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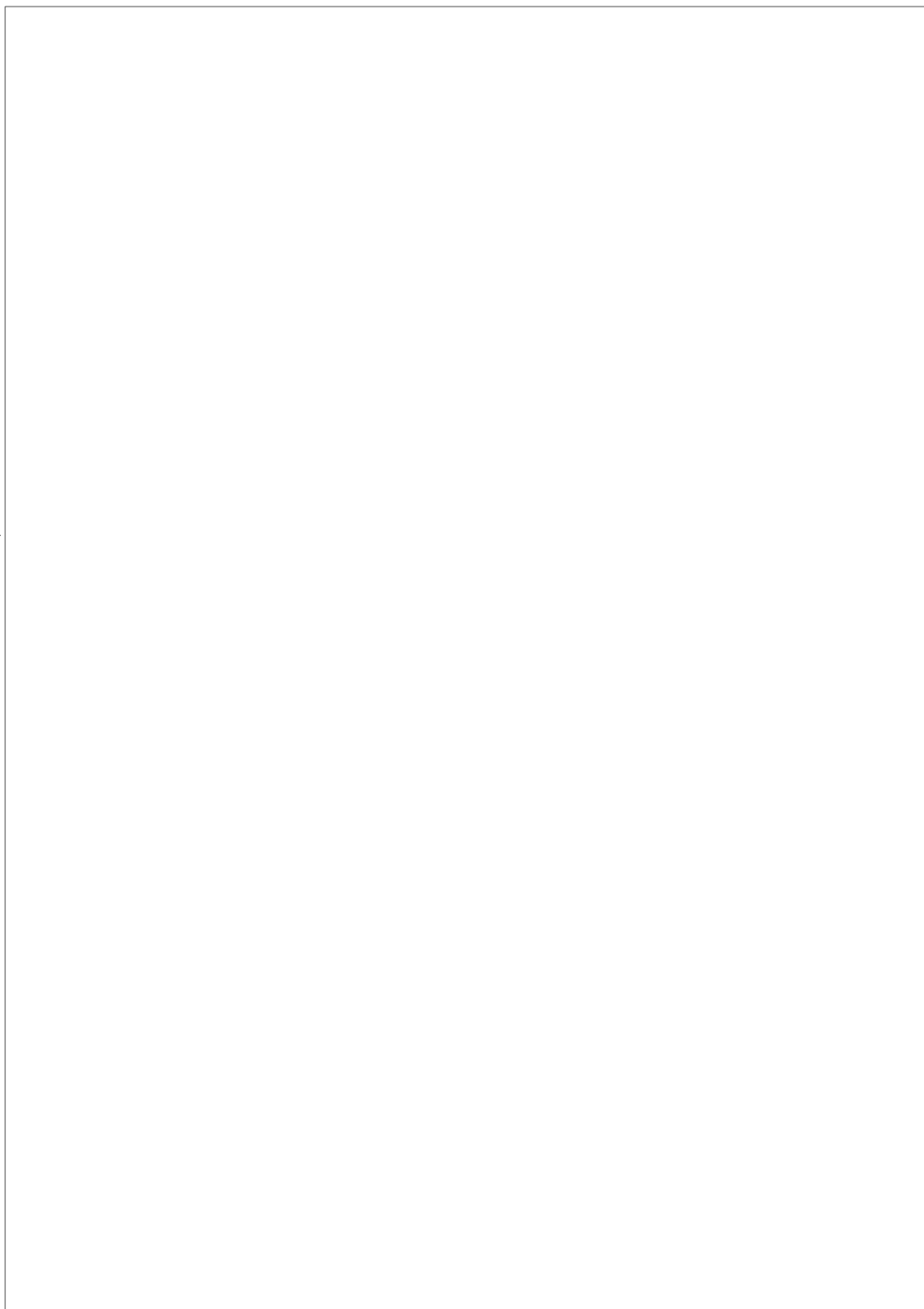
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## I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

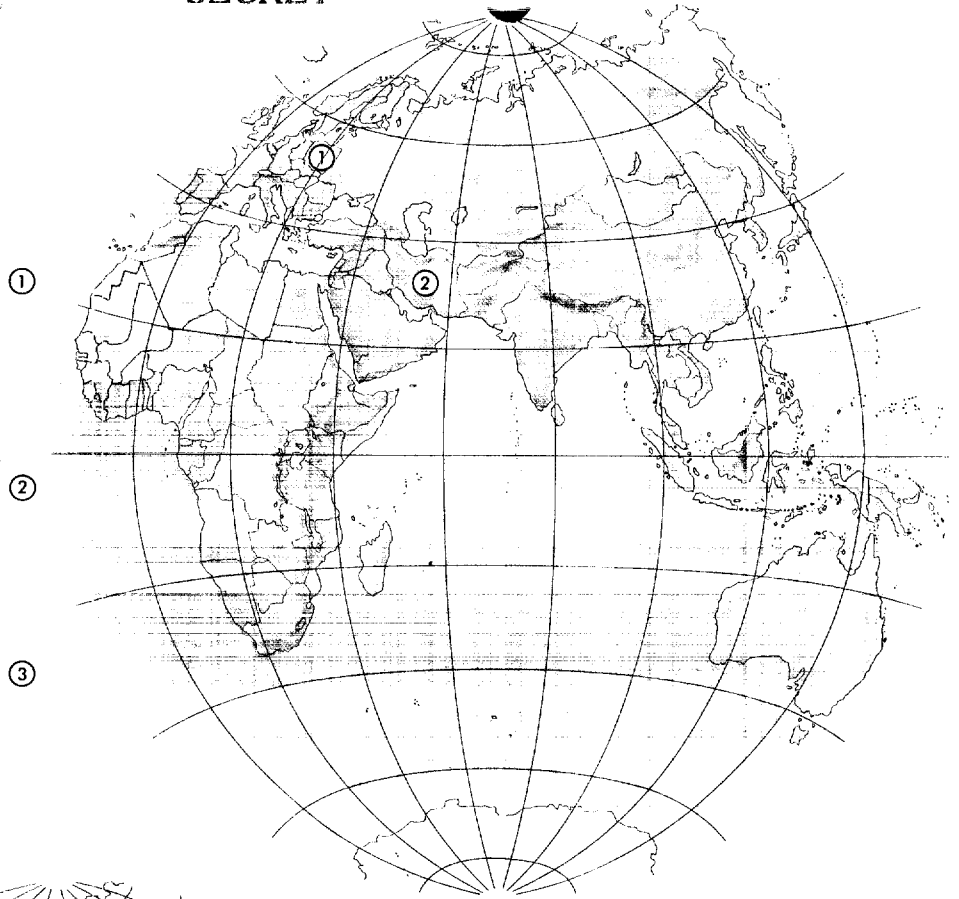
Riot in Zielona Gora on 30 May was fourth such incident in Poland over religious matters since 27 April; present mood of the populace could easily lead to further sporadic clashes.

## II. ASIA-AFRICA

Shah discusses plans for holding "free" elections and "detaching" himself from day-to-day internal government operations; the indicated moves will not satisfy his critics.

## III. THE WEST

Bolivian elections this Sunday, in which governing MNR seems certain to win presidency and vice presidency, may be marked by further violence.

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## DAILY BRIEF

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## I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

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Poland: The riot on 30 May in the town of Zielona Gora, the fourth clash in Poland between local authorities and Catholics over religious matters since 27 April, once again reflects the deep hostility of the predominantly Catholic populace toward the Communist regime. The prevailing mood among the masses in Poland, who see no prospect for improvement of either political or economic conditions, is one of disillusion and discontent. In this touchy situation, local grievances lead easily to sporadic outbreaks of violence. [redacted] (Page 1)

## II. ASIA-AFRICA

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Iran: The Shah does not appear sufficiently concerned over the potential impact of the Turkish coup on the Iranian public. [redacted]

[redacted] the parliamentary elections tentatively scheduled for July will be "free," and that after the elections he will "detach" himself from day-to-day internal operations of the government, although he will continue active participation in military and foreign affairs. The Shah may be misjudging the situation in his apparent belief that this approach will mollify his critics-- particularly in view of his comments indicating that he intends actually to control the election results. [redacted]

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## III. THE WEST

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Bolivia: In the national elections on 5 June, the candidates of the governing Nationalist Revolutionary Movement seem certain to win the presidency and vice presidency. The campaigning

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Polish Police Put Down Riot Caused by Dispute Over Religious Question

Polish police used clubs and tear gas to put down a riot involving an estimated 5,000 persons on 30 May at Zielona Gora, a textile-manufacturing town of approximately 46,000 about 35 miles from the East German border. Reinforcements including internal security troops were summoned from Poznan, more than 60 miles away.

Many persons reportedly were injured in the street fighting, and an undisclosed number were arrested. The disturbance was sparked by a dispute between local government authorities and Roman Catholics over the use of a church building owned before World War II by the German Evangelical Church. The Zielona Gora riot is the fourth such local clash in Poland between police and Catholics over religious matters since 27 April.

Popular morale in Poland has deteriorated sharply. The masses see no prospect that the regime, which they consider inept and disorganized, will significantly improve either political or economic conditions. In such a potentially explosive situation, grievances of a purely local nature lead easily to outbreaks of violence, even though both the Gomulka regime and the Catholic hierarchy recognize that each would be threatened by any disturbance of their uneasy truce. The recent disorders over religious matters show the stamina of Catholicism in Poland despite 15 years of Communist rule.

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### Shah's Plans for Government "Reforms" Unlikely to Satisfy Critics

The Shah's plans for "detaching" himself from the day-to-day internal operations of the Iranian Government seem unlikely to satisfy his critics. He told [redacted] after "free" elections--possibly in July--he will outline internal policies for the new government and then will interfere only when its performance is unsatisfactory "to the public or to himself." He made it clear, however, that he intends to screen the candidates and that he believes the "progovernment" Nationalist party must win.

These statements, which he made in the context of references to the Turkish coup, followed warnings by Court Minister Hosein Ala and Lt. Gen. Teimur Bakhtiar, chief of the intelligence and security organization (SAVAK), that the Shah must begin political reforms soon or face possible disturbances.

The Shah is so involved with government operations that he probably will not be able to dissociate himself. In any case, he has given no indication that he sees the need for a drastic overhaul of the government, and his basic suspicion that the delegation of authority would lead to his loss of control, as it has in the past, makes it unlikely that he will refrain from interfering.

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### Growing Pre-election Violence in Bolivia

The government party's candidates, former President Victor Paz Estenssoro and leftist labor leader Juan Lechin, are expected to win the national elections in Bolivia on 5 June. All opposition elements except the small orthodox and dissident Communist parties are threatening to abstain from voting. The government on 30 May refused the request of the Authentic Nationalist Revolutionary Movement party (PMNRA), a splinter faction of the government party, for a two-week delay in voting to permit replacement of the PMNRA ballots burned by followers of Paz Estenssoro.

The campaigning has been marked by increasingly frequent shootings and other disturbances, and new outbreaks are likely on election day. One incident in late May on the Peruvian frontier resulted in the killing of military commander Alejandro Julio, brother of Senate president Ruben Julio, who is a key supporter of the government party's presidential candidate. Gun fighting in the central Cochabamba valley is causing an average of eight deaths daily, with a reported 68 on 22 May. Other outbreaks have occurred recently in the central mining city of Oruro and in Villazon on the Argentine border.

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