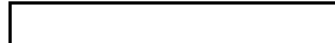


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Indonesia: The army is apparently laying plans for the complete suppression of the PKI.

[redacted] the military expects to eliminate the PKI in the Djakarta area by the end of the year, in the PKI strongholds of East and Central Java and North Sumatra by the end of March, and in the remainder of Indonesia by the end of June 1966. Indonesian plans have a tendency to bog down in execution, but army authorities are reported to be confident to the point of cockiness about their successes thus far in suppressing the Communists.

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At a press conference yesterday Foreign Minister Subandrio called for talks between Indonesia, Singapore, and the component territories of the "British Malaysia project" in order to change Djakarta's confrontation policy. Although this represents the first Indonesian call for a settlement in over a year, Subandrio's proposal appears to be little more than a propaganda gesture, since Djakarta remains unwilling to recognize the integrity of the Malaysian Federation. In the same statement he called for military operations to continue.

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USSR: A new political balance in the Soviet leadership seems to be taking shape as a result of the shifts announced in Moscow yesterday.

Present indications are that these moves, as well as others made earlier in the week, were engineered by Brezhnev rather than against his interests.

The loss by party secretary Shelepin of his base of operations in the government has left his position ambiguous, but there are indications that he may at the same time have gained relatively in strength in the party. With his appointment to replace Mikoyan as titular chief of state, Party Secretary and Presidium member Podgorny, once a top candidate for Brezhnev's position, has been kicked upstairs. He will probably in due course be dropped from the Secretariat. If rumors in Moscow that Shelepin will take on Podgorny's responsibilities on that body are borne out, Shelepin's position in the leadership will have been substantially enhanced. Kosygin's position as head of government is not affected.

Mikoyan's retirement has been rumored for many months. In view of his age and long service, honorable retirement probably offered him an attractive course, but it is possible that his resignation was not entirely voluntary. Although he remains at least for now on the Presidium of both the party and the Supreme Soviet, he clearly has withdrawn from the front line. His influence, which has been over the years by and large a moderating one, is likely now to count for far less in the highest councils.

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NOTES

*Rhodesia: There are no apparent breaks in the ranks of the white minority, although economic sanctions are beginning to be felt. Commercial establishments in Rhodesia are beginning to feel the squeeze, and several of the largest stores are taking steps to reduce staffs. US Consulate officials, however, believe that even with continued vigorous application of the sanctions, it is still a moot point if sufficient pressure can be generated to force Smith to seek an "arrangement" with the UK.

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