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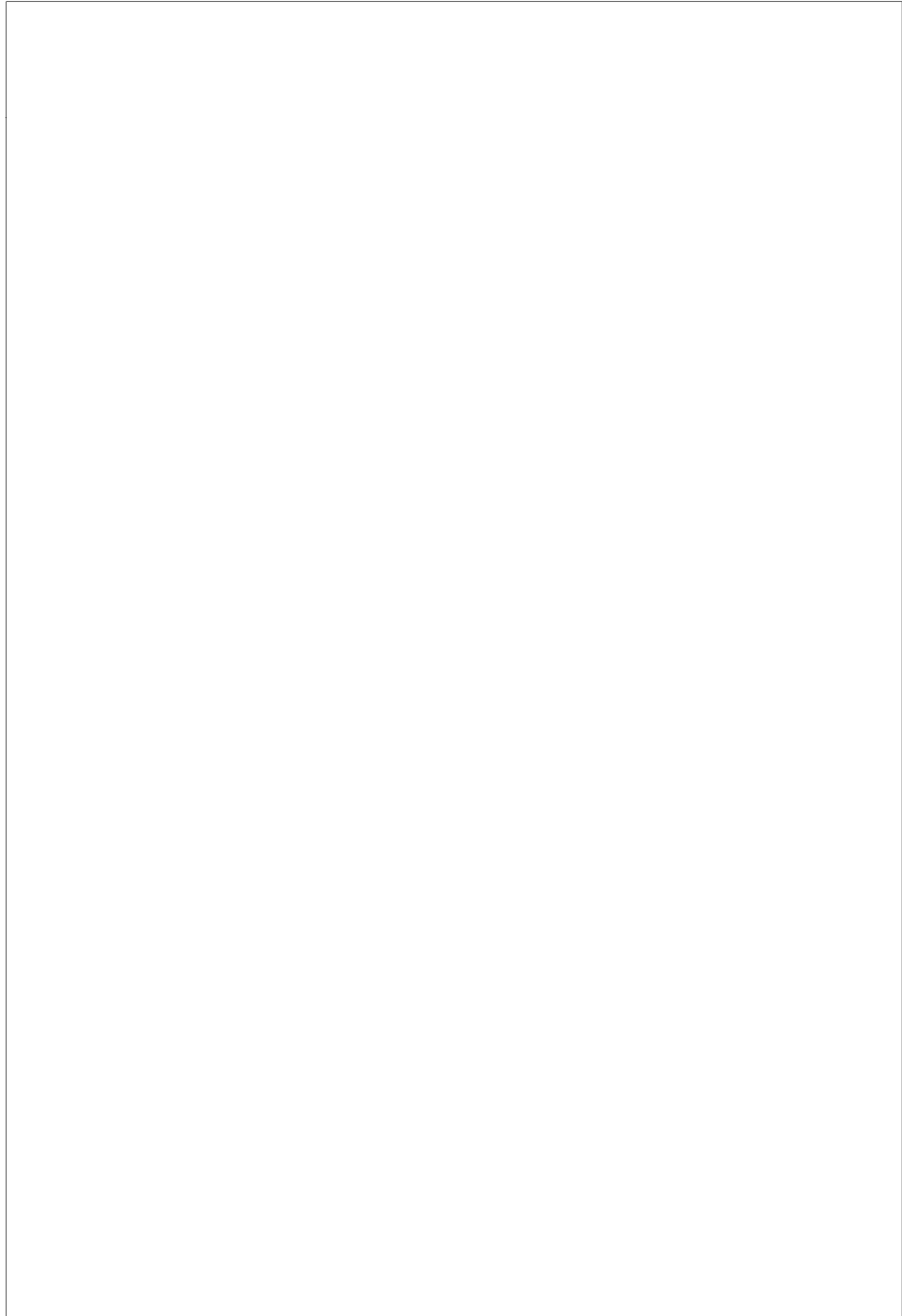
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I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

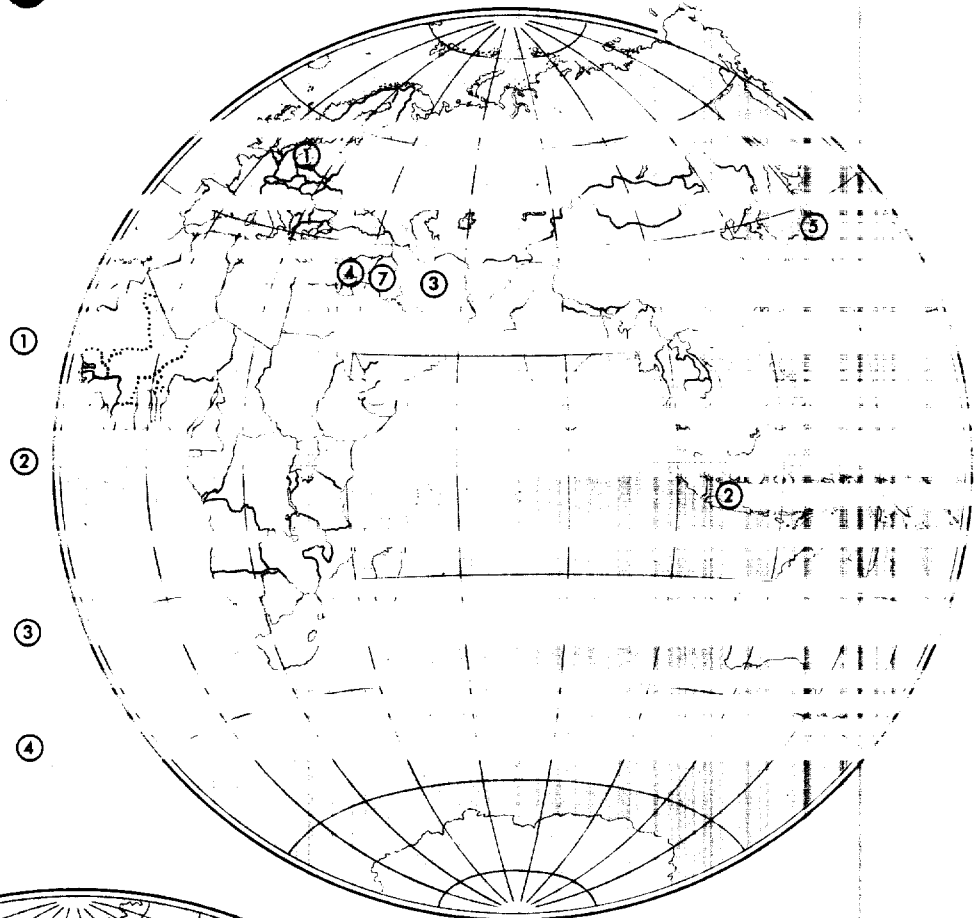
Berlin - Communists continue references to 27 May as date for turn-over of controls to East Germans, despite high-level hints of postponement.

More bloc light bombers being transferred to Indonesia; bloc naval vessels may be delivered soon. [redacted]

II. ASIA-AFRICA

Iranian-Soviet negotiations on non-aggression treaty reportedly broken off.

UN officials believe Israelis trying to discredit truce organization; control of future incidents to be more difficult.



⑤ Japanese - South Korean relations worsening over repatriation of Koreans to North Korea.

III. THE WEST

⑥ Honduras - Tension may ease if Nicaragua expels Honduran plotters; but Honduran police director feels a junta is the only internal solution.

LATE ITEM

⑦ Iraqi Council of State resigns; Qasim reported trying to remove two more division commanders. [redacted]

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I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

Berlin: Communist statements on Berlin continue to point to 27 May as the time when access controls will be turned over to the East Germans, despite high-level Soviet suggestions of postponement if negotiations were then under way. Most recently, the Soviet chief warden at Spandau Prison told his American counterpart that the USSR was planning to hand over its prison functions to the East German Government on 27 May, and an East German newspaper article extolling the glowing prospects for a Berlin without Americans pointed to this date as the time when the Western garrisons would leave.

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Bloc-Indonesia: Six more bloc TU-2 (BAT) light bombers are being transferred to Indonesia, raising to ten the number of these piston aircraft supplied thus far. In addition to deliveries of aircraft, the bloc under its \$170,000,000 arms deal with Djakarta recently delivered two more shiploads of naval equipment to Surabaya. Indonesia is to receive, in addition, four destroyers and at least two submarines, some of which may be delivered soon.

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II. ASIA-AFRICA

Iran-USSR: [The chief of the Iranian Foreign Ministry Treaty Section is reported by a usually reliable source to have said on 10 February that the Soviet-Iranian discussions have broken off, that there will be no Soviet-Iranian nonaggression treaty, and that the Soviet delegation, headed by Deputy Foreign Minister Semenov, will return to Moscow on 11 February.]

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Israel-UN: UN truce officials feel that the Israelis are systematically seeking to discredit the UN Truce Supervision Organization and are looking for opportunities to make trouble. The Israelis appear determined to ignore the machinery provided by the UN for settling incidents, and relations between local UN officials and the Israelis are such that it will be more difficult to stop future local border conflicts. [redacted]
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Japan-Korea: [Japan, having concluded that current on-again-off-again negotiations with South Korea for normalization of relations are leading nowhere, has reaffirmed its decision to permit the repatriation of Koreans in Japan to North Korea. The South Korean Government has threatened to break off all relations with Japan and has indicated that repatriation vessels may be seized. Japanese Foreign Minister Fujiyama has hinted to the US ambassador that if Korea steps up the capture of Japanese fishing vessels in retaliation, Japan may have to take firmer measures to protect its vessels. He also indicated that if the seizures continued there would be growing domestic pressures to bring the fisheries dispute to the UN and to close the South Korean mission in Japan.]

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[redacted]

Honduras-Nicaragua: Tension between Nicaragua and Honduras may ease considerably should Nicaragua sign the border agreement proposed by Honduras. The agreement also calls for the immediate expulsion of the leading Honduran plotter from Nicaragua. President Villeda of Honduras on 9 February felt that the internal situation "generally was under control." The director of national police, however, is pessimistic and on that same day said, "the only solution seemed to be some kind of a five-man junta composed of representatives from the three political parties and two from the military." [redacted]

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LATE ITEM

*Iraq: The entire three-man Iraqi Council of State, including Chief of State Rubai, resigned on 8 February, [redacted]

[redacted] These resignations are in protest against Prime Minister Qasim's new cabinet appointments last week end. General Rubai's intent may have been to spark a move by the anti-Qasim army faction to oust Qasim. However, the prime minister appears to believe his position is strong enough to counter such a development. He was reported to be attempting to remove two more anti-Qasim division commanders. The UAR press is playing up the resignations in an effort to build up anti-Qasim sentiment in Iraq. [redacted]

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II. ASIA-AFRICA

Israel Hostile to UN Truce Supervision Organization

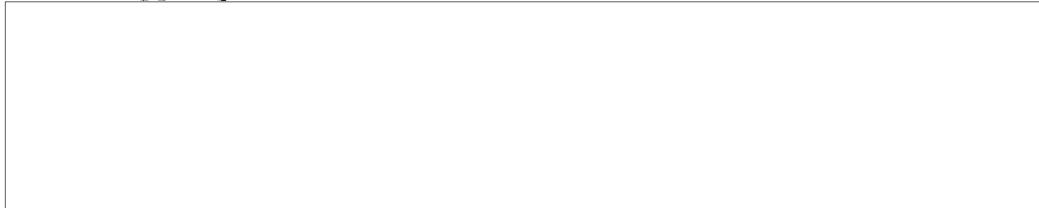
The growing antagonism between Israel and the UN Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO) threatens to overshadow the border disputes the UN body is attempting to mediate. UN truce officials believe Israel is trying to discredit UNTSO or have it abolished. Rumors that Israel considers UNTSO Chief of Staff Von Horn unsympathetic and unacceptable, they believe, are merely a gambit toward this major objective.

An incident along the Israeli-Syrian border on 8 February appears consistent with the pattern of Israeli provocation about which UNTSO personnel have frequently complained. The UN observer who witnessed it claims that while the first small-arms fire came from the Syrian side, the incident was provoked by Israeli soldiers. UNTSO officials also consider that Israel's refusal to attend an emergency meeting of the Israeli-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission (MAC) regarding an incident on the Gaza border last week, which resulted in the death of two Arabs, is a flagrant defiance of UN procedures, and that Israeli press accounts of the incident are pure fabrication. Israel contends that the MAC was "abolished" as a result of the 1956 Sinai campaign.

The Israelis, lacking favorable UN Security Council action on their recent complaint against Syrian forces, reportedly have decided the only useful approach to the border situation is to "pepper" the Security Council with complaints. Israel holds that UNTSO's terms of reference are too restricted and that the organization's strict interpretation of its mission makes it predisposed to report infractions rather than to seek realistic bases for diminishing or preventing border friction.

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Von Horn anticipates more trouble in Jerusalem on 18 February when his officials will remove butane gas containers from the manifest of the semimonthly Israeli convoy to Mt. Scopus. The UNTSO chief of staff accepts as reasonable the Jordanian contention that a new generator installed in Israel's Scopus enclave eliminates the need for providing gas containers, which the Jordanians believe have been used for smuggling contraband arms to the strategic outpost.



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