretty much confined to Peiping.

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1. Cuba

a. Photography shows that eighteen surface-to-air missiles in canisters have recently been distributed to each of four SAM sites in Cuba.

b. The appearance of these canisters at operational sites is unusual. We believe their presence is connected with the live firing tests that may take place upon the completion of Cuban SAM training.

c. The number of canisters observed is just enough to permit each of the 24 Cuban SAM units to be brought to one of these sites and fire a full salvo of three missiles.

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2. Indonesia-Malaysia

a. Indonesia has been in touch with the Malayan Communist Party to enlist its aid in Djakarta's subversive campaign against peninsular Malaysia.

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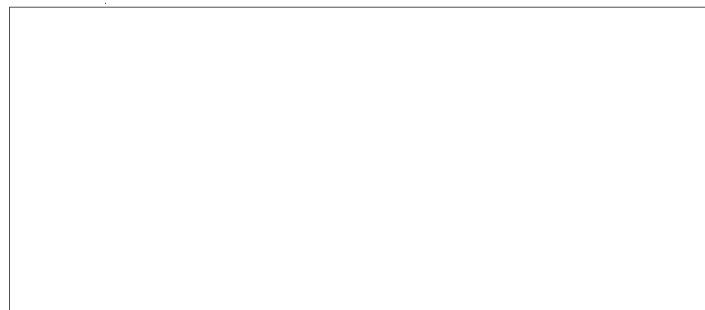
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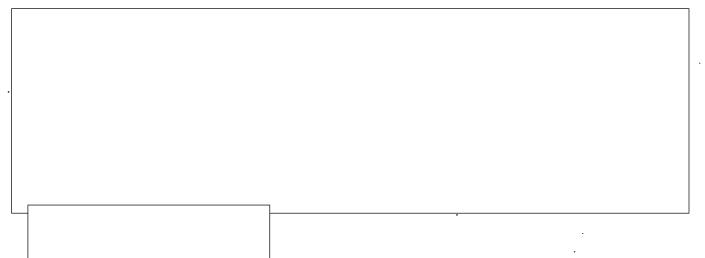
e. In addition the lull in
Borneo may end soon.



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3. Panama

a. A good source has tipped off Ambassador Vaughn that the unofficial election results which have been let out so far bear little relationship to the figures reported by precinct election boards.

b. These latter figures show that the vote for Arias is higher and that for Robles lower than the public has been led to believe.

c. This leaves the outcome of the election very much up in the air.

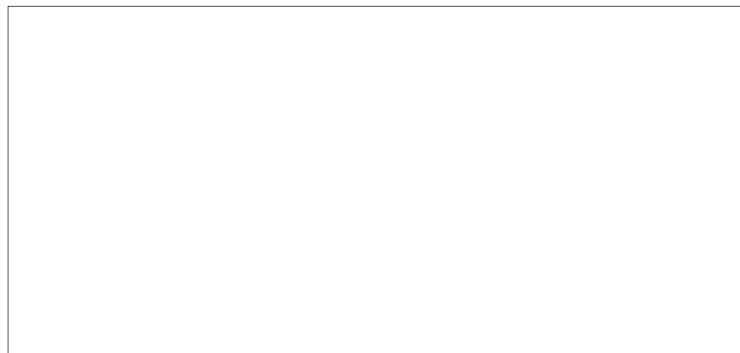
d. The Robles forces will find it very hard to hide this manipulation once the official count starts Saturday.

e. Arias may or may not know what has happened, but he is already charging fraud and could cause real trouble if he can get public acceptance of the view that he was jobbed out of the presidency.

4. Cyprus

a. Although the island is quiet for the moment, we are once again getting rumblings from Turkey.

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c. The Turks of course have talked in these terms before without doing anything. However, Inonu, provoked by Papandreou as well as Makarios, told Ambassador Hare Tuesday that Turkey had but two alternatives, submit to Makarios or "beat some sense into his head" with military force.

d. This could mean either intervention at some point in Cyprus or action against one of the Greek-held offshore islands. The Turkish armed forces in the Iskenderun area are at this point in what the military describes as a "relaxed alert."

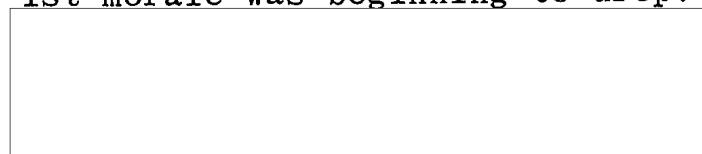
e. Late press reports this morning state that the Greeks and Turks have agreed to accept mediation by Secretary General Stikker.

5. Laos

a. Rightist officers dominate the new Lao "general" staff announced yesterday after the "merger" of neutralist and rightist forces.

b. The neutralists, who got only one minor appointment, are understandably angered and refer to the merger as an "enormous piece of hypocrisy."

c. Even before this, neutralist morale was beginning to drop.



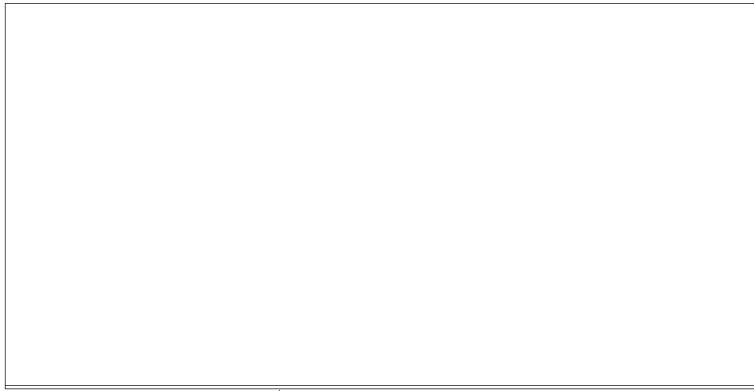
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d. The neutralists fear that the Pathet Lao will take advantage of all this disharmony for a move against their Plaine des Jarres positions.



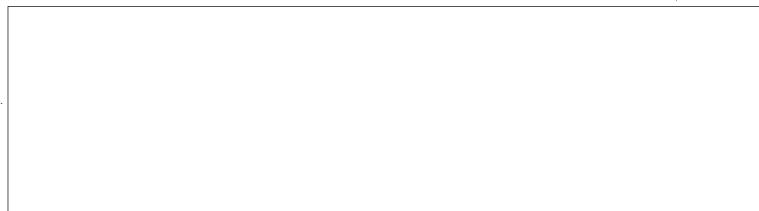
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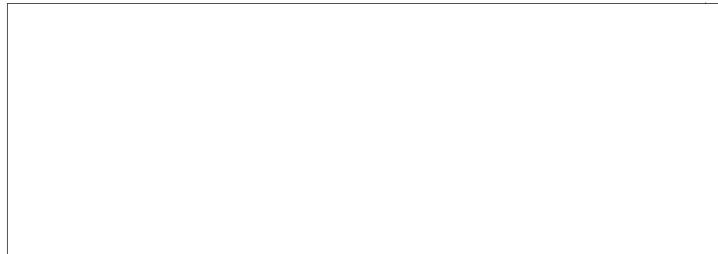


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7. East Germany

a. The communique which Ulbricht signed in Budapest yesterday marks a real shift in course for the last of the real Stalinists.

b. For example, he has reversed his stand against economic and even diplomatic relations between East European nations and West Germany. Only two days before he described the desire of his neighbors to deal with Bonn as "naive."

c. He also brought his stand on CEMA and the Sino-Soviet dispute into line with those of Poland and Hungary--but not of the USSR.

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d. These shifts, which could cause Ulbricht massive trouble with his many hard-line followers, were probably taken because he feared East Germany's virtual isolation from the rest of Eastern Europe.

NOTES

A. South Vietnam We have tentatively identified
a sixth Viet Cong regiment in South Vietnam.
This one is located in the northern part of the
country near the Laotian border and may have
the job of covering Viet Cong infiltration
routes. [redacted]

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D. Guatemala Disgruntled politicians, with
which Guatemala is well supplied, have been
trying to line up military support for a move
against the Peralta government before the
elections [redacted] The government is aware
of this.

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E. Kenya Touring Home Minister Oginga Odinga
came away from Peiping and Moscow with a pair
of vague and unexceptionable agreements on
cultural and technical cooperation. These
are on the public record, but there is a
suspicion that Peiping quietly agreed to
continue underwriting Odinga's private
political ambitions.

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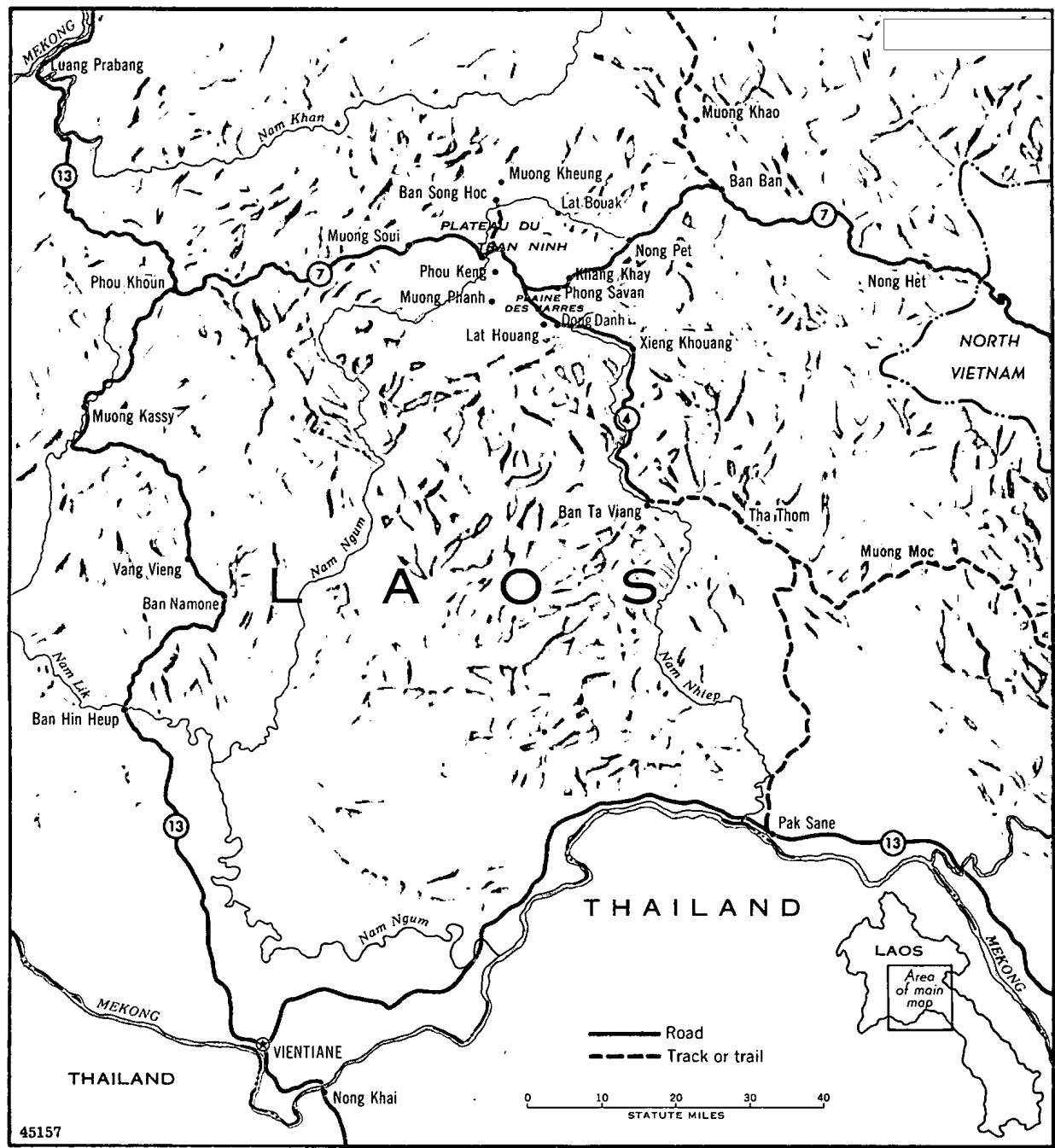


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1. Laos

a. The key strongpoint of Tha Thom, southeast of the Plaine des Jarres, has fallen to a combined Pathet Lao - dissident neutralist force which attacked early yesterday.

b. [redacted]
North Vietnamese elements also supported the attack.

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c. The loss of Tha Thom, which controls an important access route to the Mekong Valley, is a serious strategic setback. It will also add materially to Souvanna's already full plate of political problems.

d. The day before the attack Souvanna had asked the ICC to station teams at Tha Thom and Vang Vieng, but the Commission had not had time to act on his request.

e. The government situation remains muddled. Souvanna plans to go ahead with the replacement of three neutralist ministers.
[redacted]

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2. South Vietnam

a. Some of Khanh's disgruntled civilian ministers are beginning to wonder how long the present government can last.

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c. Deputy Prime Minister Hoan, Khanh's pacification chief, is now complaining because his weekly radio talks have been canceled on orders from Khanh. Hoan felt these talks were needed to help explain the government's mobilization order and to overcome recruiting difficulties.

d. Khanh is also urging some political and religious leaders not to participate in the United Political Front which Hoan is soon to proclaim.

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e. One reason for Khanh's lack of cooperation is his desire to keep the personal political ambitions of the civilian politicians in check.

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f. On the military front, the Vietnamese Army this morning suffered one of the worst routs this year. Viet Cong forces ambushed a government relief force about 20 miles north of Saigon, killing 51 troops.

g. We have no information casting any light on Wednesday's press report that the Viet Cong had surrounded three government battalions in the northern province of Quang Ngai.

3. Cuba

a. We have further reason to believe that the final stages of Cuban missile training will involve a live firing against a target plane.

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4. Cyprus

a. Attention has shifted for the moment from the island to The Hague, where the Greek and Turkish foreign ministers have agreed to make another try at conciliation.

b. Dirk Stikker's good offices, which will be limited to keeping the crisis from getting any worse, should help calm the air. Neither Ankara nor Athens is in a mood to compromise, however.

c. Some shooting is going on in various parts of the island, but nothing big. The Greek Cypriots continue to seize Turkish hostages.

d. Makarios has agreed to go with UN officials today to edgy Famagusta to appeal for an end to the kidnappings.

5. Malaya-
Indonesia

a. The odds against a Maphilindo summit meeting look greater than ever as Philippine emissary Lopez carries his case from Djakarta to Kuala Lumpur.

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b. Sukarno put on his conciliatory hat for his talk with Lopez on Wednesday, but his offer of a token withdrawal of Indonesian forces when the conference opens, and further withdrawals if it makes progress, is not likely to move the Tunku.

c. He told Ambassador Bell that there was "no earthly chance" of success at the summit while the "crush Malaysia" cry was still being sounded from Djakarta.

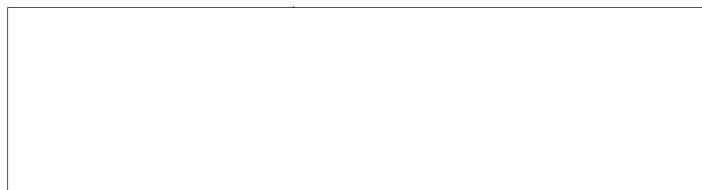
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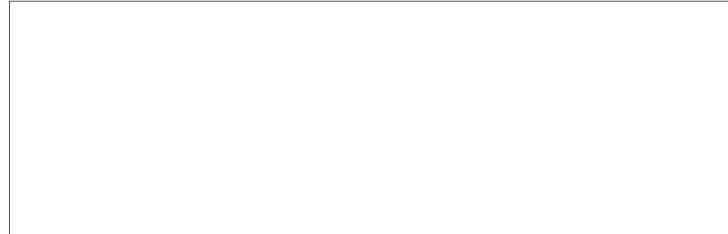
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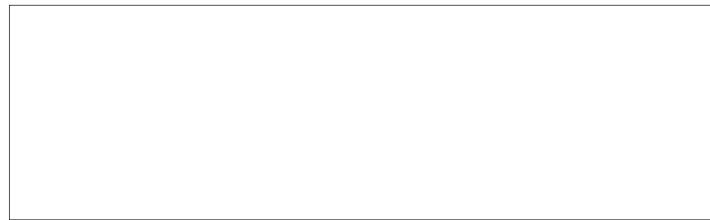
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A. France-Tunisia French officials in Tunis are taking a "very grave" view of the current crisis over the seizure of foreign-owned land and the subsequent suspension of French aid. They feel that De Gaulle has had enough, and if Bourguiba does not retreat anything can happen. Meanwhile, pressures on King Hassan to take similar action against French properties in Morocco have increased sharply.

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D. Communist China - USSR This year's Sino-Soviet trade agreement was signed in Peiping Wednesday after four months of bitter bargaining. We have no details, but recent talks on both sides suggest that the trade will drop to a new low in 1964. Last year's level was about \$600 million.

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E. Egypt-Iraq [redacted]

[redacted] Moscow apparently
is willing to supply Baghdad with aircraft and
other arms in place of the missile equipment
still undelivered when Iraq discontinued its
SAM program [redacted] [redacted]

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F. UAR-Ghana [redacted]

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the outcome of the Panamanian
election is still up in the air.

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election results which have been let out so
far bear little relationship to the figures
turned in by precinct election boards. These
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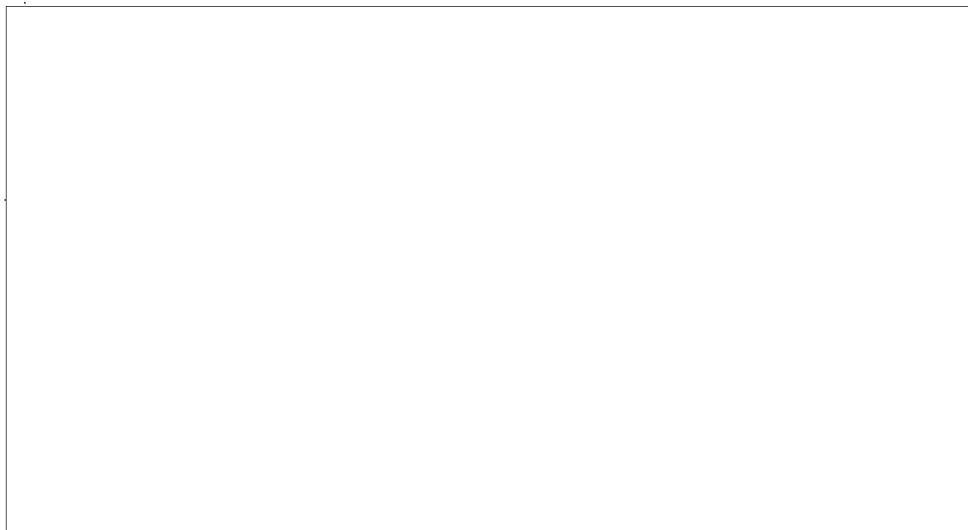
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The official count begins Saturday morning.
The Robles forces will be hard put to make the
earlier returns stick.

Arias has already cried fraud and could
cause trouble if he can get public acceptance
of this charge. He may be helped in this by
Panama's tempestuous students.

3. Cuba: Photography shows that additional
surface-to-air missiles have recently been
distributed to each of four SAM sites in Cuba.

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4. South Vietnam: Some of Khanh's civilian ministers, who seem willing to grumble about the general into any available ear, are now wondering how long he can last.

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Pacification chief Hoan, [redacted] is now complaining because Khanh cut off his weekly radio talks. Our guess is that the general took this step because he felt Hoan was using the talks to build up a personal political following.

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Personal rivalries among high military officers add to Khanh's plate of troubles.

On the military front the Viet Cong ambushed a government ranger battalion Friday morning, inflicting considerable casualties. We have still no official word on press stories that the Communists have trapped three government battalions in the northern mountains.

5. Laos: The situation is as muddled as ever with talk of coups and countercoups on all sides.

The rightists who engineered last month's coup are unhappy with the cautious course which Souvanna has been pursuing and are hinting that they may have to take steps to force him out.

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For their part, the neutralists are despondent over being all but excluded from the new Lao general staff and have branded the so-called merger of rightist and neutralist forces an "enormous piece of hypocrisy."

Kong Le, nominal neutralist commander, is said to be planning some sort of a coup from the Plaine des Jarres. His ability to bring this off is questionable; in fact, there have been rumors of a mutiny against Kong Le.

Souvanna is threading his way through this maze, largely by doing as little as possible. He has still not moved to replace the one dead and two missing neutralist ministers, probably because he is fearful of what the Pathet Lao may then do.

The Communists of course find all this confusion very much to their liking. They have kept military as well as political pressure on Souvanna. Yesterday they occupied Tha Thom with help from dissident neutralists and North Vietnamese.

6. Indonesia-Malaysia: At present reading the odds are strongly against a summit meeting involving Macapagal, Sukarno and the Tunku.

The current effort to get such a meeting going is likely to hang up on the old problem-- withdrawal of Sukarno's guerrillas from Malaysian soil.

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Sukarno's best offer, to begin withdrawing these when the talks start, is unlikely to move the Tunku.

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To give point to this, the Tunku is planning to take off for the Commonwealth conference at about the time Sukarno has suggested for the talks.

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7. USSR: Between December 1962 and March 1964, a series of 25 target missiles was fired from the Makat launch facility of the Sary Shagan anti-missile test complex.

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We take this to mean that the Soviet anti-missile development program entered a new phase in December 1962

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8. UAR-Yemen-Aden: Nasir is cooking up more trouble for the British in South Arabia.

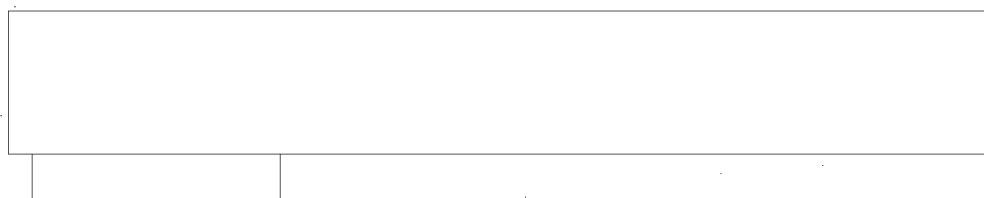
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9. East Germany: The communique which Ulbricht signed in Budapest Wednesday marked a shift in course for this last of the real Stalinists.

In this document he let down his guard against relations between East European nations and West Germany. He also brought his stand on CEMA and the Sino-Soviet dispute closer into line with those of Poland and Hungary, but not of the USSR.

These shifts, which could cause Ulbricht massive trouble with his hard-line followers, were probably taken because he found himself in virtual isolation from the rest of Eastern Europe.

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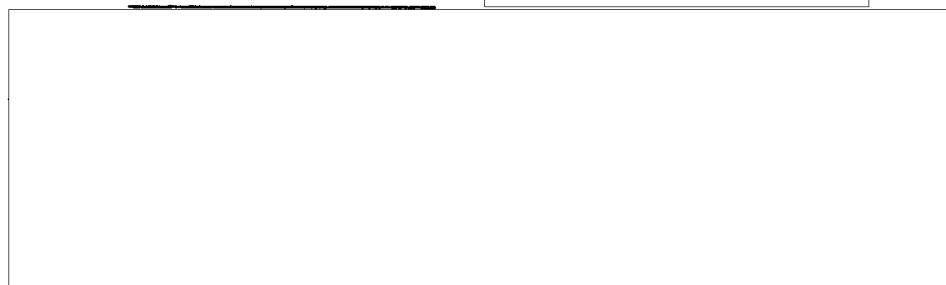


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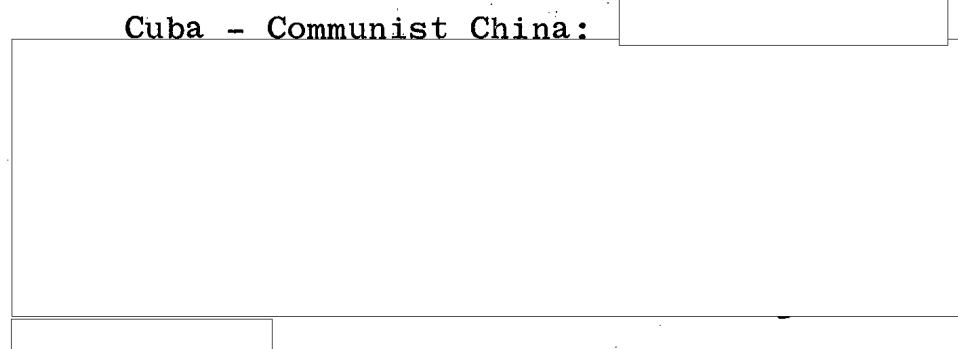


12. Communist China - Trade: This year's Sino-Soviet trade agreement has been signed in Peiping. Details are lacking, but we expect trade to drop below last year's level of about \$600 million.

Chinese exports will probably again exceed imports in the order of \$200 million. This will reduce the Chinese debt to the Soviets enough so that it can be paid off next year.

Earlier in the week the Chinese contracted for over a million tons of wheat from Canada, bringing total Chinese buying so far this year to about five million tons.

13. Cuba - Communist China: [redacted] 50X1
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14. Jordan Waters: So far the Arab reaction to Israel's tests of the Jordan Waters system has been mild. Even in Syria, the story has received routine handling. We expect the Arabs to begin taking a stronger line as the tests continue and, if there are no hitches, the project goes into operation in the summer.

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1. Cyprus-Turkey

a. The situation on the island remains extremely tense in the aftermath of Monday's shooting of two Greek officers and a Greek Cypriot.

b. Greek Cypriots are swearing vengeance, apparently not satisfied with the 31 or more Turkish Cypriot hostages they have already seized in retaliation. A number of these may have been put to death, and, if so, the whole affair promises to escalate when the Turkish Cypriots learn of it.

c. Greek Cypriots are concentrating in the Famagusta area and we expect violence there this weekend. Also in Limassol.

d. The Turks, [redacted] are trying to infiltrate more fighters into Famagusta from Turkey.

f. Dissatisfaction over the government's handling of the Cyprus issue is widespread and a sense of frustration is building up.

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2. Suez Canal

a. A major traffic snarl has developed in the Suez Canal and at both approaches.

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b. Over 150 ships, including 40 loaded northbound supertankers, are standing idle until something can be done about a cement barge, also loaded, which swamped near the half-way point.

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3. Yemen-Aden

a. Tribesmen from the South Arabian Federation have been seen of late in "large numbers" on the streets of Taiz in Yemen.

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b. Many are said to be on their way to Sana and Egypt for military training.

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4. Sino-Soviet
Border Talks

a. The Soviets and Chinese have nothing to show for three months of negotiations over their mutual border.

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b. [redacted]
[redacted] The Chinese, [redacted] are insisting on a written Soviet acknowledgement that the present borders are the product of unjust treaties imposed by Tsarist Russia.

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d. The Soviets want to confine the talks to settling a few geographic points in dispute on the existing frontier.

5. Laos

a. The rightists are still pressing Souvanna to make substantial changes in his government. Adept at doing nothing, he has so far successfully resisted despite their threats to re-form a government on their own if he does not act promptly.

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e. There has been no important change in the military situation. Nor do we yet have any hint of what the Communists intend to do, now that they have Tha Thom, beyond improving their military position before the rainy season sets in.

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- A. Zanzibar Babu is still making it difficult for Nyerere to consolidate the new union.

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West Germany has replaced us as the favorite target of his press.

- B. UK-Hungary [redacted] negotiations between London and Budapest are nearly completed on a \$42 million line of credit, guaranteed by the government, with 30-year repayment terms.

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- C. Indonesia-Malaysia Djakarta takes a dim view of U Thant's effort to provide good offices in the Indonesian-Malaysian dispute.

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- E. Jordan Waters So far, the Arab reaction to Israel's tests of the Jordan waters system has been mild. Even in Syria, the story has received routine handling. We expect the Arabs to begin taking a stronger line, however, as the tests continue. If there are no hitches, the project goes into operation in the summer.
- F. Angola-Egypt Holden Roberto has stepped up his requests for military aid from Cairo.

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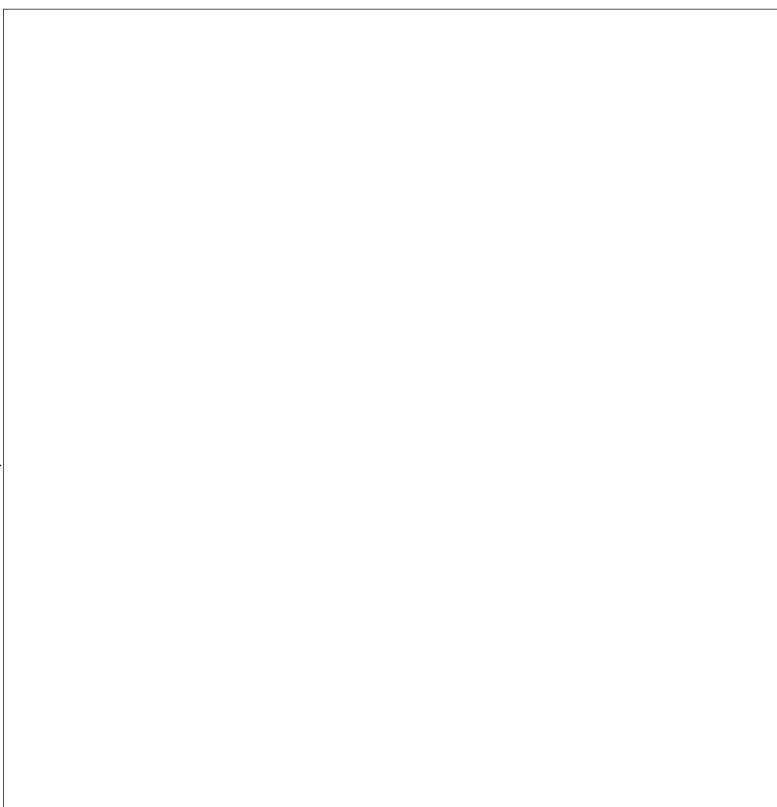
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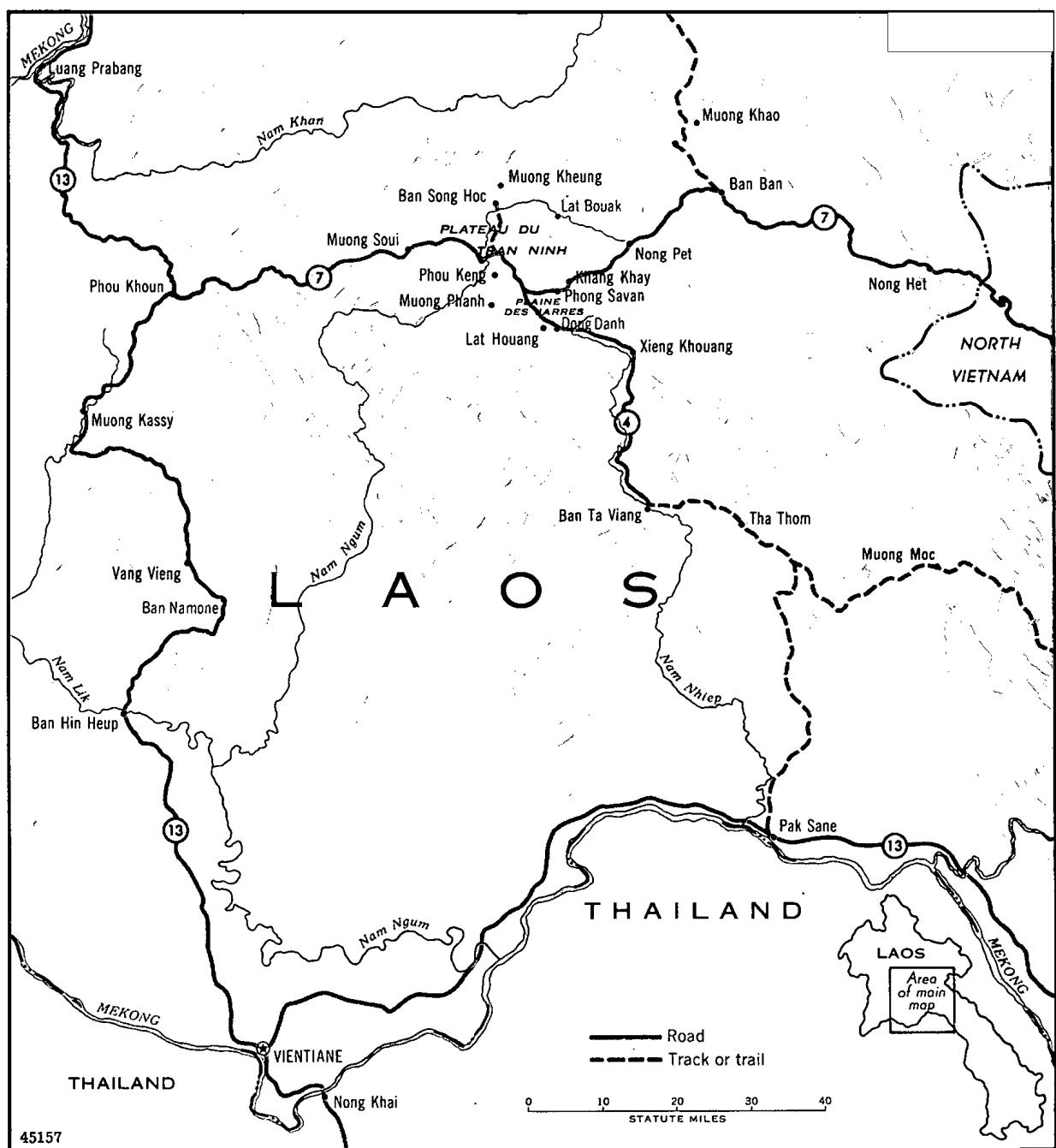


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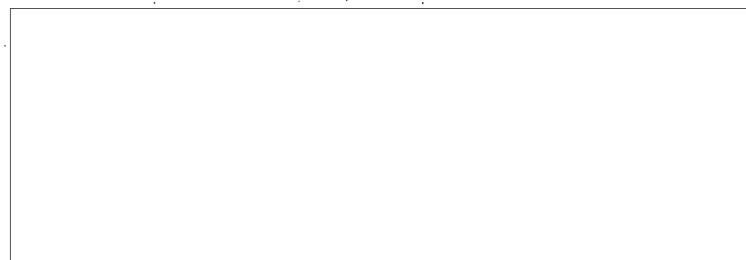
a. The neutralists appear to 50X1
retain only a few toeholds in the
Plaine des Jarres.

b. [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] the bulk of
Kong Le's troops have withdrawn
westward from Muong Phanh, although
some neutralists remain at the
former headquarters site.

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e. South of the Plaine, the
Communists have moved south from
recently captured Tha Thom toward
Paksane in the Mekong Valley.

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g. Control of the Plaine puts the Communists in control of almost all of Laos save the Mekong Valley. We believe they will press on to consolidate their gains and improve their logistical position before the rainy season sets in, but we think they will stop short of attacking major positions in the valley itself.



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2. South Vietnam

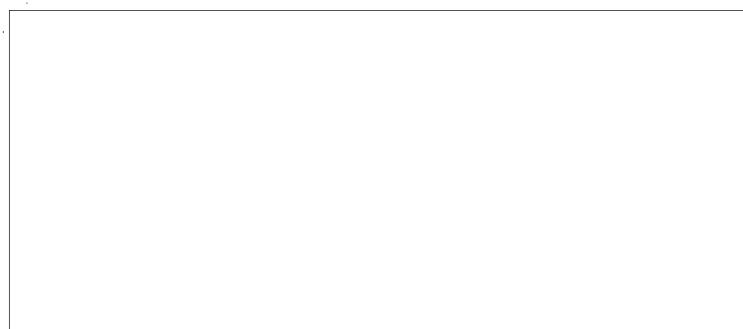
a. Frictions within the Buddhist movement broke into the open last week, but by week's end were papered over as attention turned to this week's celebrations of Buddha's birthday.

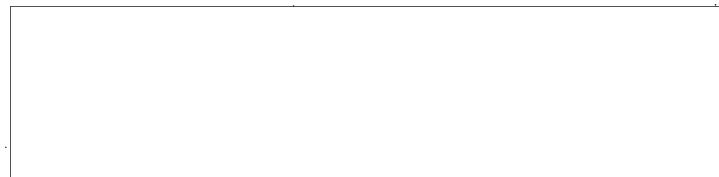
b. Militant Buddhist Tri Quang has been trying to swing the movement behind his public complaints that the regime is doing too little to redress the wrongs committed by the Diem regime. He had threatened demonstrations, but now promises the government additional time.

c. Though he has apparently been temporarily outmaneuvered by the government and more moderate Buddhist leaders, Quang remains a potentially dangerous source of trouble, all too willing to pit his strength against the government were it to suit his purpose.

3. USSR

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4. UK-USSR

a. An official of Britain's Imperial Chemical Industries has announced that contracts worth \$140 million for a synthetic fiber complex will be signed within the next two weeks. Discussions involving "very large sums" for fertilizer production equipment also have been started.

b. Long-term credits, the first offered to the USSR by the West, will cover these deals.

c. The British government offered last year to guarantee credits to the USSR up to a total of \$280 million. It was only recently, however, that private British financing and insurance was assembled to enable ICI to proceed with negotiations.

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e. Mikoyan, in Japan, has offered to buy \$350 million worth of Japanese industrial plants if Tokyo would relax its present five-year credit terms. The Japanese, we understand, turned Mikoyan down. However, a Japanese chemical plant mission is scheduled to visit the USSR next month.

NOTES

- A. Cyprus Cyprus remained quiet over the weekend. The UN is giving Makarios until Wednesday to return the 32 Turkish Cypriot hostages seized last week, but, as we reported Saturday, there is fear many of these have been killed. The quiet is not likely to last.
- B. Bolivia The Bolivian government is bracing for disorders and possible violence today.

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- D. Suez Canal Traffic is beginning to move again in the Suez Canal, but it may take a week or more to get it back on schedule. Over 300 ships are now backed up at Suez, half of them tankers.

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- E. Mexico-Brazil Brazil has recalled its ambassador in Mexico and is not naming a chargé to act in his absence. Mexico did the same thing several weeks ago to show its distaste for the new Brazilian regime. Relations between the two countries are thus being allowed to drift more or less into limbo even though the Mexican embassy in Rio is harboring some 25 pro-Goulart asylees.

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19 May 1963

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Communist pressure continues, and the remaining Kong Le forces, shorn of their artillery, may soon have to join the Meos in the hills. Isolated Kong Le units north and northwest of the Plaine expect to be attacked

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A considerable disarray in Kong Le's entourage contributed to this debacle. Several of his battalion commanders late last week were threatening mutiny unless their demands on Kong Le and Souvanna that there be no rightist-neutralist "merger" were met.

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Communist forces remain positioned south of Tha Thom. Elements have been contacted 20 miles north of Paksane, but do not at present seem to be moving closer to the Mekong.

2. South Vietnam: Khanh has indicated that certain changes in the makeup of his government are in the works.

He seems quite aware that some of his subordinates have not only been complaining of his way of doing things but have also been intriguing against him.

One of these is Deputy Premier Do Mau, who, rumor has it, has been maneuvering to replace Khanh. While discounting Do Mau's ability to pull this off, Khanh may nevertheless take some action to clip his wings.

We still think that a more likely source of a serious challenge to Khanh would be the ambitious and wily defense minister, General Khiem.

3. Tanganyika-Zanzibar: The Communists, foreign and domestic, still have Karume's ear. Zanzibari ministers in the new union remain on the island, doing business as usual under the old "Peoples' Republic of Zanzibar" banner.

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Karume this morning went a step further. He announced that he had signed a treaty of friendship with East Germany on behalf of the union.

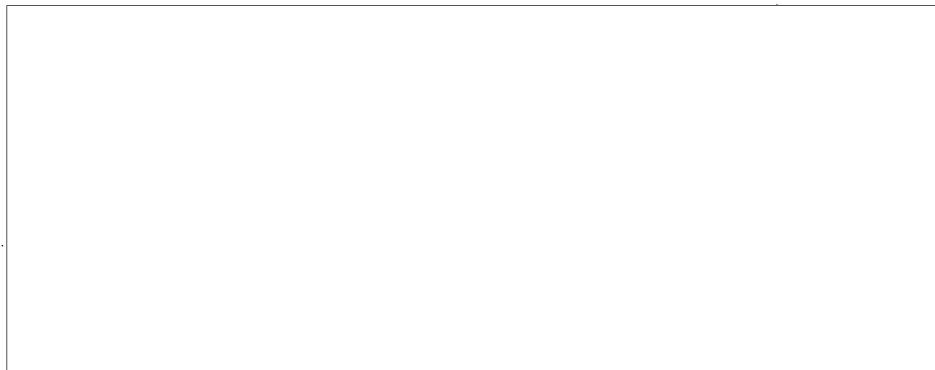
Nyerere may finally be preparing to act. [redacted]

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4. Cyprus: The situation has been relatively quiet in recent days, but behind this facade, the potential for further and greater violence is growing.

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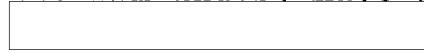


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Greek Cypriot leaders have continued their efforts to get arms and military assistance from abroad, including, they claim, from the bloc. They also have said they are going to merge the police and gendamerie and enact a conscription law.

Tension is already on the rise again over the issue of hostages. The UN announced on Monday that only 17 of 91 Turkish Cypriots taken hostage since late March are in government hands.

There is good reason to believe that at least some, although probably not all of the remainder, have been killed.



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8. Sino-Soviet Border Dispute: Sino-Soviet border talks have made no progress.

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Peiping is insisting on a written Soviet acknowledgement that the present borders are the product of unjust treaties imposed by Tsarist Russia.

The Soviets are afraid the Chinese will use any such statement eventually to support major territorial claims against Russia.

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The Soviets want to confine the talks to settling a few geographic points in dispute on the existing frontier.

9. Rumania: The Rumanian party has followed up last month's declaration of independence with an intensive indoctrination campaign which, by accounts reaching US officials in Bucharest, is taking on a pronounced anti-Soviet and anti-Khrushchev cast.

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At meetings throughout the country, the Soviets are being criticized for 20 years of economic exploitation and for infiltrating the Rumanian secret police.

Khrushchev has been called a "thief" and a "corn and pig specialist" who lectures Rumanian farmers but does not know what he is talking about.

The dominant theme, however, seems to be about the same as in the April party documents, that "Khrushchev and Mao can do what they want, Rumania will go its own way."

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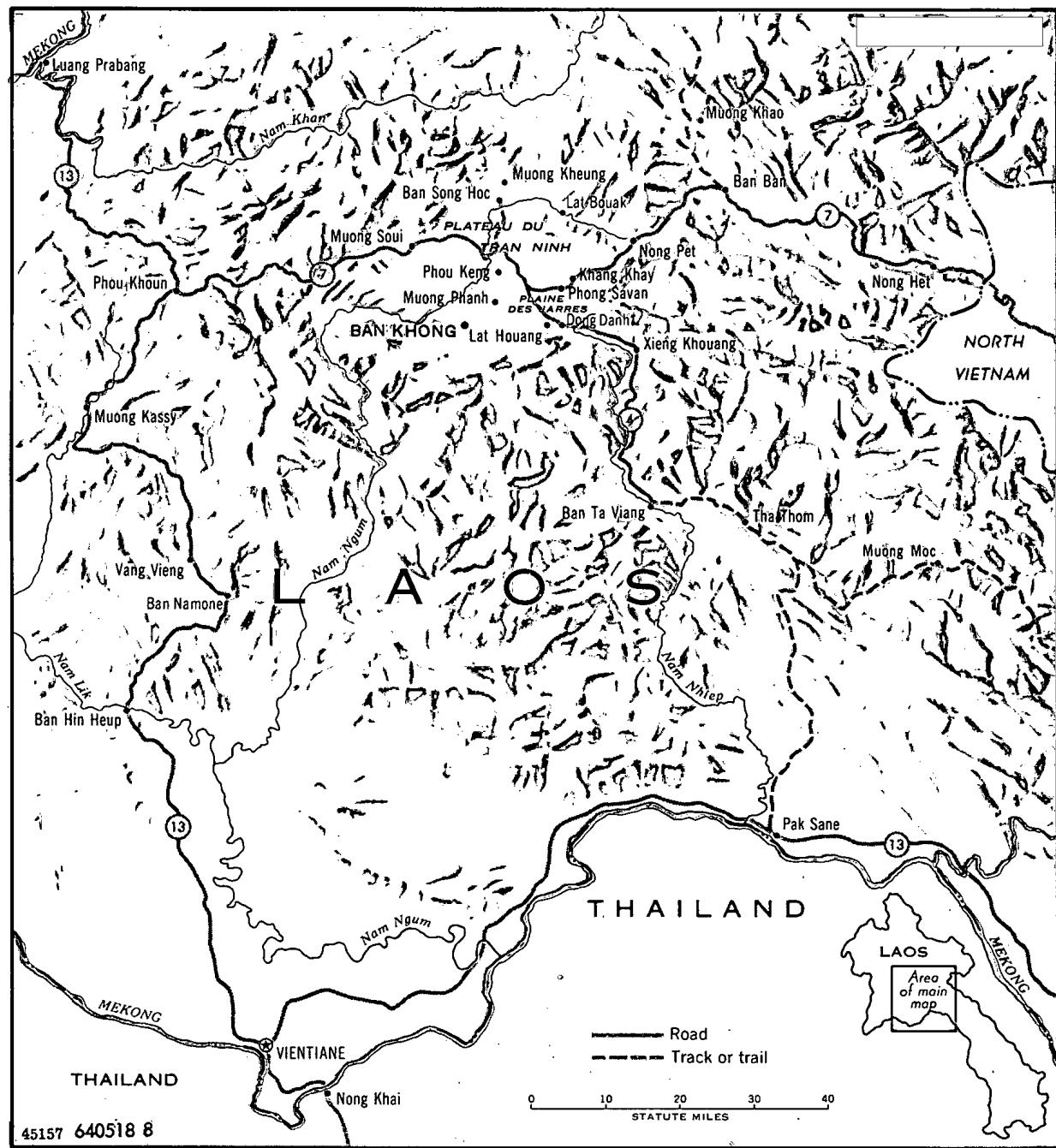


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a. Kong Le yesterday abandoned his few remaining positions on the Plaine des Jarres to the Pathet Lao and now has his headquarters west of Ban Khong.

b. Elements of four of his battalions this morning are scattered along the extreme western fringes of the Plaine.

c. Communist pressure continues and the remaining Kong Le forces, shorn of their artillery, may soon have to join the Meos in the hills to the west. Isolated Kong Le units north and northwest of the Plaine expect to be attacked [redacted]

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The Communists deny that they are involved in the current hostilities on the Plaine. They are trying by such means to portray these as a squabble among the neutralists.

f. Communist forces remain positioned south of Tha Thom.

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g. Lao air force trainers yesterday bombed and rocketed Communist positions in the Plaine and near Tha Thom.

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2. Tanganyika-Zanzibar

a. In the three weeks the union has been in existence, it has brought few discernible changes to Zanzibar and, unless Nyerere and the Tanganyikans assert themselves, it may never be consummated.

b. The Communists, foreign and domestic, still have Karume's ear. Zanzibari ministers in the new union remain on the island, doing business as usual under the old "Peoples' Republic of Zanzibar" banner.

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d. The Chinese Communists have brought in additional men and promised him a \$14 million loan if this money is not used in conjunction with the Tanganyikans.

e. The North Vietnamese have dispatched an individual to open their "embassy" in Zanzibar.

f. Karume this morning went a step further. He announced that he had signed a treaty of friendship with East Germany on behalf of the union.

g. Nyerere may finally be preparing to act.

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3. South Vietnam

a. Khanh has indicated that certain changes in the makeup of his government are in the works.

b. He seems quite aware that some of his subordinates have not only been complaining of his way of doing things but have also been intriguing against him.

c. One of these is Deputy Premier Do Mau, who, rumor has it, has been maneuvering to replace Khanh. While discounting Do Mau's ability to pull this off, Khanh may nevertheless take some action to clip his wings.

d. We still think that a more likely source of a serious challenge to Khanh would be the ambitious and wily defense minister, General Khiem.

4. Rumania

a. The Rumanian party has followed up last month's declaration of independence with an intensive indoctrination campaign which, by accounts reaching US officials in Bucharest, is taking on a pronounced anti-Soviet and anti-Khrushchev cast.

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b. At meetings throughout the country, the Soviets are being criticized for 20 years of economic exploitation and for infiltrating the Rumanian secret police.

c. Khrushchev has been called a "thief" and a "corn and pig specialist" who lectures Rumanian farmers but does not know what he is talking about.

d. The dominant theme, however, seems to be about the same as in the April party documents, that "Khrushchev and Mao can do what they want, Rumania will go its own way."

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- A. Bolivia The anti-Paz explosion which the government expected yesterday turned out to be a dud. Only about 300 workers out of an expected 10,000 turned out. Surprised by their own weakness, they quickly disbanded. This has probably blasted a big hole in Lechin's hopes to stir up real trouble for Paz prior to the 31 May elections.

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E. Lebanon The Egyptians, who prefer President Shihab to such "mortal enemies" as Chamoun and the Maronite Patriarch, have their ambassador in Beirut working on the president to change his mind and accept a second term.

F. Mexico [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] Lopez Mateos, already worried about 50X1
Communist inroads among the northern peasants, 50X1
is convinced that the Communists may try [redacted]
[redacted] to instigate disturbances in Mexico City
similar to those in Caracas before the Vene-
zuelan elections last December. Some of this,
he fears, may be aimed at the US Embassy and
other American property.

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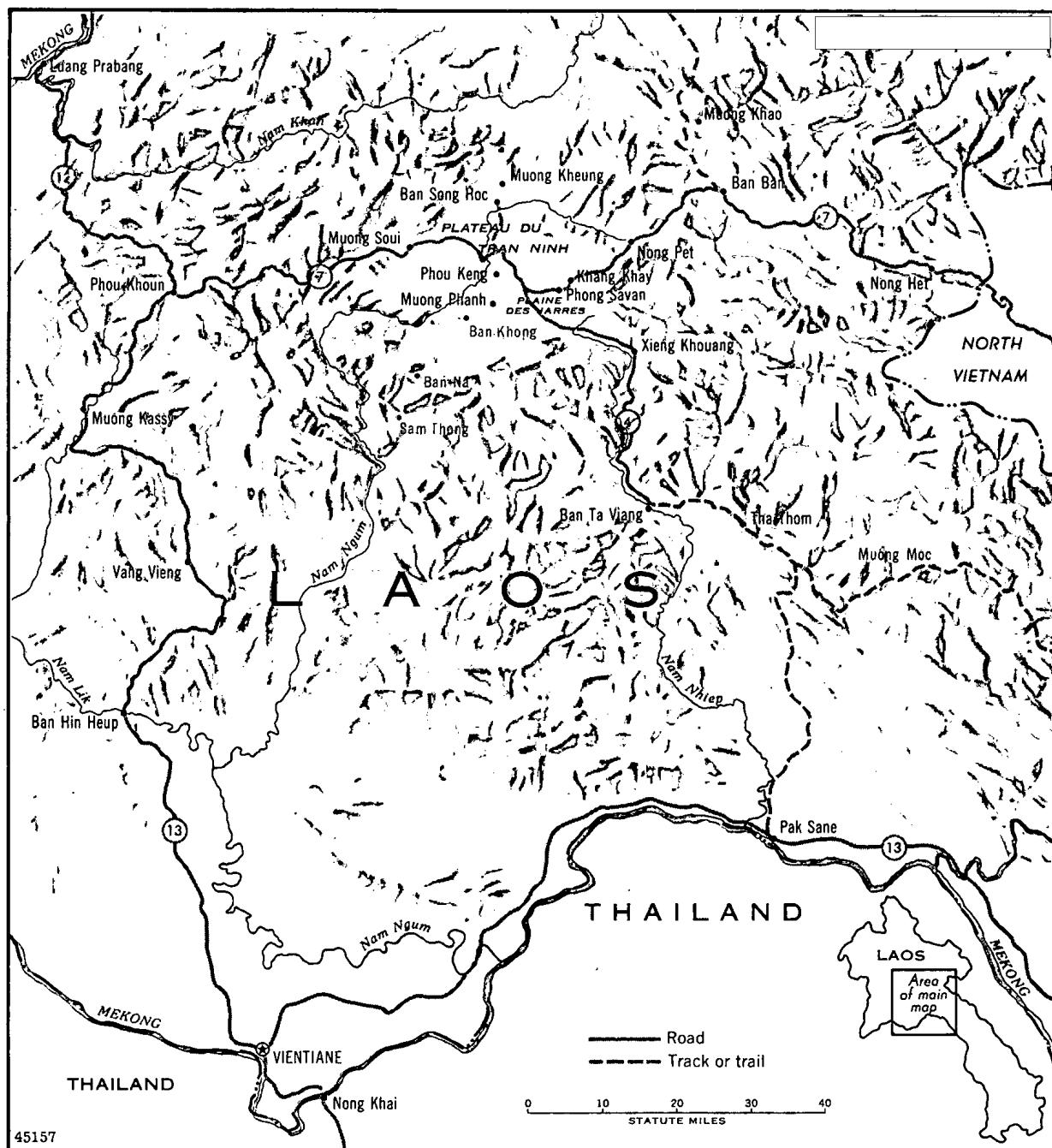


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1. Laos

a. Souvanna has just about given up any hope of working out a satisfactory compromise with the Communists.

b. [redacted]

[redacted] he roasted both the North Vietnamese and the Chinese, and the Soviets and Poles as well, for putting him in such desperate straits. He was convinced that "force alone" would make them come around.

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c. [redacted]
d. For their part, the Communists are beginning to make conciliatory noises now that their bargaining position has been strengthened. Both Souphanouvong and a Pathet Lao spokesman broadcasting from Peiping yesterday expressed interest in peaceful negotiations.

e. The military situation is not as clear as it might be. Kong Le seems to be moving his forces farther back into the hills surrounding the Plaine des Jarres.

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f. The exposed outposts of Muong Kheung and Muong Soui are coming under increased Communist pressure.

Muong Soui is the last major obstacle to a linkup of Pathet Lao forces on the Plain and others in the region farther west.

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2. Cyprus

a. Big talk from Greek Cypriot leaders about building up their military force is not helping to lower the tension.

b. They have announced they are going to merge the police and gendarmerie and enact a conscription law.

c. They also say they are working on arms deals with "various countries." Their shopping list includes bombers, fighters, torpedo boats, and heavy arms. The Greek Cypriots have been claiming since January that the bloc would be willing to help.

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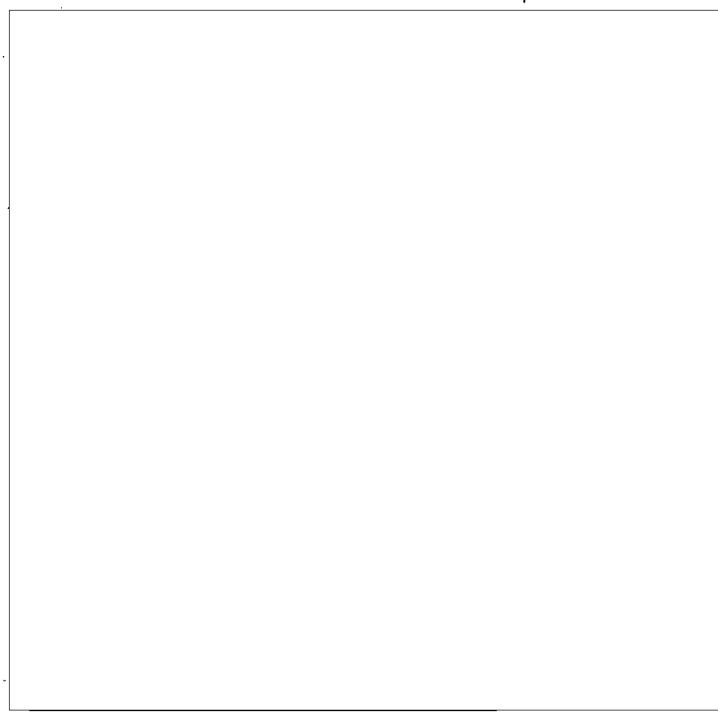
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e. The word is out officially now that only 17 of 91 Turkish hostages taken since late March are in government hands. This news from UN officials could be all that is needed to set off a new vendetta.

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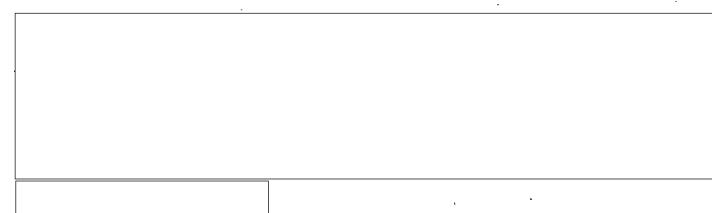


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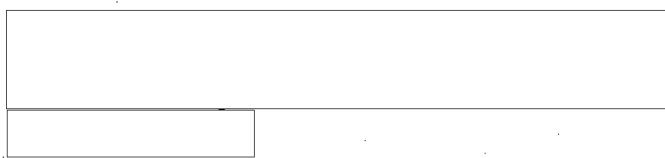
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5. Cuba-USSR

a. A new shipload of Soviet arms is due to arrive in Cuba

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b. While we cannot be sure what the large-hatch ship is carrying, it looks like a routine military delivery, probably including equipment needed for maintenance and modernization.



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- A. Congo Security in several provinces has deteriorated badly as a result of more intensive rebel operations. Leopoldville's army lacks both the leadership and logistical support needed to put down the uprisings. General Mobutu's extended absence on tour in Europe and his disinclination to return home do not help.

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E. USSR-Iraq Iraqi defense officials expect
soon to close an arms deal with Moscow

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F. British Guiana - Trinidad Prime Minister Williams' attempt at mediating the differences between Guiana's politicians has fizzled, to no one's great surprise. His coalition proposal held little appeal for Jagan's opponents, who have high hopes of winning Sandys' proportional elections. Jagan now must come up with some new tactic, possibly stepped-up terrorism, to delay the voting.

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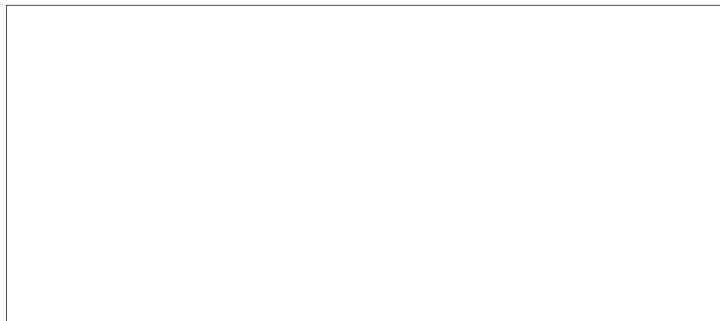
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c. [redacted] Ambassador Alphand, acting on instructions, told us that France sees the situation as "completely modified" from that envisaged by the Geneva settlement and that a new conference would be needed. It could be limited, he said, to the situation caused by the rightist coup in Vientiane and the fighting which ensued.

d. Moscow seems to have decided against any further effort to try to restore Souvanna's coalition government, and will probably respond favorably to De Gaulle's initiative as the best way to forestall Western military intervention and restrain the North Vietnamese.

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e. Indeed, the Soviets now seem ready to write Souvanna off completely. The Polish ICC delegation reportedly no longer considers him prime minister. The Polish view is that the regime has completely disintegrated and cannot be reconstituted.

f. Under the circumstances, the Poles have suspended participation in the ICC and are calling their delegation home for "consultations."

g. The Soviet diplomatic contingent in Vientiane, we understand, is also getting ready to pull out.

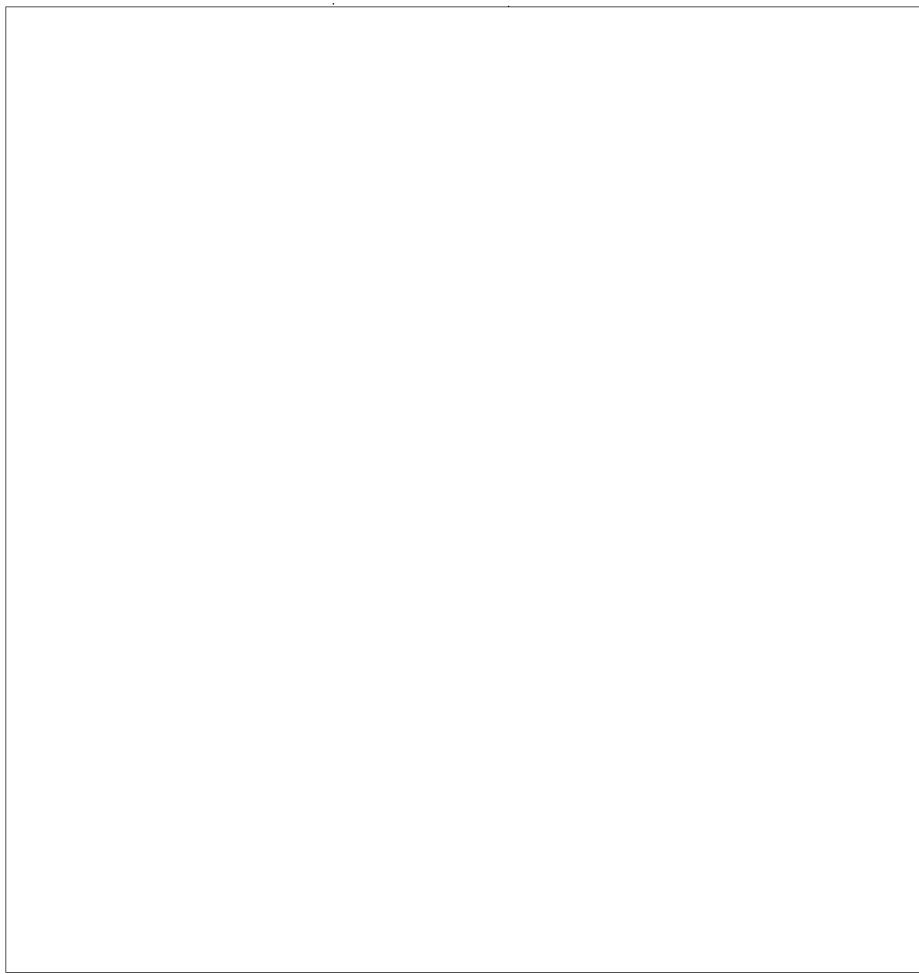
h. Sihanouk has already called for a Geneva conference to consider the whole range of Indo-China problems, including, especially, his own. The Soviets, the Chinese, and the North Vietnamese have seconded his motion, and the French, despite what Couve and Alphand say, might also be willing to broaden the agenda.

i. In Laos itself, the military situation remains much the same. The neutralists continue to withdraw westward to new defensive positions, but no significant engagement has been reported.

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2. North Vietnam

a. The North Vietnamese are pushing ahead with construction on routes leading to the southern part of the country.

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c. Recent photography shows extensive construction activity south of Hanoi. The Ham Rong bridge, which can carry both rail and road traffic and which provides a major north-south link between Hanoi and Vinh, has finally been completed. Construction is in progress on several bridges and on parts of the rail bed south of Vinh to the Demilitarized Zone.

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3. North Vietnam - South Vietnam

a. "Owing to neutrality of Cambodia and Laos, our base areas can be expanded."

b. So says a recently translated Viet Cong document found on a Viet Cong officer who was captured last December

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c. The documents in which this statement appeared are basically a set of notes used in political indoctrination. Taken as a whole, they give an insight into Viet Cong strategic aims and objectives.

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4. Cambodia

a. Another South Vietnamese foray into Cambodia apparently occurred on Monday

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5. Maphilindo Talks

a. Philippine special emissary Lopez is still trying to get a three-way summit on the tracks.

b. He arrived in Djakarta yesterday, not optimistic, with Tunku Rahman's latest terms. Essentially these are that Sukarno must agree in principle to withdraw his guerrillas and some actual withdrawals must be accomplished and verified by the Thais before the Maphilindo foreign ministers can meet in a preparatory session.

c. In his first meeting with Lopez, Sukarno adopted a conciliatory attitude. He agreed in principle to the withdrawal of troops and to an initial withdrawal before a summit to be verified by Thai officials.

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NOTES

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- B. Zanzibar Soviet instructors are reported still training the Zanzibar "army" with the idea apparently of displacing the Tanganyikan police now on the island as soon as possible.

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I. Laos

a. As expected, the Soviets have jumped at the French proposal for a new conference on Laos. They suggest it be convened next month in Geneva.

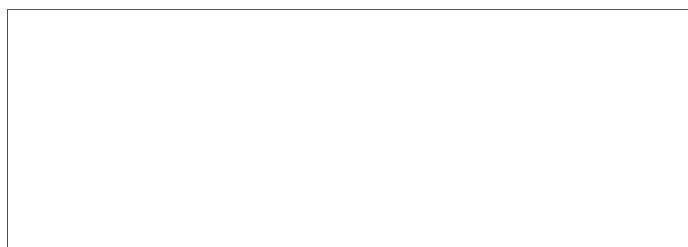
b. The Soviets say they are responding not only to the French proposal but to Souvanna Phouma's request for consultations as well.

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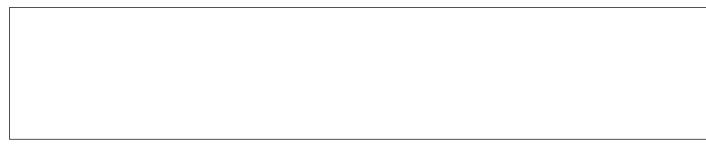
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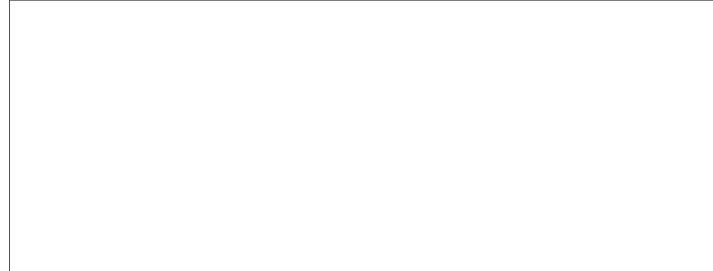
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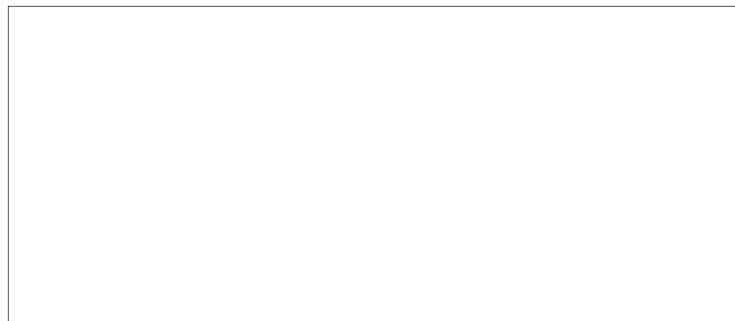
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4. France-Israel

a. The US air attaché in Paris has heard that the first test firing of the Israeli surface-to-surface missile, being developed by the French firm of Marcel Dassault, is now set for July.

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b. This timing would mean that the development program is about on schedule.



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5. Cyprus

a. Makarios has now candidly admitted, as has been obvious all along, that he cannot control Greek Cypriot extremists.

b. He has in fact made only desultory gestures in this direction, despite arguments by UN officials and others that Cyprus is drifting into anarchy and that the process will inevitably involve the overthrow of Makarios.

c. As matters now stand, the island is fairly quiet, but things could get worse in a hurry.

NOTES

- A. Congo To ginger up the lethargic Congolese Army response to the growing rebel threat in Kivu, Adoula has dispatched Defense Minister Anany and acting commander Lundula to the scene. Adoula is still trying to lure General Mobutu back from his European tour to take charge.
- B. India Ambassador Bowles had another chat with Nehru on Tuesday and found the Indian feeble. He talked with painful slowness, but impressed Bowles as taking in most of what was said to him.
- C. Poland We now expect that Gomulka, who has been under attack from several outspoken party groups, will manage to dominate the Polish party congress next month. He will probably not be able, however, to restore full unity to his faction-ridden party.
- D. Rumania - The West A 24-man Rumanian mission, including the minister of heavy industry and the vice minister of planning, arrived in Brussels last week, probably to discuss the acquisition of Belgian industrial plants on credit. Belgium has already built several plants for the Rumanians.
- E. Bolivia Paz seems again to have outmaneuvered his opposition and his re-election now looks like a sure thing. Paz himself is confident that the 31 May election will come off smoothly by Bolivian standards. He does not discount the prospect of scattered violence.

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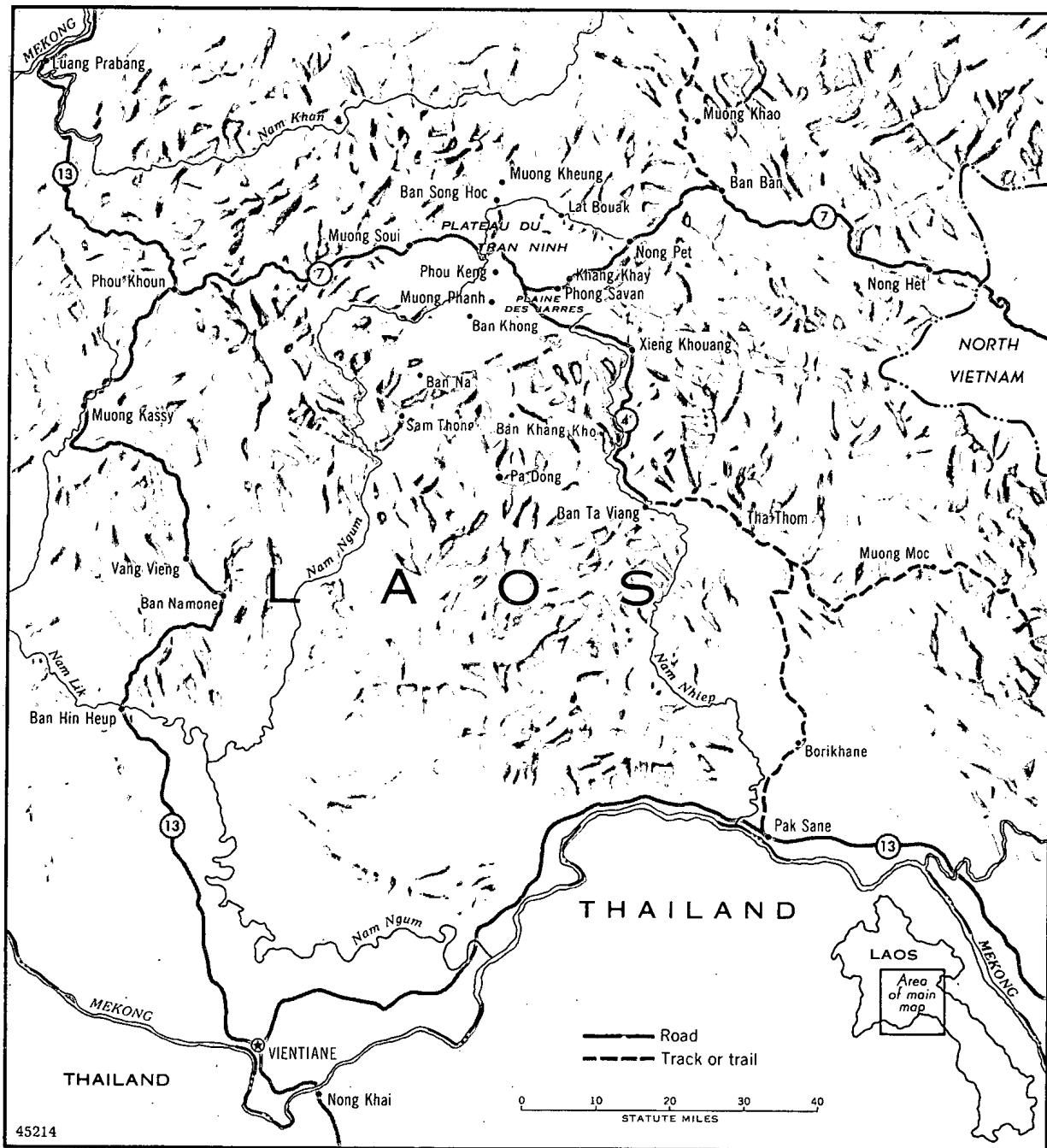


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1. Laos: Communist forces were still pressing against rightist guerrilla positions south of the Plaine des Jarres on 22 May.

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Moscow, as expected, has jumped at the French proposal for a new conference on Laos. The Soviets suggest it be convened next month at Geneva. They claim they are responding not only to the French proposal but also to Souvanna's request for consultations.

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Souvanna himself has just about given up
hope of working out a compromise with the Com-
munists.

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2. North Vietnam - Laos: Hanoi may be con-
tinuing to supply the Communists in Laos by
air.

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[] photography [] has shown
a transport plane, believed to be North Viet-
namese, at a Pathet Lao airfield. This is
the first photographic evidence of air assist-
ance since the end of the Soviet-supported
airlift in October 1962

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The North Vietnamese are also hurrying
up construction of routes leading to the south.

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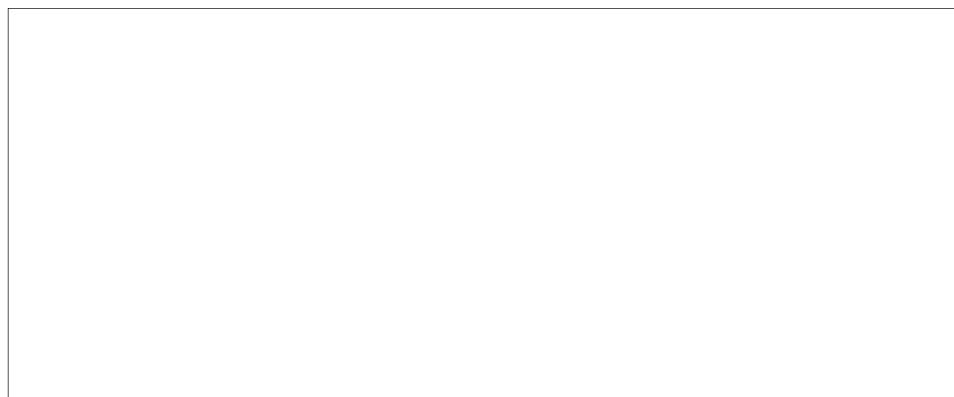
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4. Cyprus: Makarios now says that he cannot control the Greek Cypriot extremists. He has made only feeble efforts in this direction, despite warnings from all sides that he risks his own future in allowing Cyprus to slide toward anarchy.

Ambassador Belcher meanwhile has warned that the Turkish Cypriot irregulars--many of whom are also operating without central control--are expected to start new violence if the conviction spreads that Turkish hostages have been murdered.

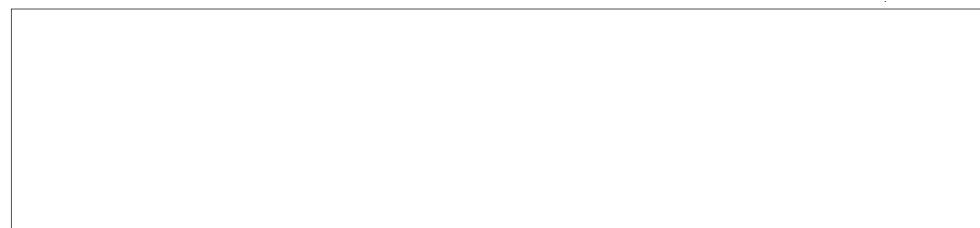
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[] Cuban proficiency on the SAM system continues to improve.



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8. Cuba-USSR: [redacted] major Soviet military delivery to Cuba appears to be on its way. The Soviet ship Poltava, a large-hatch ship which we believe is probably carrying arms, is en route [redacted]
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9. Zanzibar: Soviet instructors are [redacted] still training the Zanzibar "army" with the idea apparently of displacing the Tanganyikan police now on the island as soon as possible.
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10. Congo: The rebellion in Kivu Province is growing. Adoula has sent Defense Minister Anany and acting army commander Lundula to the scene in an effort to put some backbone in the reluctant Congolese Army.
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11. British Guiana: Racial violence and arson have spread to the point where the British governor is about to ask Jagan's authorization to declare a state of emergency. The unrest has the native police force fully extended, and an emergency decree would allow deployment of the 600 British troops now in the colony.

12. India: Ambassador Bowles talked with Nehru last Tuesday. The Prime Minister was weak and spoke with painful slowness, but he impressed Bowles as taking in most of what was said to him.

13. USSR: The Soviet shot at Venus, launched on 2 April and scheduled to arrive on 20 July, could be a bull's-eye.

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Moscow still does not call it a Venus probe, apparently wanting to be sure how successful it is before making any claims.

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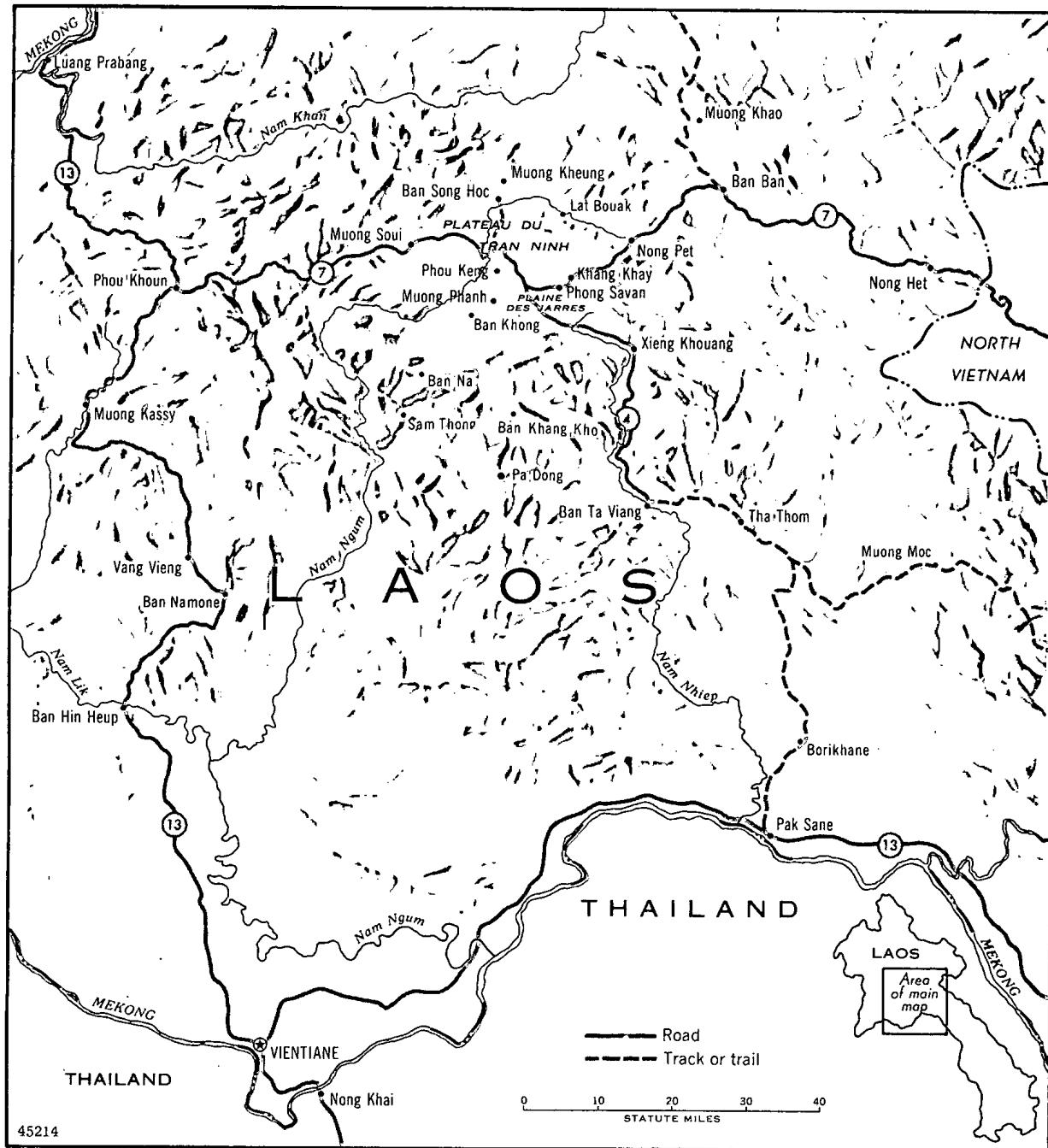
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1. Laos

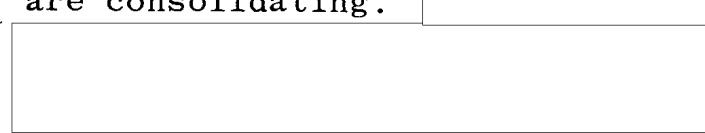
a. Moscow has now formally asked London to join in summoning another 14-nation conference at Geneva in June.



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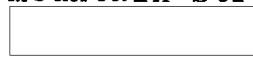
c. Pakistan's Bhutto, who is in London, felt obliged to add his two rupees' worth by proclaiming to a press conference that no political settlement is possible in Southeast Asia without Chinese Communist participation. He said there was a complete vacuum in Laos and Vietnam.

d. There was no significant military action yesterday on the Plaine des Jarres. Both sides are consolidating.



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e. Meo leader Vang Pao has credited the recent T-28 strikes south of the Plaine with heading off a Communist assault on his mountain strongpoint at Pa Dong.



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2. North Vietnam -
Laos

a.

[REDACTED] Communist forces in Laos are getting supplies by air from North Vietnam.

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b. Aerial photography taken on 24 April showed one LI-2 transport on the ground at an air-field in Pathet Lao territory. We think it was a Vietnamese plane.

c. Communications patterns on recent flights out of Hanoi imply that many transports were in the air longer than required to reach their destinations in North Vietnam, quite long enough to have flown into Laos and back.

d. This fits in with charges recently made by a neutralist officer that the North Vietnamese were airdropping supplies to Pathet Lao forces north of Vang Vieng, who have been cut off from overland support since the spring of 1962.

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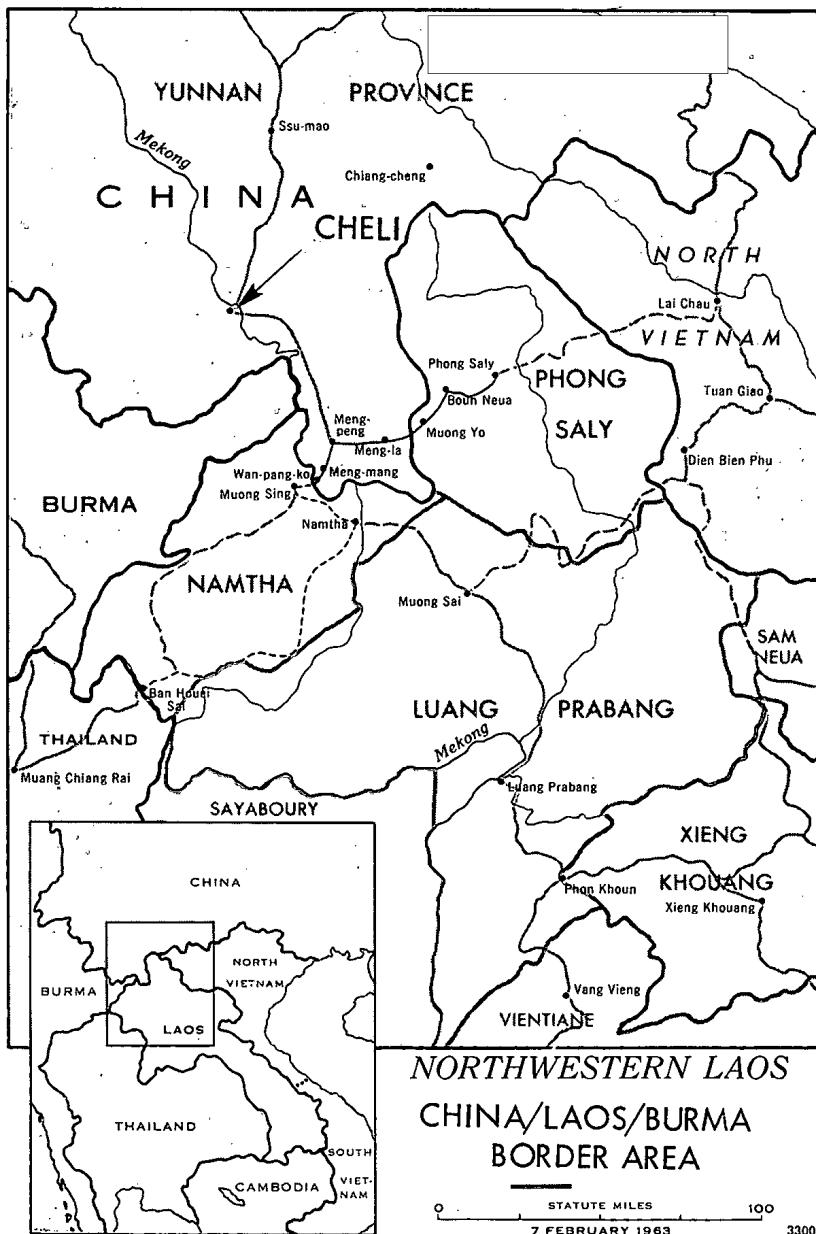
3. Communist China

a. The Chinese are pushing road and rail projects which will give them much easier access to their frontiers with Laos and Burma.

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b. Peiping announced yesterday that a bridge over the Mekong at Cheli, just across the Burma border in Yunnan, will soon be finished. Aerial photography confirms that work on the Cheli bridge, which will be able to carry heavy military traffic, was well advanced in late March.

c. Final work on the rail line which will link Kunming with the main Chinese network to the north is also getting high priority. When it is finished, the Chinese will no longer have to use the rickety rail route through North Vietnam to reach Kunming.

d. The Chinese have already built large barracks installations in this area which can house many more troops than are now garrisoned there.

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4. Congo

a. The two Congos seem more and more preoccupied with plotting each other's downfall.

b. Leopoldville, irate over recent acts of sabotage it blames on exiles based in Brazzaville trying to overthrow Adoula, is of a mind to strike back.

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c. Leopoldville will probably have to rely on sabotage, however, since it is all its army can do to cope with the rebels at home.

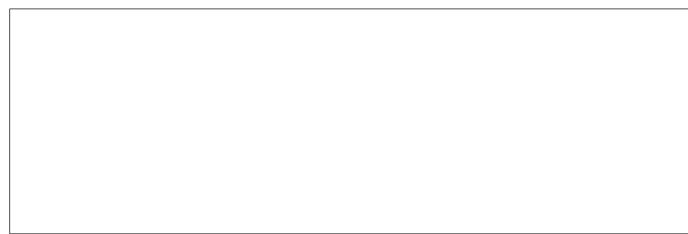
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d. Brazzaville will be quick to pin the blame on Adoula for whatever happens there, and then on the US as ultimately responsible for Leopoldville's actions. The already strong leftist elements in the Brazzaville regime will profit most from any trouble.

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NOTES

- A. British Guiana Expanding racial violence has now led the British governor to declare a state of emergency. In response to his request for additional British troops, London has dispatched one company and put additional units on alert.
- B. Maphilindo Special emissary Lopez claimed in Kuala Lumpur this morning that agreement had been reached on a summit meeting in Tokyo during the first week of June. The Tunku has told his parliament that--according to Lopez--Sukarno has accepted "most of" Malaysia's terms for the meeting. Thus the possibilities for slips are as great as ever.
- C. Italy - Communist China Nenni's Socialists are sending their top foreign affairs expert to Peiping next week for an "official exploratory" visit. The main purpose seems to be to blunt criticism from the Communists and dissident Socialists of Nenni's acquiescence in the government's decision against recognition of China. The government is playing the mission as a private Socialist Party venture, but it will nonetheless give ammunition to the enemies of the "opening to the left."
- D. Cuba The military alert seems to have been relaxed a bit, although it remains in effect. In a fire-eating speech last night, Raul Castro for the first time told the Cuban public about it.

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- E. USSR-Egypt Khrushchev apparently plans to top off his goodwill visit to Egypt with a \$220 million credit for Nasir's development plan. The size of the loan, which will cover equipment and services in the heavy industry field, is about what we thought would come from the aid talks carried on while Khrushchev toured.
- F. USSR [redacted] 50X2
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- G. France [redacted] 50X1
- H. South Korea The political situation remains basically unstable despite a lull in the power struggle within the regime since 11 May when Chong Il-kwon's new cabinet was installed. Students again demonstrated against normalizing relations with Japan on Wednesday, but failed to arouse much popular support. A subsequent attempt by paratroops to interfere with court proceedings against the demonstrators is blowing up into another crisis.

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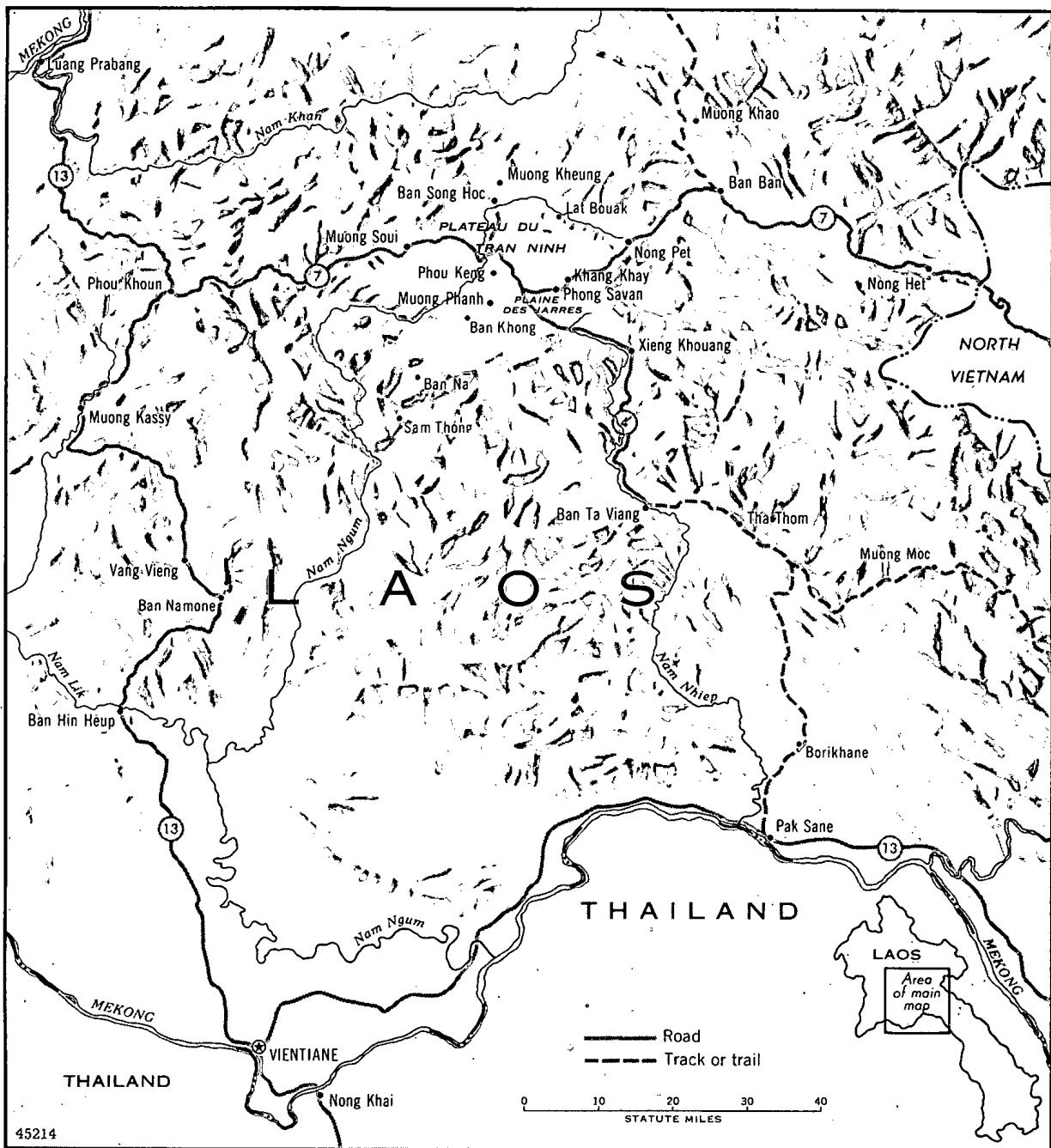


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1. Laos

a. Neutralist forces continue to fall back.

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b. They have now abandoned Muong Kheung, on the northern edge of the Plaine des Jarres in the face of the Pathet Lao threat we reported Saturday.

c. Communist troops advancing on Muong Soui may be trying to cut off the withdrawing force, which includes two battalions and 23 tanks.

d. Press reports that Muong Soui has also been given up [redacted]

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The neutralists were last [redacted] planning to make a stand a few miles to the east.

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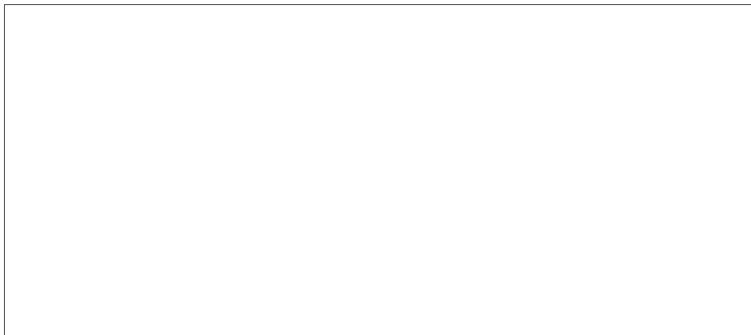
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e. Kong Le intends to hole up in the Meo mountain stronghold of Ban Na, where he feels safe, and has resisted Vientiane's pressure to send reinforcements to Muong Soui.

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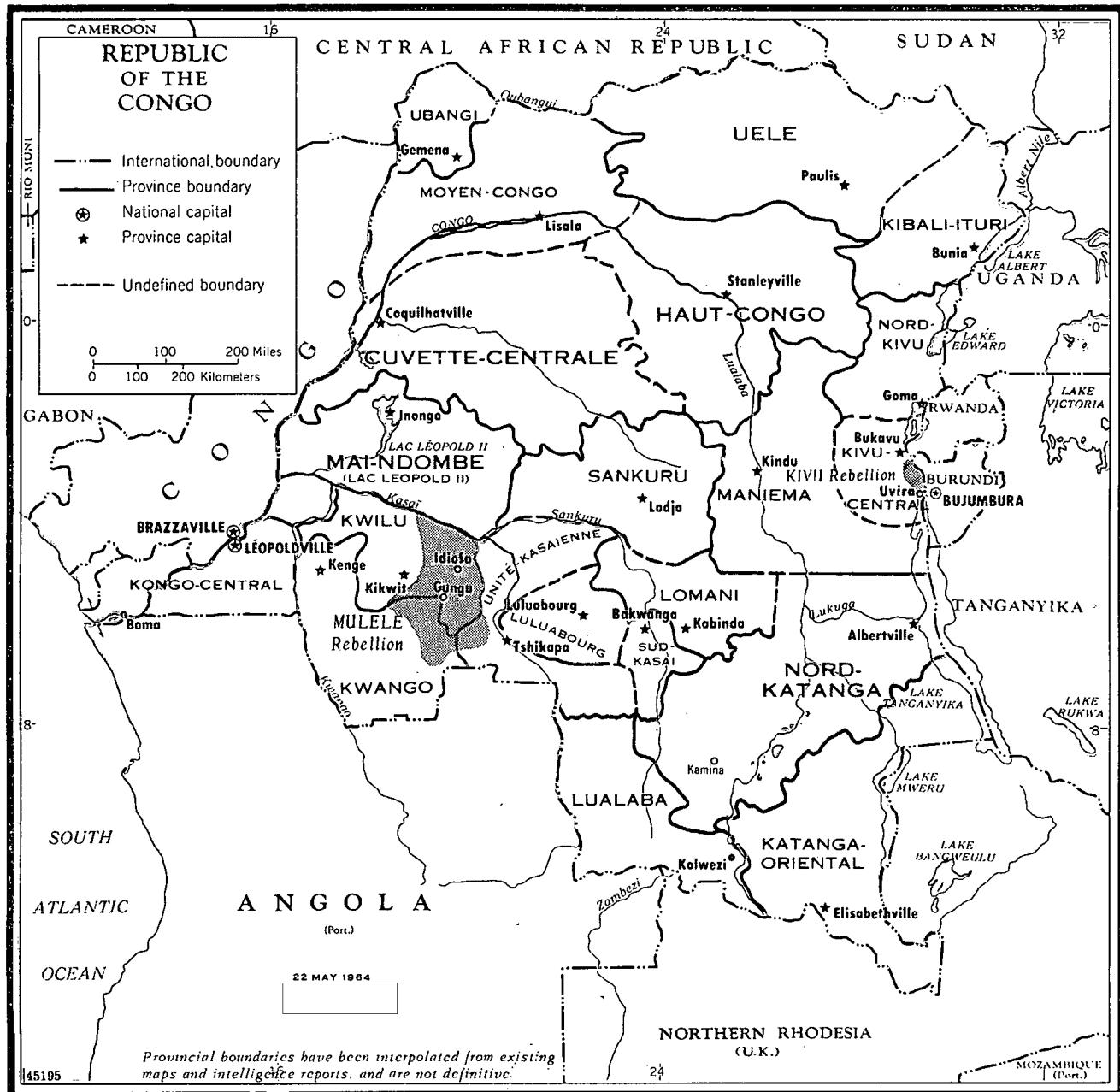
i. In the highly charged atmosphere of Vientiane, rumors of another rightist putsch, of major military drives on the capital, and of threats against Americans are circulating freely.

2. Cyprus

a. There seems to be more than propaganda behind all the hints recently from Greek Cypriot leaders about an arms deal with Moscow.



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d. Large-scale Soviet military aid would create sizable international complications for the USSR. The Greeks would disapprove as much as the Turks.

e. The buildup of small arms in both Cypriot camps goes on. [redacted] 51 truck-loads of arms arrived in Nicosia Friday for the Greek Cypriots,

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f. Shipments of arms and men are also continuing to reach the Turkish Cypriots from the mainland. Their clandestine radio is again showing interest in the landing beaches and defenses around Famagusta. We have no indications, however, that Turkish intervention is imminent.

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3. Congo

a. Leopoldville now seems to have lost altogether what little control it has had over the situation in Kivu Central.

b. Defense Minister Anany and acting commander Lundula returned from the area Saturday with news that the army was in mutiny, or at least was refusing to fight.

Adoula [redacted] could count on only 3 or 4 men in his whole battalion there. He is now replacing them with paracommandos.

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c. UN commanders, who think they can clean up the mess in short order, are ready to send in a Nigerian unit if Leopoldville decides to ask for help. Six US T-28 aircraft will arrive Wednesday to strengthen Adoula's hand.

d. [redacted]

[redacted] a grim picture of conditions in Kivu, with some possibility that the provincial capital of Bukavu may go the way of Uvira, which recently fell to the rebels.

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4. South Vietnam

a. Khanh's government now is bracing for trouble from Catholic groups who are about to start campaigning for equality and protection against the militant Buddhists.

b. Some Catholics are looking to Buddha's birthday on Tuesday as an occasion for demonstrations. The more extreme Buddhist elements, who were threatening to demonstrate themselves earlier this month, probably would not be averse to shedding a little blood for the cause.

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c. Khanh has tried to take a balanced line on religious issues, but many Catholics still fear retaliation for alleged sins of the Diem regime. They also are convinced that the Communists are behind the recent infighting between militant and moderate Buddhists.

d. The government has placed several military units on alert this week [redacted]

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5. Cuba

a. High-altitude photography taken on Friday and Saturday shows that nearly all armored units have been removed from several major military camps in eastern Cuba and in the Havana area. They probably have been sent to defensive positions along the coast.

b. Three surface-to-air and one coastal defense missile sites have been evacuated, presumably because they were vulnerable to raids from the sea.

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c. Heavy patrol traffic in
the wake of the alert has led to
some confusion. Naval patrol boats
have been chasing other Cuban
craft mistaken for invaders, and
we now know of two Cuban patrol
planes shot down by the defenders.

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- A. South Korea There were more student demonstrations in Seoul today. Ambassador Berger reports the government "rapidly moving toward internal and external crisis" of major proportions. It now appears that Kim Chong-pil was behind the paratroop episode, [] which seems to have set fire to the situation.
- B. British Guiana No serious racial violence has occurred since the state of emergency was declared Friday. Reinforcements from London have arrived. Jagan has made a half-hearted appeal for order, but we doubt he will abandon his efforts to make elections this year impossible.
- C. UK-USSR [] the \$140 million worth of contracts with Britain's Imperial Chemical Industries recently announced will be followed by even larger ones with the rival synthetic fibers concern of Courtaulds.
- D. Libya Rumor has it in Tripoli that Prime Minister Muntassir is on the way out. The King is unhappy because Muntassir has too often bowed to public pressure on the base issue. This does not mean, however, that a successor would be any less vulnerable to such pressures.

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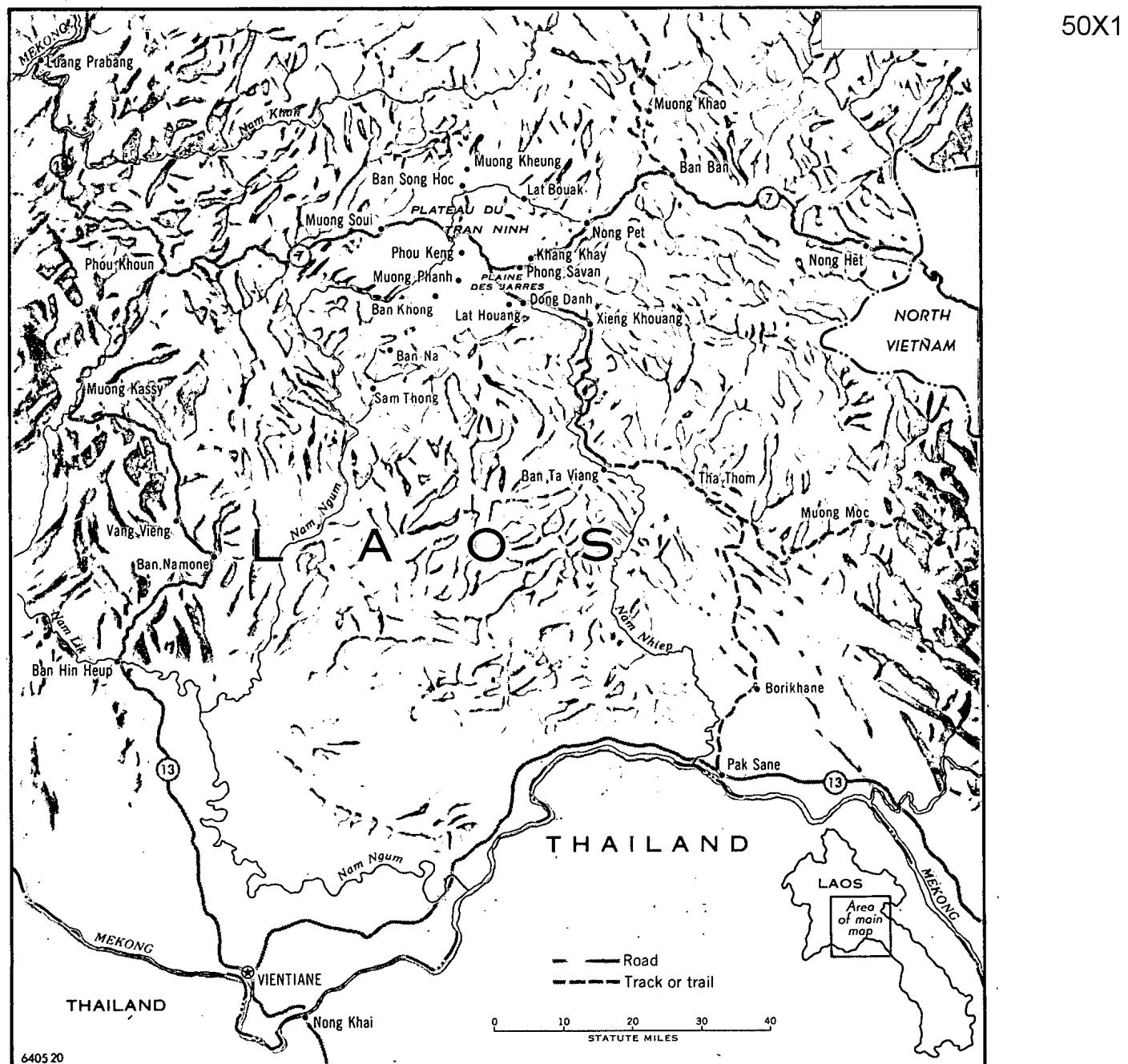


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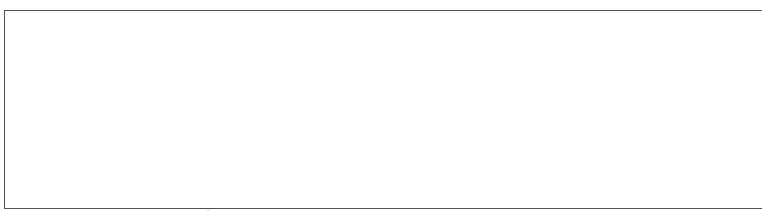
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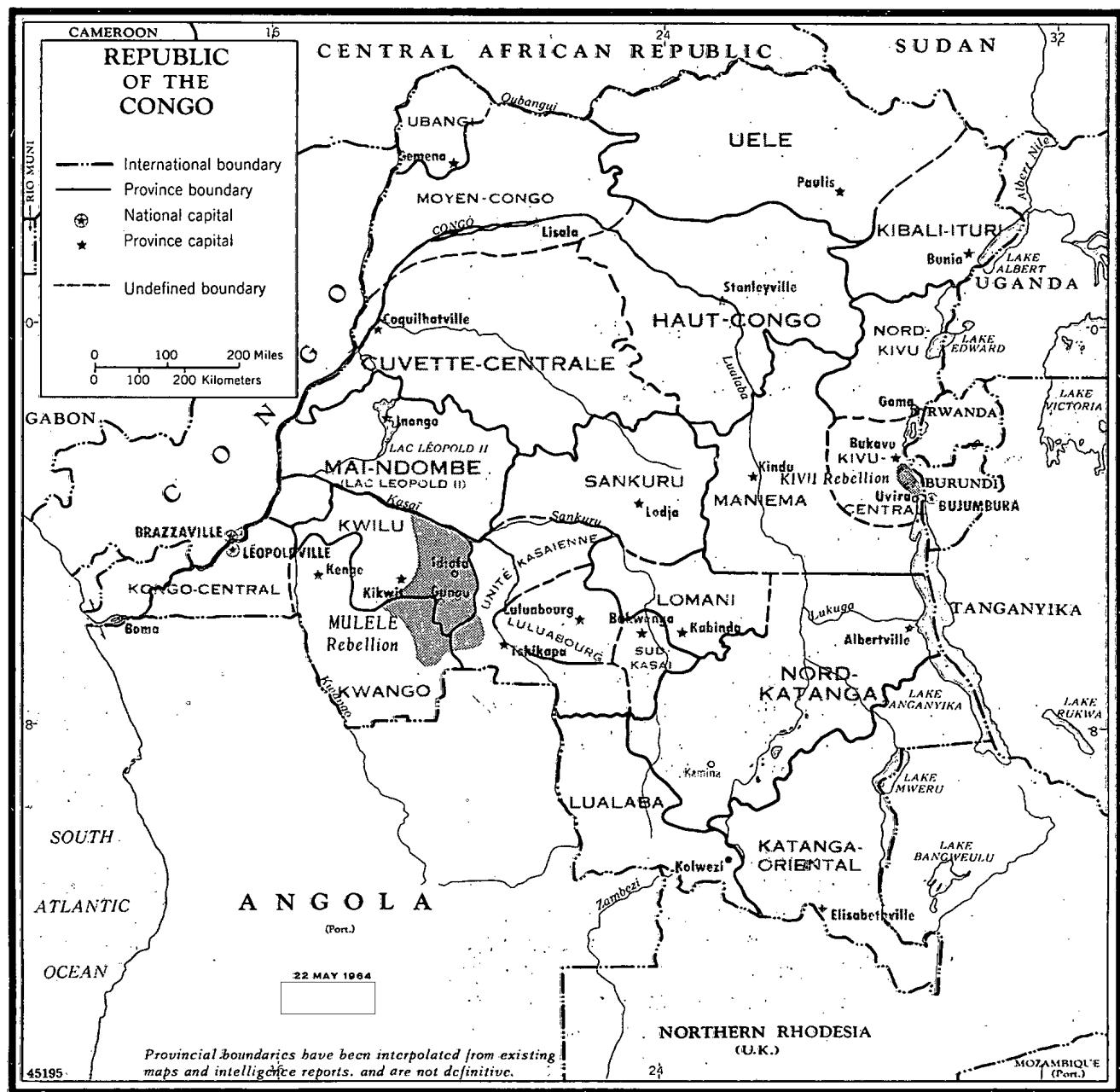
c. In Vientiane, rightist voices are heard criticizing Souvanna for irresolute action. They want more dramatic changes in the government.

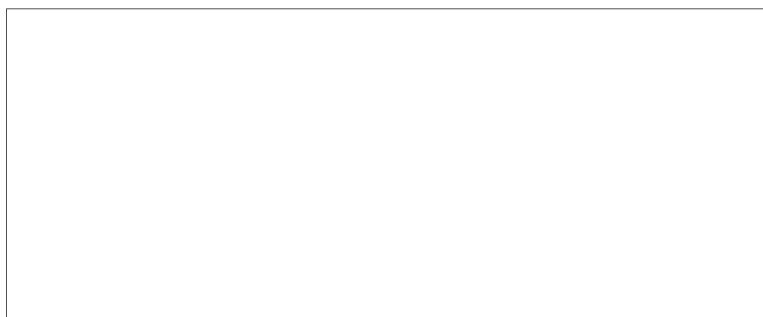
d. Meanwhile, press reports out of Peiping, this morning, say Communist China proposes a foreign ministers' conference on Laos to be held next month in Cambodia.



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2. Congo

a. Adoula has asked the UN to send its Nigerian battalion to save the situation in Kivu Province. His own military force in the Bukavu area has disintegrated and refuses to fight.

b. The arrival of well-disciplined Nigerian troops will help to reassure the population and may restore some discipline in the Congo Army.

c. The rebels, however, are riding the crest and remain a threat to Bukavu, the provincial capital. There are dissidents within the city, and the garrison there, partly locally recruited, is unlikely to act effectively.

d. The Kivu dissidents

[redacted] have picked up better weapons from fleeing Congo Army personnel.

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e. There are signs that the army's sad performance in Kivu may encourage pocket rebellions elsewhere.

f. Mobutu is expected to return from Rome today.

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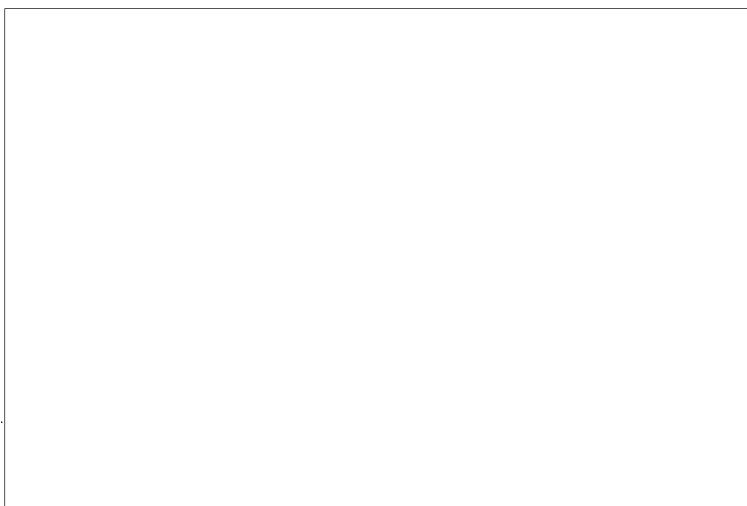
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NOTES

- A. Cuba Cuban forces have begun to relax somewhat their alert posture. Naval headquarters in Havana, yesterday, authorized subordinate units to release a quarter of their personnel from "combat status." [redacted]
- B. Spain-Cuba-US Press reports (New York Times, 22 May) that Cubans are seeking Spanish help in improving relations with the US are correct says Spain's foreign minister. He told Ambassador Woodward that "a couple of important Spanish diplomats" had received such feelers. He was not specific except to stress that the initiative was entirely Cuban.
- C. USSR Moscow Radio recently featured a talk on how children in Kazakhstan's Virgin Lands are faring. A comment on some of the games they play struck us as interesting. It seems the local version of cops'n'robbers is "frontier troops and border infringer-spy." China is Kazakhstan's only foreign neighbor.
- D. Haiti The Haitian assembly yesterday unanimously adopted a new constitution, one article of which, to nobody's surprise, makes Duvalier president for life. "Popular ratification" by referendum is expected soon.

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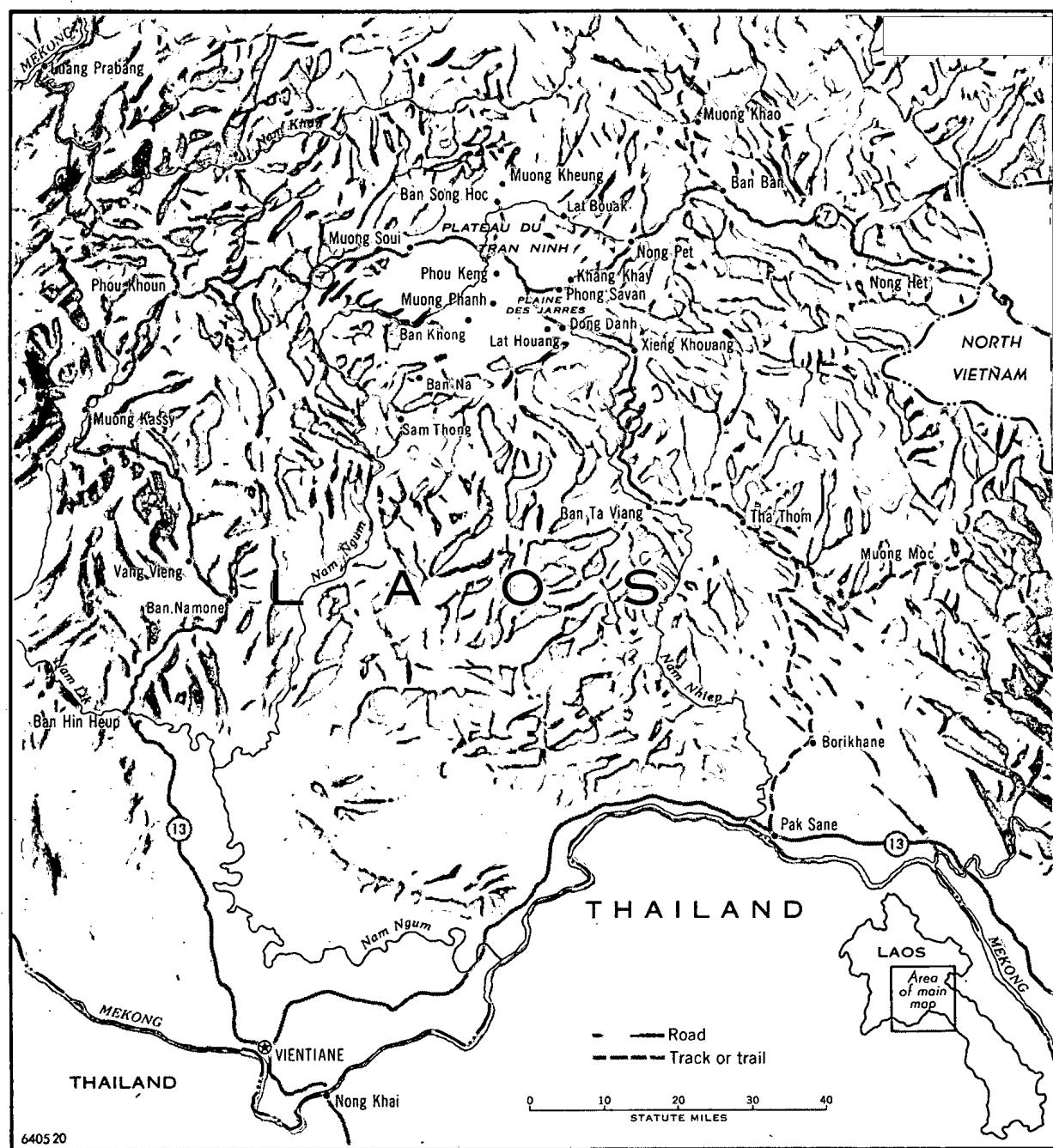
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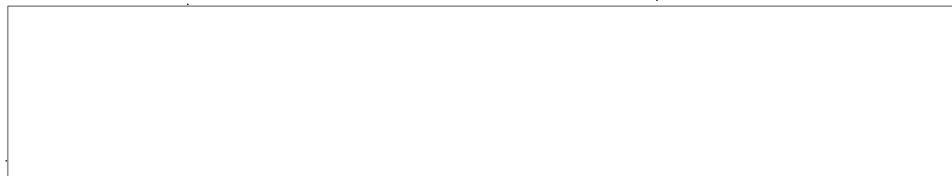
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1. **Laos:** The Communist attack in the Plaine des Jarres appears to have slowed at least temporarily and the neutralist defenders seem to be holding their ground a little better.



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In Vientiane, rightist voices are heard criticizing Souvanna for irresolute action. They want more dramatic changes in the government. Rumors of another coup are rampant.



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Peiping is stepping up the pressure for a conference on Southeast Asian problems. In a letter to the Geneva co-chairman on Tuesday, the Chinese proposed a meeting of foreign ministers from the 14 Geneva Conference nations which would "first" discuss Laos. Peiping would quickly try to enlarge any talks to cover Vietnam and Cambodia as well.

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Paris, Moscow, Delhi, and Phnom Penh have declared for a repeat of the 1962 conference in Geneva. Souvanna has accepted this idea, but only on condition that the Pathet Lao withdraw to their previous positions. In sum, the chances for agreement soon on any kind of meeting seem remote.

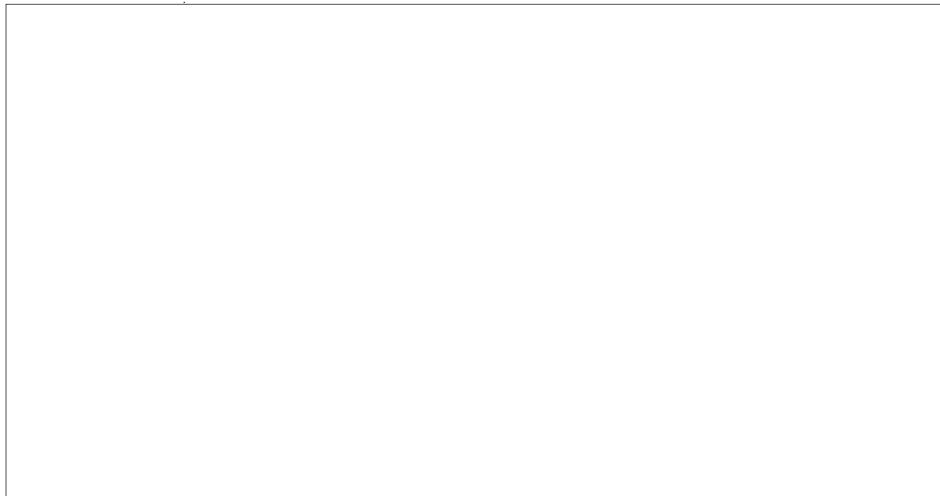
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Some Catholics think that demonstrations should be staged soon. The more extreme Buddhist elements, who have been threatening to demonstrate themselves, probably would not be averse to shedding a little blood for the cause if the Catholics take to the streets.

Khanh has tried to take a balanced line on religious issues, but many Catholics still fear retaliation for alleged sins of the Diem regime. They also are convinced that the Communists are behind the recent infighting between militant and moderate Buddhists.

There have been no major military developments in the past several days.

3. Cyprus: Beneath the surface quiet, an arms race is developing between the two Cypriot communities which UN commanders feel will make their job "well-nigh hopeless."



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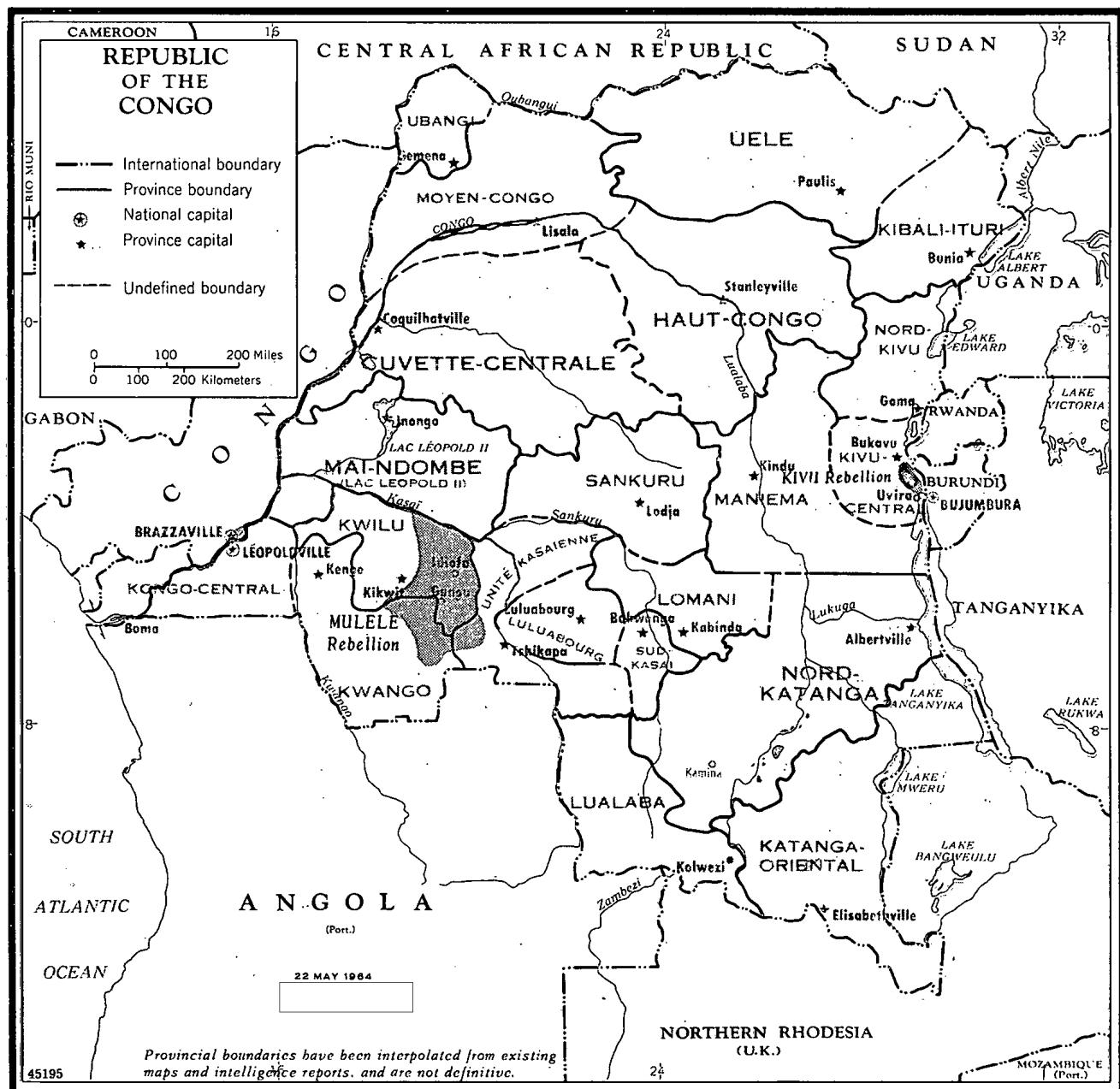
Serious differences seem to be developing meanwhile between Makarios and the top Greek Cypriot military leaders over the conscription law soon to be enacted. The military feel it will legalize private "armies" such as those being raised by Makarios' leftist cronies.



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4. Congo: Leopoldville has lost what little control of the situation in Kivu Province it ever had. Adoula, whose troops refuse to fight, has asked the UN to send its Nigerian battalion in to save the situation.

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The Kivu dissidents are receiving help from across the border in Burundi and have picked up better weapons from fleeing Congo Army personnel. Although the UN units may restore some discipline in Leopoldville's forces, the rebels remain a threat to the provincial capital.

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The problem is further complicated by the plotting against Leopoldville from across the river in Brazzaville, and vice versa.

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5. Cuba: The military alert has been relaxed somewhat.

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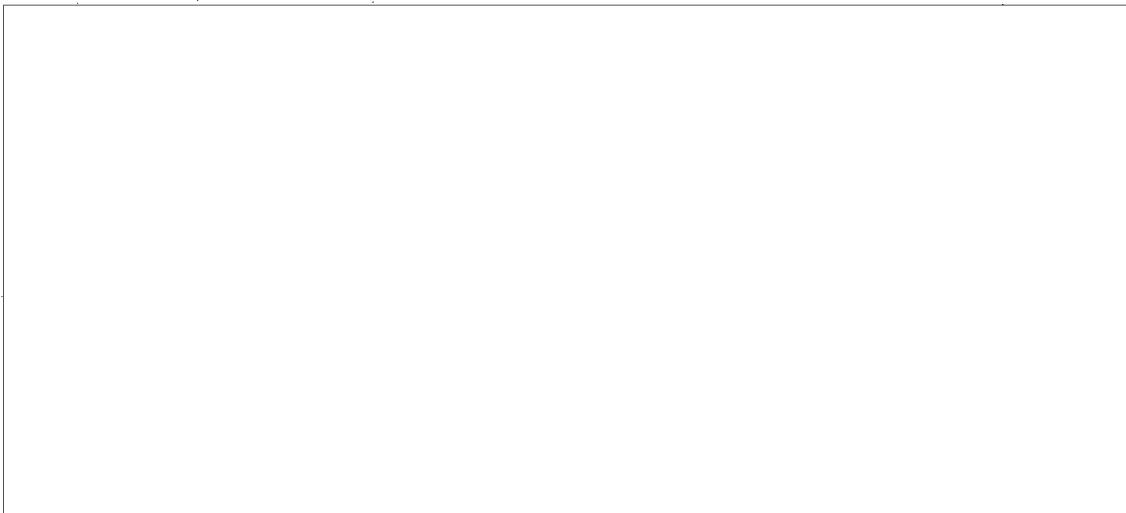
6. South Korea: Ambassador Berger reports the government "rapidly moving toward internal and external crisis of major proportions."

The latest round of instability was set off last week when paratroops tried to interfere with normal court proceedings against student demonstrators. The students are planning to continue their demonstrations in an effort to provoke government repression.

Chong Il-kwon's government is aware of the danger of letting the demonstrations go on and the risk that efforts to control them will arouse mass opposition. He says he will try to avoid imposing martial law, but warns there is a limit to the government's patience.

7. British Guiana: The spate of racial violence has subsided since the British governor declared a state of emergency on Friday. The arrival of additional British troops probably will help keep the lid on for a while. Jagan will continue to look for ways to block an election this year, however.

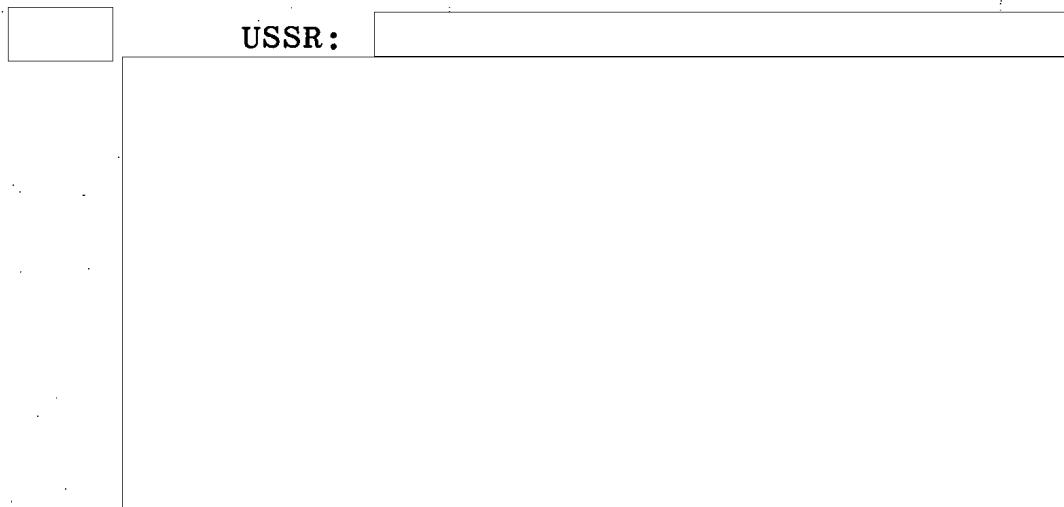
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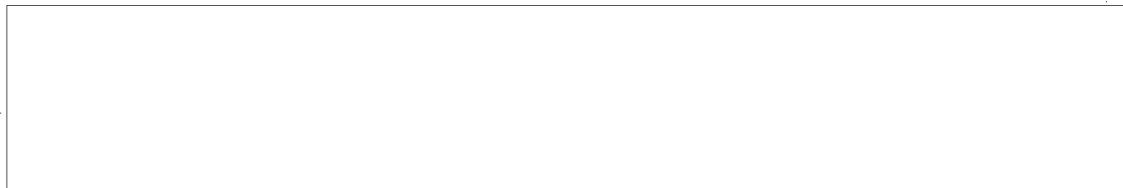
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1. Laos

a. The pause in the Communist pressures was brief. Communist forces have occupied Phou Kout, a key neutralist hill position on the eastern approaches to Muong Soui.

b. At present writing, the neutralists are trying to organize a counterattack to retake the hill.

c. Kong Le's forces at Muong Kheung reported yesterday that the airfield there was not safe. The neutralists still hold the town, but most of their armor is deployed to the west.

d. In this situation rightist and neutralist forces are planning a big move north from Vang Vieng into an area which has been under Pathet Lao control since before the Geneva accords. If this comes off, it could well trigger another sharp Communist countermove.

e. Rightist troops are also advancing north from Paksane, as the Pathet Lao have apparently pulled back toward Tha Thom.

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f. Peiping's call yesterday for a meeting in Phnom Penh of the 1962 Geneva signatories seems aimed largely at the US. The Chinese stipulated that the talks would "first" discuss Laos, and, presumably, then go on to deal with Cambodia and South Vietnam.

g. Peiping is also trying hard to show that most of the countries concerned are for talks and that the US is the chief obstacle. Even the USSR, the Chinese point out, has "seconded" the French proposals for a meeting.

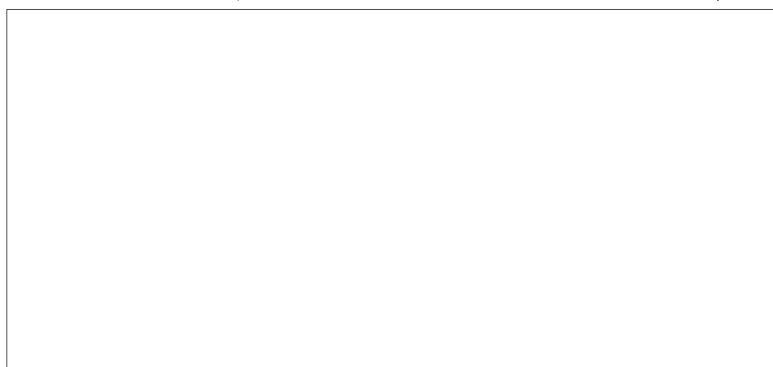
h. So far Hanoi has not spoken out on the subject, but we expect it to line up with the Chinese on this.

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2. USSR-Cuba

a. Major withdrawals of Soviet personnel again seem about to get under way.

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3. India

a. We expect that Lal Bahadur Shastri will succeed Nehru, dead today at 74 after his second stroke in six months.

b. Formal action to this end will probably be taken by the ruling Congress Party group in Parliament, perhaps after a brief period of mourning.

c. In the meantime, Home Minister Nanda, not a serious candidate for Nehru's mantle, is presiding as temporary Prime Minister.

4. Congo

a. An annoyed Adoula has started to lash back at some of his tormentors who operate from neighboring countries.

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b. Yesterday he closed the border between Leopoldville and Brazzaville and ordered the power station in Kivu Province to stop transmitting power to Bujumbura, the capital of Burundi.

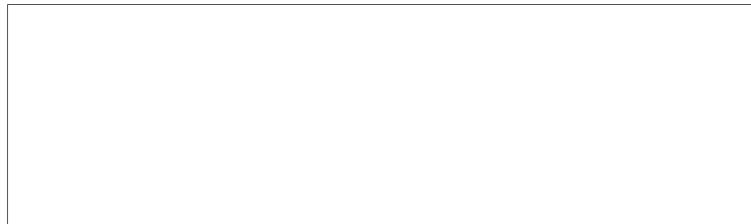
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5. Cyprus

a. Serious differences are developing for the first time among the Greek Cypriot leaders over the terms of a pending bill to conscript a 25,000-man national guard.

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b. Makarios has insisted that the bill authorize individuals to raise and maintain their own private armies. This would permit people like left-leaning Vasos Lyssarides to go right on maintaining their own forces.



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d. Makarios' bill is vigorously opposed by Interior Minister Georkatzis, by Karagiannis, the newly appointed commander of the guard,



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e. Both communities, meanwhile, have been inactive while they build up their stocks of weapons. Gyani and Galo Plaza feel that unless they can cut off this arms traffic, the UN position will be "well-nigh hopeless."

6. South Korea

a. The instigators of the student demonstrations in Seoul plan to keep the students in the streets in the hope of building up to a major effort this weekend.

b. They believe that they can provoke excessive police brutality which would rally the general public.

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NOTES

- A. South Vietnam A Viet Cong lieutenant infiltrated into South Vietnam via Laos early this year is the first native North Vietnamese taken by the South Vietnamese. Prior to his capture all known infiltrators had been drawn from an estimated 90,000 southerners who went north after the 1954 Geneva Accords. Buddha's birthday yesterday has come and gone without the major disturbances that had been suggested by some reports.
- B. Communist China There are tentative signs that the Chinese are preparing for a test firing of a surface-to-surface missile at the Shuangchengtzu missile test center. Such a test at this time would probably involve a version of a Soviet surface-to-surface ballistic missile--possibly the SS-3 (700 mile) or SS-4 (1,000 mile). 50X1

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D. British Guiana British forces have managed to keep the lid on racial violence in Georgetown and its environs, but Negro mobs were out of control most of Monday night in several important settlements upriver. The local police made no effort to intervene and the British had to be called in.

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F. UK-Czechoslovakia

[redacted] the British have agreed to build a \$10 million chemical fertilizer plant for the Czechs and have extended a 10-year credit to close the deal.

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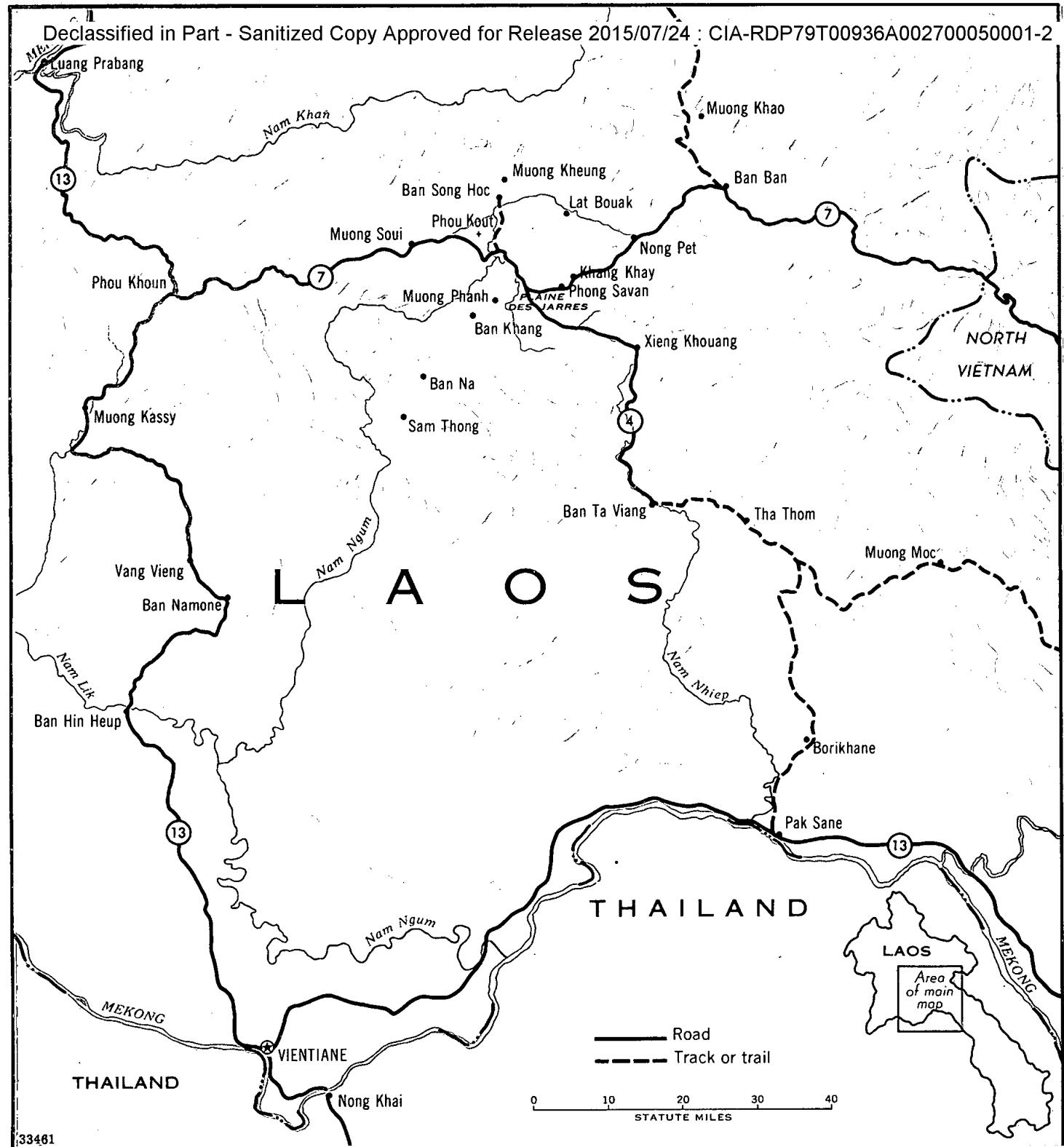
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1. Laos

a. Communist forces will soon be in position to train their guns on Muong Soui, the main obstacle to a westward advance along Route 7.

b. Neutralist efforts to defend this position, assuming they try, will be hampered by a lack of supplies and a heavy loss of armor. Before withdrawing from Muong Kheung for the second time yesterday, the neutralists destroyed the bulk of their heavy equipment.

c. Pathet Lao forces are also keeping up the pressure to the south of the Plaine. They seem especially intent on wiping out the Meo guerrillas in this area.

d. In Vientiane, Souvanna won some support for his policies from the rightist-dominated national assembly before the session ended Tuesday. Some elements remain critical, however, of his failure to take strong actions,

e. Warsaw threw still another conference proposal into the hopper yesterday. Rapacki would have the co-chairmen, the three ICC powers, and representatives of the three Laotian factions convene in Switzerland immediately.

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f. The proposal was produced after consultations in Moscow, where the Polish ICC commissioner for Laos turned up over the weekend. The immediate aim may have been to counter British pressure on Poland to end its "temporary withdrawal" from the ICC.

g. Soviet spokesmen are trying meanwhile to influence US decisions

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2. France -
North Vietnam

a. Several small straws in the Paris wind suggest that the French are willing to develop closer political contacts with Hanoi.

b. The chief of North Vietnam's trade mission in Paris was received for the first time at the Quai by the head of the Far Eastern office. Previously, the Hanoi man had been unable to get past the economic and cultural functionaries.

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d. Ho Chi Minh has made no secret of his interest in diplomatic relations.

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e. The French will not want to rush things. Formal recognition of Hanoi would jeopardize the much larger French economic stake in South Vietnam.

3. India

a. President Radhakrishnan is pressing for an immediate decision on a successor to Nehru. Congress Party members of Parliament are caucusing today, but may deal only with preliminaries.

b. What worries Radhakrishnan, and we think rightly, is that the longer the election process is prolonged the greater will be the danger of a factional struggle developing.

c. Front-runner Shastri probably is also interested in speeding up a vote.

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d. One immediate effect of Nehru's death has been to put Sheikh Abdullah back where he started in his delicate dealings on Kashmir. He has canceled what was left of his peace mission in Pakistan, and has gone back to Delhi to re-read the situation before taking up his case again with India's new leadership.

4. Congo

a. The latest pocket revolt broke out yesterday in Albertville in North Katanga. Unidentified rebels seized and blocked the air-field there and locked up local authorities.

b. The best guess at the moment is that the local gendarmerie mutinied.

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c. Leopoldville officials meanwhile have reconsidered their request that UN troops help out in Kivu. They are sending in additional Congo Army units from Leopoldville and Stanleyville in the hope that this will do the trick.

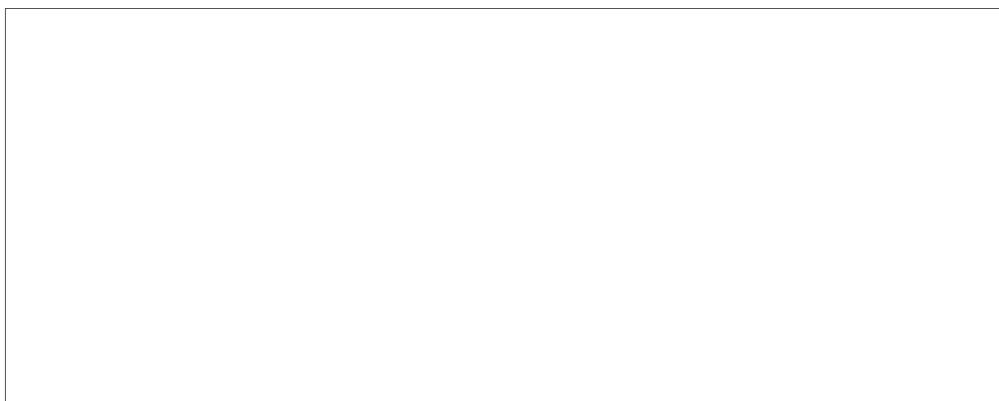
5. Lebanon

a. Efforts to draft President Shihab for a second term are going forward, despite continuing signs that he means business when he says he wants to quit.

b. Parliament yesterday took the first steps toward removing the constitutional bar against a president succeeding himself. Many feel Shihab's re-election in August is the only way to avoid bitter religious and political wrangling over a successor.

c. Shihab will now find it more difficult to resist the pressure to run again, and may yield in the end.

NOTES



- B. East Germany - USSR Ulbricht is off on Friday on his third mission to Moscow this year. He is mainly interested in doing something about his regime's growing isolation. Bonn's recent success in improving its relations with Eastern Europe, whose leaders have shown little concern for East German interests, has hit Ulbricht where it hurts. He will be looking for remedies in Moscow.
- C. USSR A new Soviet twin-jet interceptor is being phased into operation at an air defense base in the Black Sea area. The new fighter, probably one of two first shown in the July 1961 air show, is an all-weather, Mach 2 aircraft with advanced weapons and a range considerably greater than any Soviet fighter now operational. [redacted]

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D. Cambodia-France Sihanouk, who had planned to arrive incognito in France today, now expects to land in Nice on Monday. The prince wants to take a rest cure until his official visit begins two weeks later. A Cambodian military mission is coming to France with Sihanouk to seek additional military aid.

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1. Laos: The Communists are within striking distance of Muong Soui. If they take it, they will have removed the major obstacle to a westward push along Route 7.

Neutralist defense of Muong Soui, if any, will have to be made with few supplies on hand and little armor. [redacted]

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South of the Plaine des Jarres, Pathet Lao forces appear intent on forcing the Meo guerrillas from the area.

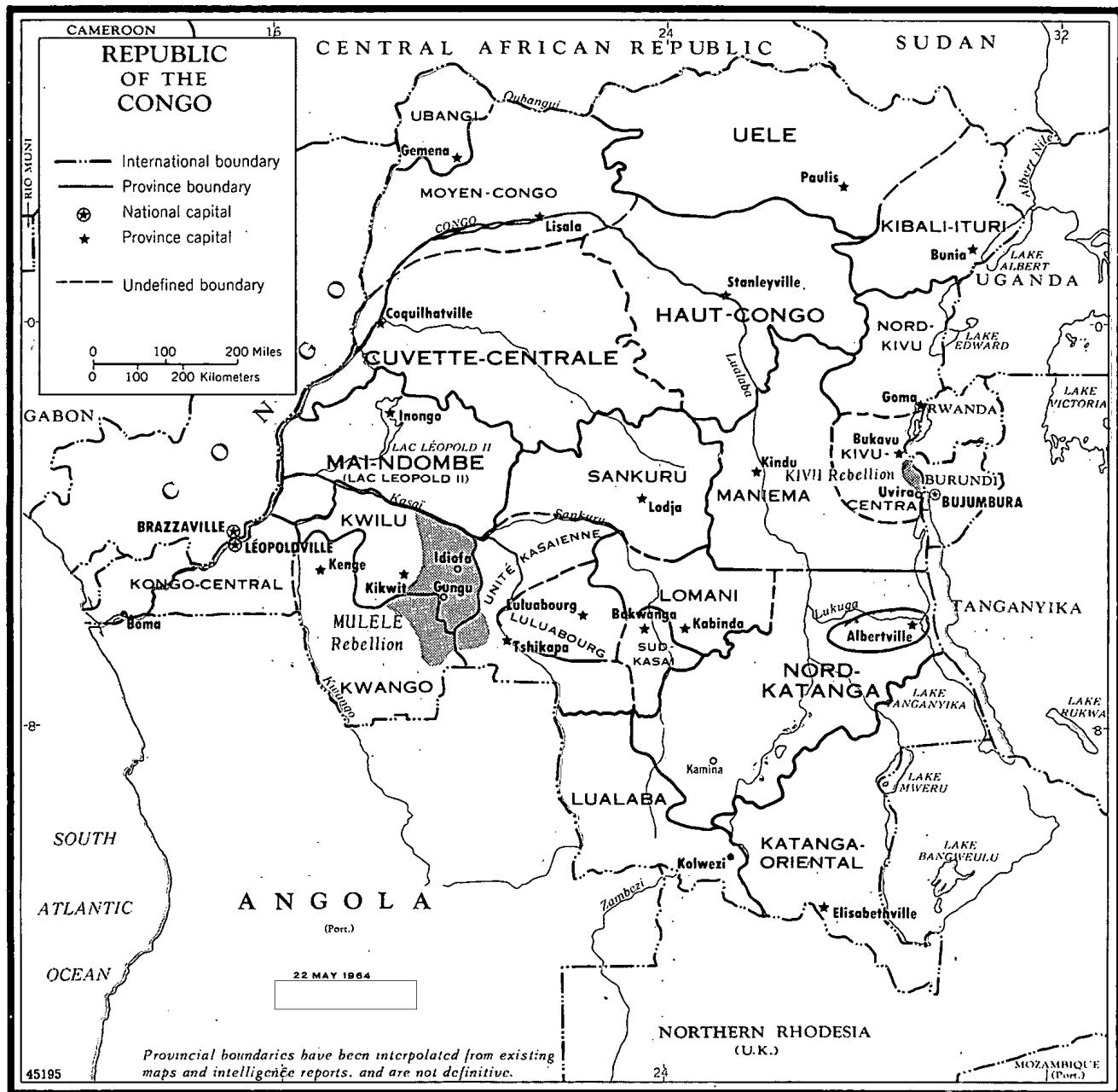
After consultations in Moscow, the Poles have come up with a new proposal for a conference. Foreign Minister Rapacki suggests that the co-chairmen, the three ICC powers, and representatives of the three Laotian factions meet in Switzerland immediately.

Souvanna, in a brief phone conversation with Unger, said that the Polish proposal seemed reasonable to him. He commented that, in fact, he was surprised at its "conciliatory nature." Unger advised him not to commit himself until they had talked it over.

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2. Congo: There is still no clear picture of events in Albertville, in North Katanga, the scene of the latest pocket revolt. The rebels who seized and blocked the airfield there Wednesday--locking up local officials at the same time--have not been identified. Communication facilities in the area are next to nonexistent.

Officials in Leopoldville, meanwhile, have taken back their earlier request for UN troops to help out in Kivu Province. They have decided to send Congolese troops from Leopoldville and Stanleyville in the hope this will take care of the rebellion. Army chief Mobutu has still not returned home, and is staying in Rome [redacted]

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Last Tuesday Adoula struck out at those who are operating against him from neighboring countries. He closed the border between Leopoldville and Brazzaville, and ordered the power station in Kivu Province to stop transmitting power to Bujumbura, the capital of Burundi. He thinks, with good reason, that both Brazzaville and Bujumbura have been serving as safe havens for anti-Adoula groups working against the Leopoldville regime.

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3. India: The Congress Party's parliamentary group caucused on the selection of Nehru's successor on 28 May, but the meeting was largely procedural. It will meet again on the 29th.

President Radhakrishnan is anxious to get the election procedure finished before any factional struggle develops. Shastri, the front-runner, is also eager to speed it up since some elements, mostly in the leftist minority, are looking for ways to stop him. The chances are good, however, that he will get the nod at the 29 May meeting.

One immediate effect of Nehru's death has been to stall Sheik Abdullah's dealings on Kashmir. He has canceled his mission in Pakistan and returned to New Delhi, where he will have to begin again with India's new leadership.

4. France - North Vietnam: Several small straws in the Paris wind suggest that the French are willing to develop closer political contacts with Hanoi.

The chief of North Vietnam's trade mission in Paris was received for the first time at the Quai by the head of the Far Eastern office. Previously, the Hanoi man had been unable to get past the economic and cultural functionaries. [redacted]

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Ho Chi Minh has made no secret of his interest in diplomatic relations.

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The French, however, will not want to rush things. Formal recognition of Hanoi would jeopardize the much larger French economic stake in South Vietnam.

5. Cambodia-France: Sihanouk, who had planned to arrive incognito in France on 28 May, now expects to land in Nice on 1 June. The prince wants to take a rest cure until his official visit begins two weeks later. A Cambodian military mission is coming to France with Sihanouk to seek additional military aid.

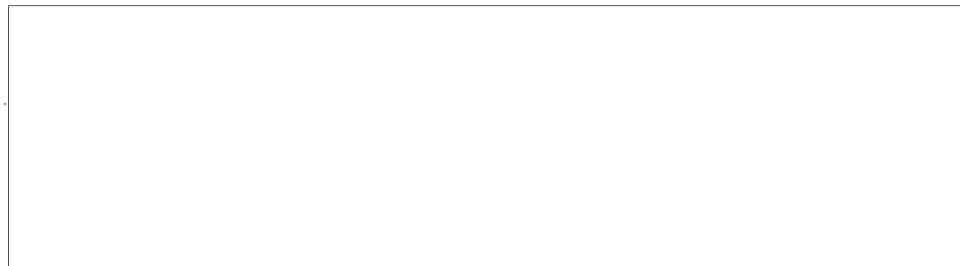
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6. South Korea: Student demonstrations in Seoul may reach a peak this weekend. There has been no sign the instigators have changed their plans to provoke police brutality and thus garner public support.

7. USSR-Cuba: Major withdrawals of Soviet personnel again seem about to get under way.

Two Soviet passenger ships are in port in Cuba

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9. Cuba-Trade: A large rectangular box with a thin black border, positioned below the question number and category label.

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10. Lebanon: The move to persuade President Shihab to accept a second term is growing.

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On Wednesday, the Lebanese Parliament approved a motion clearing the way for the constitutional amendment required to legalize another six-year term. Before this, Shihab had publicly, and with apparent sincerity, denied any desire to succeed himself.

As the pressure builds, Shihab, despite his disclaimers, may relent. The chief of Lebanon's army intelligence has urged the US Embassy to join the campaign of persuasion. The Egyptians, who regard Shihab as the best possible candidate, are already encouraging his re-election.

Shihab's supporters fear that his refusal will mean a return to political and religious strife over a successor. There is no other candidate in sight who would be considered a good bet to duplicate Shihab's success in controlling the country's divisive forces. The past six years have been the most stable in the recent history of faction-ridden Lebanon.

11. Communist China: Unusual flight activity by Chinese Communist military aircraft suggests that the Chinese are preparing for a test firing of a surface-to-surface missile at the Shuangchengtzu missile test center. Such a test at this time would probably involve a version of a Soviet surface-to-surface ballistic missile--possibly the SS-3 (700 mile) or SS-4 (1,000 mile).

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12. East Germany - USSR: On Friday Ulbricht starts his third mission to Moscow this year. He is worried about his regime's growing isolation, resulting from Bonn's recent improvement of relations with other East European states. Leaders of these countries have been paying little attention to East Germany's interests, and Ulbricht will be after Soviet help to slow the trend.

13. Rumania-USSR: Another problem is developing among the Eastern Europeans, arising out of Rumania's "independent" moves. [redacted]

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14. UK-Czechoslovakia: [redacted]

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--29 MAY 1964

1. LAOS:

A. BUNDY REPORTS FROM LONDON THAT THE FRENCH NOW SAY THEY WILL NOT GO ALONG WITH CONSULTATIONS IN VIENTIANE, THUS REVERSING AN EARLIER, GRUDGING ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PROPOSAL.

B. BUNDY ALSO FOUND THE BRITISH MORE INTERESTED THAN EXPECTED IN THE POLISH PROPOSAL FOR THE ICC CO-CHAIRMEN, THE THREE MEMBERS, AND THE THREE LAOTIAN FACTIONS TO MEET IN GENEVA. HE EXPECTS WE WILL HEAR MORE OF THIS. THE BRITISH PLAN TO TELL THE POLES THEY ARE AGREEABLE PROVIDED THE AGENDA IS THE SAME AS THAT ENVISAGED FOR THE CONSULTATIONS IN VIENTIANE.

C. SOUVANNA IS FINDING IT HARD TO STAND BY HIS INSISTENCE THAT THE PATHET LAO MUST GIVE UP THEIR GAINS BEFORE THERE CAN BE A CONFERENCE. AMBASSADOR UNGER IS KEEPING PRESSURE ON HIM.

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E. KONG LE HAS REOCCUPIED THE HILL POSITION AT PHOU
KOUT [REDACTED] THE MILITARY SIT-
UATION IS QUIET AND THE PATHET LAO SEEMS TO BE STANDING PAT.

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F. AMBASSADOR UNGER NOTES THAT THE PATHET LAO HAVE, IN FACT, NOT MOVED FURTHER TOWARD THE MEKONG VALLEY IN RECENT DAYS, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SEVERAL PLACES WHERE THEY COULD EASILY DO SO.

G. UNGER TAKES THIS AS A SIGN THEY MAY NOT PLAN TO GO ANY FARTHER TOWARD THE MEKONG. WE ARE INCLINED TO AGREE, BUT WOULD NOT RULE OUT A FURTHER ADVANCE ALONG ROUTE 7 THROUGH KONG LE'S PRESENT POSITION AT MUONG SOUI TO LINK UP WITH COMMUNIST FORCES FURTHER WEST.

2. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. THE TRIAL OF GENERAL DON AND HIS COLLEAGUES GETS UNDER WAY TODAY AT DALAT WITH KHANH IN ATTENDANCE.

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E. BOTH FRIENDLY AND ENEMY MILITARY ACTIVITY HAS BEEN AT A RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. IT FREQUENTLY TAPERS OFF TOWARD THE END OF THE MONTH.

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3. CONGO:

A. THE SITUATION IN NORTH KATANGA IS NOT MUCH CLEARER,
COMMUNICATIONS BEING WHAT THEY ARE.

B. RUMORS THAT A NUMBER OF OTHER CENTERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN
OVER BY TERRORISTS ARE NOT CONFIRMED. NOR ARE REPORTS THAT
THE DISORDERS ARE COMMUNIST-INSPIRED, MUCH LESS COMMUNIST-LED.

C. NEVERTHELESS IT IS CLEAR THAT THE LATEST DETERIORA-
TION OF PUBLIC ORDER HAS SPREAD INTO KATANGA IN SOME FORM.

D. AT THE LEAST, ANOTHER POWER STRUGGLE IN THE PROVIN-
CIAL GOVERNMENT SEEMS UNDER WAY. LEOPOLDVILLE'S PUPPET
PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT, JASON SENDWE, HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND
BEATEN UP BY HIS OWN MILITIA, NOT FOR THE FIRST TIME.

E. MOBUTU IS REPORTED [REDACTED] TO BE LEAVING ROME 50X1
TODAY AS ELEMENTS OF HIS ARMY BEGIN TO TRY TO RESTORE ORDER
IN KIVU.

F. WITH PERHAPS THREE SEPARATE REBELLIONS IN PROGRESS
AND THE UN FORCES LEAVING, ADOULA IS MORE THAN A LITTLE WOR-
RIED. [REDACTED]

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4. MALAYSIA:

A. ARRANGEMENTS FOR A THREE-PARTY SUMMIT ARE STILL HUNG UP ON THE ISSUE OF SCOPE AND TIMING OF INDONESIAN WITHDRAWAL OF GUERRILLAS.

B. LOPEZ, THE PHILIPPINE NEGOTIATOR, IS STILL TRYING, BUT SUKARNO IS OBVIOUSLY NOT READY OR WILLING TO CARRY OUT ANY MEANINGFUL WITHDRAWALS.

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C. AMBASSADOR BALL REPORTS FROM KUALA LUMPUR THAT THE TUNKU HAS "REACHED THE END OF THE ROAD ON CONCESSIONS TO SUKARNO." EVEN LOPEZ, BALL SAYS, IS CONVINCED THE MALAYSIANS SHOULD STAND THEIR GROUND.

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5. NOTES:

A. CYPRUS: THE GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE ALREADY MAKING A BIG ISSUE OUT OF THEIR CAPTURE OF A BRITISH AIRMAN WHO WAS ACTING AS A COURIER FOR THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS. IT SERVES THEIR ARGUMENT THAT THE BRITISH CONTINGENT IN THE UN FORCE SHOULD BE FURTHER REDUCED. THE INCIDENT SHOULD ALSO ALERT THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE BREAKING THEIR RADIO CIPHERS.

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B. CUBA-USSR: THE CUBANS NOW CONTROL THE AIR DEFENSE EARLY WARNING AND TRACKING RADARS IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE ISLAND--ANOTHER STEP TOWARD FULL CONTROL OF THE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. THE EAST AND WEST AIR DEFENSE SECTORS SHOULD FOLLOW SOON. THERE ARE NOW SIX SOVIET PASSENGER SHIPS ON THEIR WAY OR IN CUBAN PORTS.

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C. BOLIVIA: TOMORROW IS ELECTION DAY IN BOLIVIA, AND PAZ' CIVILIAN MILITIA WILL BE OUT IN FORCE IN LA PAZ. THE FEAR IS THAT THE OPPOSITION, HAVING FAILED TO FORCE POSTPONEMENT OF THE ELECTIONS, MAY TRY TO DISRUPT THEM. ALL OPPOSITION GROUPS INTEND, IN ANY EVENT, TO BOYCOTT THE ELECTIONS, AND THE CHANCES FOR DISORDERS ARE GOOD.

D. INDIA: THE CONGRESS PARTY WORKING COMMITTEE MAY VERY WELL CHOOSE NEHRU'S SUCCESSOR AT TODAY'S MEETING. BY OUR COUNT, SHASTRI HAS A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE BEHIND HIM, BUT WE THINK A PROLONGED DELAY WOULD NOT WORK IN HIS FAVOR.

E. MOROCCO: MOROCCO, PARTICULARLY CASABLANCA, IS IN AN UPROAR OVER RECENT SUGAR AND GASOLINE PRICE INCREASES, AND A GENERAL STRIKE SEEMS TO BE SHAPING UP. GOVERNMENT TROOPS ARE PREPARING FOR TROUBLE.

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1. LAOS:

A. THERE WERE NO BIG DEVELOPMENTS ON THE GROUND YES-TERDAY.

B. KONG LE'S NEUTRALIST FORCES, ALONG WITH THE MEO GUERRILLAS, STILL HOLD THE HILLS TO THE WEST AND NORTH OF THE PLAINE DES JARRES. AS YET THE PATHET LAO HAVE MADE NO SERIOUS EFFORT TO DISLODGE THEM.

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D. SOME 200 PATHET LAO HAVE REMAINED IN THIS AREA,

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E. T-28 AIR STRIKES AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS HAVE BEEN HELD DOWN THE LAST TWO DAYS BY POOR WEATHER.

F. WHILE PRINCES SOUVANNA PHOUMA AND SOUPHANNOUVONG TRADED BRICKBATS, HANOI AND PEIPING WERE ACTING VERY MUCH AS IF THEY THOUGHT SOUVANNA HAD BEEN IRRETRIEVABLY LOST TO THEM. HANOI PULLED ITS AMBASSADOR OUT OF VIENTIANE AND JOINED THE CHINESE IN BRANDING SOUVANNA A "RIGHTIST STOOGE" AND NO PRIME MINISTER AT ALL.

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G. WORD THAT THESE ASIAN COMMUNISTS ARE TOYING WITH
SETTING UP A TAME GOVERNMENT IN LAOS [REDACTED] 50X1
IS NOW CIRCULATING IN
PEIPIING. [REDACTED]

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H. THERE WAS LITTLE MOVEMENT ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT
YESTERDAY. THE FRENCH HAVE NOW OFFICIALLY INFORMED US THEY
WILL NOT TAKE PART IN THE PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS IN VIENTIANE.
FOR THEIR PART THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS STATE THAT THEY WILL
ONLY BE SATISFIED WITH A 14-NATION CONFERENCE IN PHNOM PENH.

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2. CONGO:

A. THE PERFORMANCE TO DATE OF THE SO-CALLED ELITE
CONGOLESE ARMY UNITS RECENTLY RUSHED INTO KIVU WILL DO LITTLE
TO BOLSTER SAGGING GOVERNMENT FORTUNES THERE.

B. ONE SUCH COMPANY, SENT TOWARD REBEL-INFESTED COUNTRY,
TURNED AND FLED YESTERDAY WHEN AN INSIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF
REBELS HOVE INTO SIGHT. JUST TO THE SOUTH OF THIS ACTION
ANOTHER INSURGENT BAND EASILY OVERCAME A GOVERNMENT GARRISON.

C. [REDACTED]

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D. THE NEWS FROM NORTH KATANGA IS BETTER. GOVERNMENT TROOPS LANDED AT ALBERTVILLE YESTERDAY, AND AT LAST REPORT HAD RE-ESTABLISHED CONTROL--AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT.

E. UNLESS THE CONGOLESE ARMY DOES BETTER BEFORE THE DEPARTURE OF ALL UN FORCES BY THE END OF JUNE, THE ANTI-ADOUALA INFECTION IS BOUND TO SPREAD. REPORTS FROM STANLEYVILLE, FOR EXAMPLE, STATE THAT ADOULA'S ENEMIES ARE ALREADY ACTIVE AGAIN THERE.

F. MOBUTU HAS STILL NOT SHOWED UP IN THE CONGO TO RALLY HIS DISPIRITED CHARGES.

G. TSHOMBE, HOWEVER, MAY BE LESS RELUCTANT. HE LET IT DROP THIS WEEK THAT HE DOES NOT INTEND TO STAY IN SPAIN "INDEFINITELY." NOW, WE HEAR, HE IS ABOUT TO RECEIVE A SPECIAL EMISSARY FROM SPAAK.

3. RUMANIA:

A. THE ROUND OF ANTI-KHRUSHCHEV, ANTI-SOVIET RALLIES IS HAVING AN EXTRAORDINARY IMPACT ON THE RUMANIAN MAN IN THE STREET.

B. ACCORDING TO WHAT THE US LEGATION HEARS, THE RUMANIANS HAVE REACTED WITH "ELATION, INCREDULITY AND ADMIRATION" FOR THE WAY THE GOVERNMENT IS EXPRESSING ITS INDEPENDENCE.

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C. GRATIFYING AS THIS MUST BE, THE GOVERNMENT IS STILL A BIT DISTURBED SINCE THE RESPONSE IN SOME CASES HAS BEEN STRONGER THAN WAS DESIRED.

D. THE LEGATION FEELS THAT THIS COULD LEAD THE AUTHORITIES TO BEAT A TACTICAL RETREAT TO TAKE SOME OF THE EDGE OFF. WE WOULD NOT EXPECT, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WILL GO SO FAR AS TO ABANDON THEIR PROUD NEW INDEPENDENT COURSE.

E. THAT COURSE IS ALREADY HAVING AN IMPACT IN OTHER EAST EUROPEAN STATES. WE HEAR, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT VOICES ARE BEING RAISED IN HIGH CZECH CIRCLES IN FAVOR OF SOME PUBLIC SHOW OF INDEPENDENCE FROM THE USSR.

4. CYPRUS:

A. HAVING BEEN HANDED A LIVE ISSUE WITH THE CAPTURE OF THE ERRANT AIRMAN, THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE STIRRED UP AN ANTI-BRITISH CAMPAIGN.

B. IT HAS INCLUDED "GET OUT OF CYPRUS" DEMONSTRATIONS IN ALL MAJOR CITIES AND THE HARASSMENT OF BRITISH TRAFFIC AT CHECKPOINTS ALL ABOUT THE ISLAND. UN OFFICIALS ARE FEARFUL THAT THIS WILL LEAD TO EVEN MORE SERIOUS TROUBLE.

C. SO FAR THE US HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN THE AGITATION AGAINST THE BRITISH THOUGH THIS HAS HAPPENED IN PREVIOUS CASES.

D. THERE IS MOUNTING CONCERN IN ANKARA OVER THE IMPLICATIONS FOR TURKISH SECURITY OF THE ACQUISITION OF MORE WEAPONS BY THE GREEK CYPRIOTS.

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E. AS MATTERS NOW STAND, THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE ENOUGH SMALL ARMS FOR A FORCE OF 35,000. RECENT ACQUISITIONS INCLUDE LIGHT TANKS AND LIGHT AIRCRAFT. ARTILLERY IS EXPECTED FROM CAIRO MOMENTARILY.

F. IN CONTRAST TO THIS THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS, THOUGH RECEIVING SOME ARMS AND MEN, PROBABLY CAN EQUIP NO MORE THAN 10,000 AT THIS TIME.

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5. NOTES:

A. USSR: THREE, POSSIBLY FOUR, ICBM'S WERE FIRED FROM TYURATAM LAUNCH PADS [REDACTED] FIRST

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REPORTS INDICATE THAT ONE OF THESE FIRINGS WAS A SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT TEST OF THE NEW SS-9. ANOTHER MAY HAVE BEEN THE OTHER NEW ROCKET VEHICLE THAT HAS BEEN UNDER TEST RECENTLY. THREE TYURATAM FIRINGS [REDACTED] --THE RANGE MAY

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HAVE BEEN PUTTING ON A DEMONSTRATION FOR VISITING FIREMEN.

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B. SOUTH VIETNAM: THE MEETING AT DALAT HAS BROKEN UP AND KHANH HAS TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE NAGGING PROBLEM OF THE FOUR GENERALS HAS BEEN SOLVED. HE DID NOT SAY,

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[REDACTED] HOW THIS WAS DONE.

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C. PANAMA: ROBLES WAS OFFICIALLY DECLARED PRESIDENT-ELECT YESTERDAY. ARIAS AND HIS FOLLOWERS ARE CRYING "FRAUD," AND THREATENING TO TAKE STEPS. SO FAR THE NATIONAL GUARD HAS EASILY HANDLED THE SITUATION.

D. INDIA: NO ACTION WAS TAKEN YESTERDAY TO FIX ON NEHRU'S SUCCESSOR. DESPITE INTENSE MANEUVERING, ESPECIALLY BY RIGHT-WING SUPPORTERS OF MORARJI DESAI, SHASTRI'S SELECTION, POSSIBLY TODAY, APPEARS LIKELY.

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