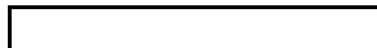


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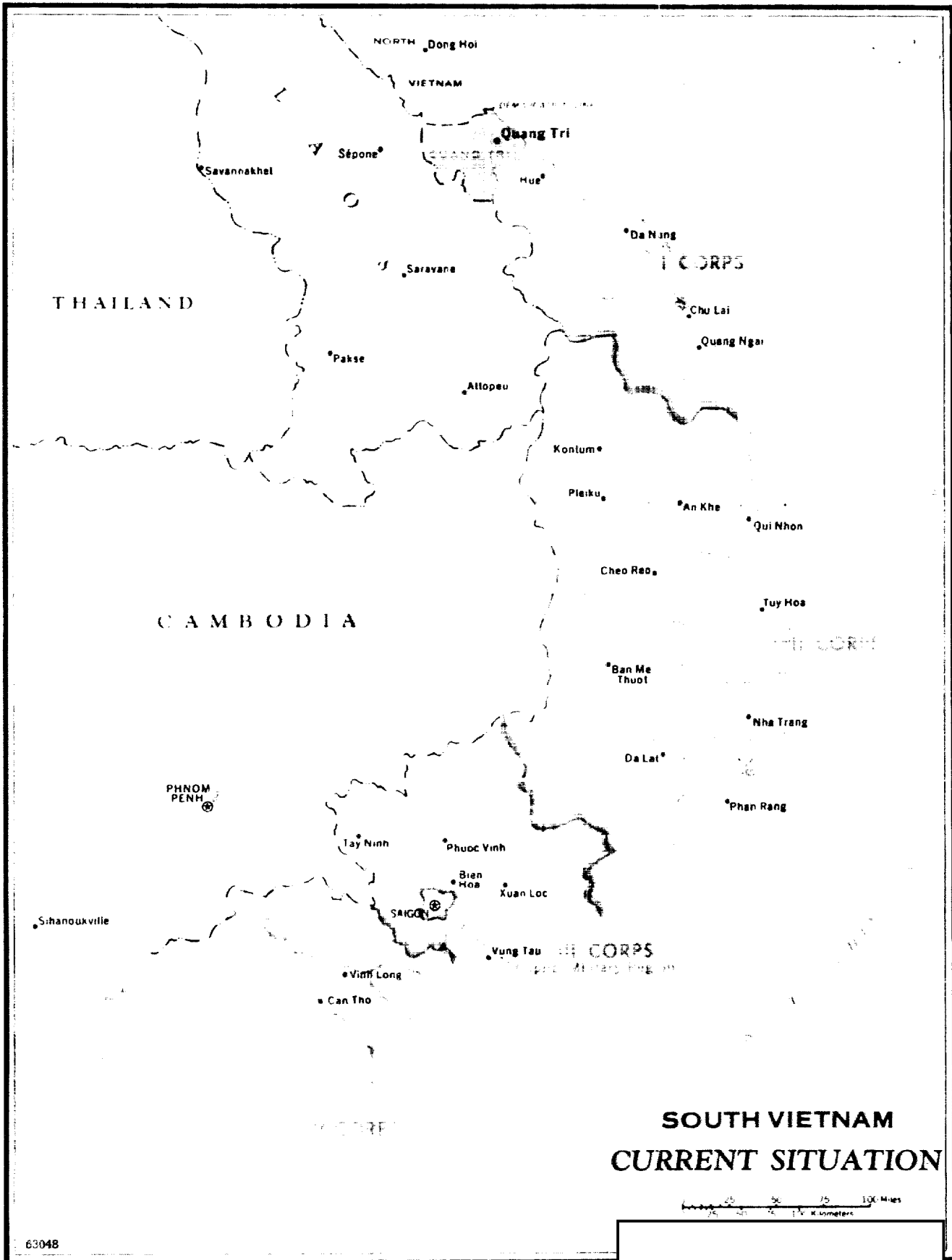
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*Vietnam: (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT)

The Military Situation in South Vietnam: MACV has accepted another North Vietnamese Army (PAVN) regiment--the 812th--in South Vietnam.

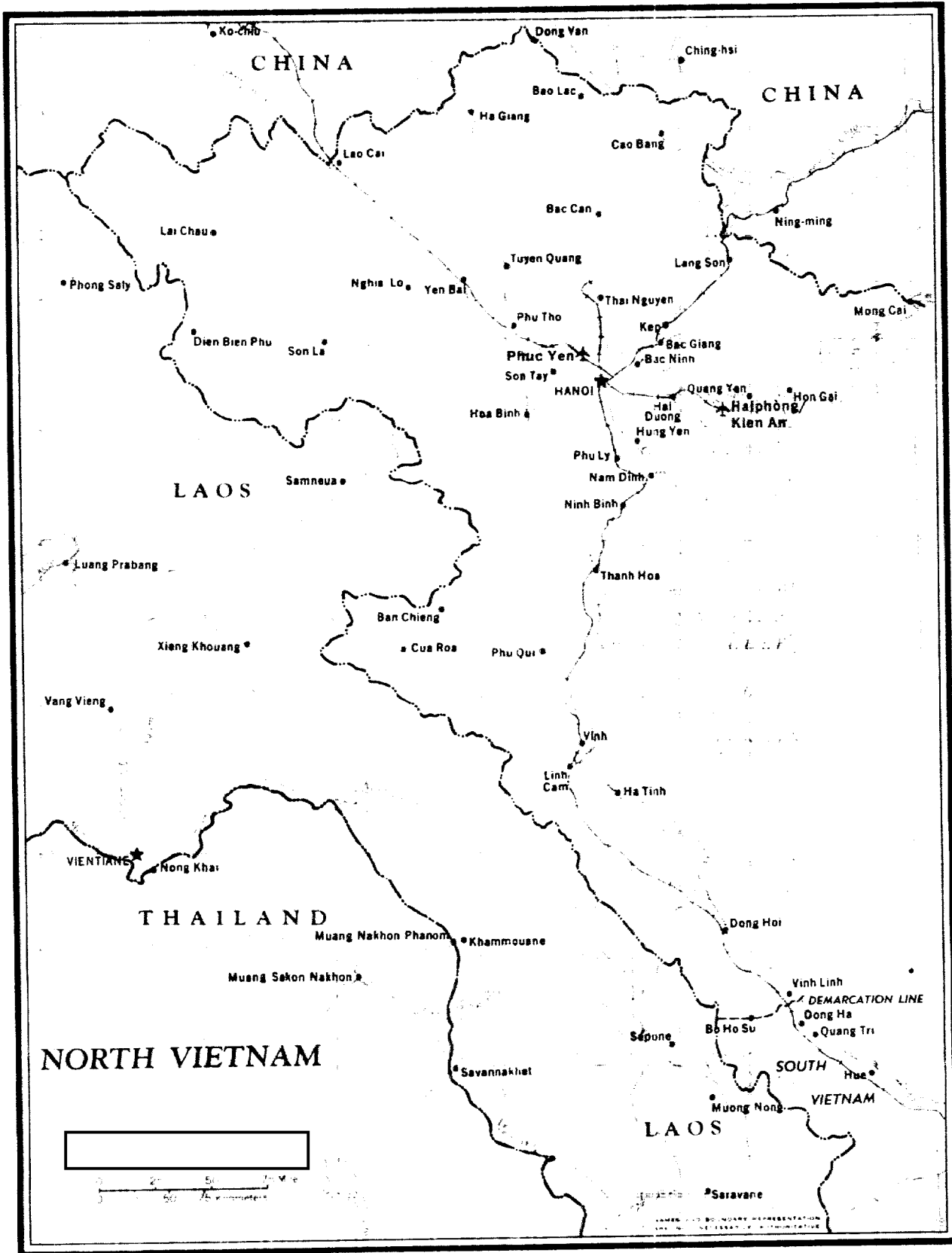
The 812th Regiment of the 324th Division has a strength of 1,500 men and was last located in an area about 20 miles west of Quang Tri City. It is the sixteenth confirmed PAVN regiment to date in South Vietnam. Two other infantry regiments of the 324th Division--the 90th and 803rd--are reported in South Vietnam in the same general area as the 812th.

Total confirmed PAVN strength in South Vietnam now stands at slightly less than 35,000 men. In addition, there are another 4,500 men in the probable or possible categories.

Political Developments in South Vietnam: Moderate Buddhist Institute chairman Tam Chau, in line with earlier indications, yesterday announced his intention to withdraw from active participation in Institute affairs until after the elections for a constitutional convention in September. However, Chau reportedly informed the Institute council that he planned to remain as chairman and to retain his veto power over official Institute pronouncements.

Tam Chau's action clearly signifies the dominant influence of the militant Buddhists within the Institute, and will probably postpone any settlement of differences existing between the Buddhist Institute and the government.

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In view of their implacable opposition to the Ky government, the militants may soon begin to press vigorously for a public boycott of the September elections. However, thus far there have been no firm indications of any extensive efforts by the militants in this direction. The Institute itself has remained silent on the question of elections, although its militant deputy chairman has been cooperating with an apparently ineffectual coalition of religious and political splinter groups which has been critical of the government and the elections.

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Military Developments in North Vietnam: Recent drone photography has revealed that additional MIG-21 Fishbed fighters have been delivered to North Vietnam. The DRV had been credited with 13 MIG-21s; however, 17 were photographed at Phuc Yen airfield [redacted]

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[redacted] The arrival of additional MIG-21 aircraft from the Soviet Union has been expected for some time to replace losses suffered by the DRV Air Force in aerial engagements with US fighters.

The same photographic mission also disclosed that the four recently delivered Hook heavy transport helicopters were being assembled at Haiphong/Kien An airfield. North Vietnam had previously received two of these heavy-duty helicopters from the USSR.

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India: Leftist efforts to discredit the Gandhi government between now and general elections in February 1967 may result in new violence.

Both the pro-Peking and pro-Moscow wings of the Communist Party of India (CPI) and their left-wing allies are reported ready to take advantage of the popular agitation that traditionally plagues Indian governments during the late summer and early fall. This year, food shortages and anticipated price increases during the next few weeks will give the Communists additional causes to support.

Police efforts to quell a demonstration on 12 July in north-central India, which occurred during a leftist-sponsored general strike protesting economic policies, resulted in several deaths and scores of injuries.

Recently, the leftists have launched protest marches and demonstrations in most major Indian cities against US policies in Vietnam. These moves appear in part to be an attempt to picture the ruling Congress Party as subservient to Washington. Thus far, most of the demonstrations have been orderly but new and possibly larger demonstrations are scheduled for 20 July by both factions of the CPI.

In Calcutta, where the Communists can usually muster large crowds, the demonstrations on the 20th could result in mob violence and clashes with security forces. The police in Calcutta are mobilizing reserves and are prepared to take whatever steps are necessary to maintain order. Last April, two weeks of leftist-inspired rioting in the Calcutta area resulted in 37 deaths.

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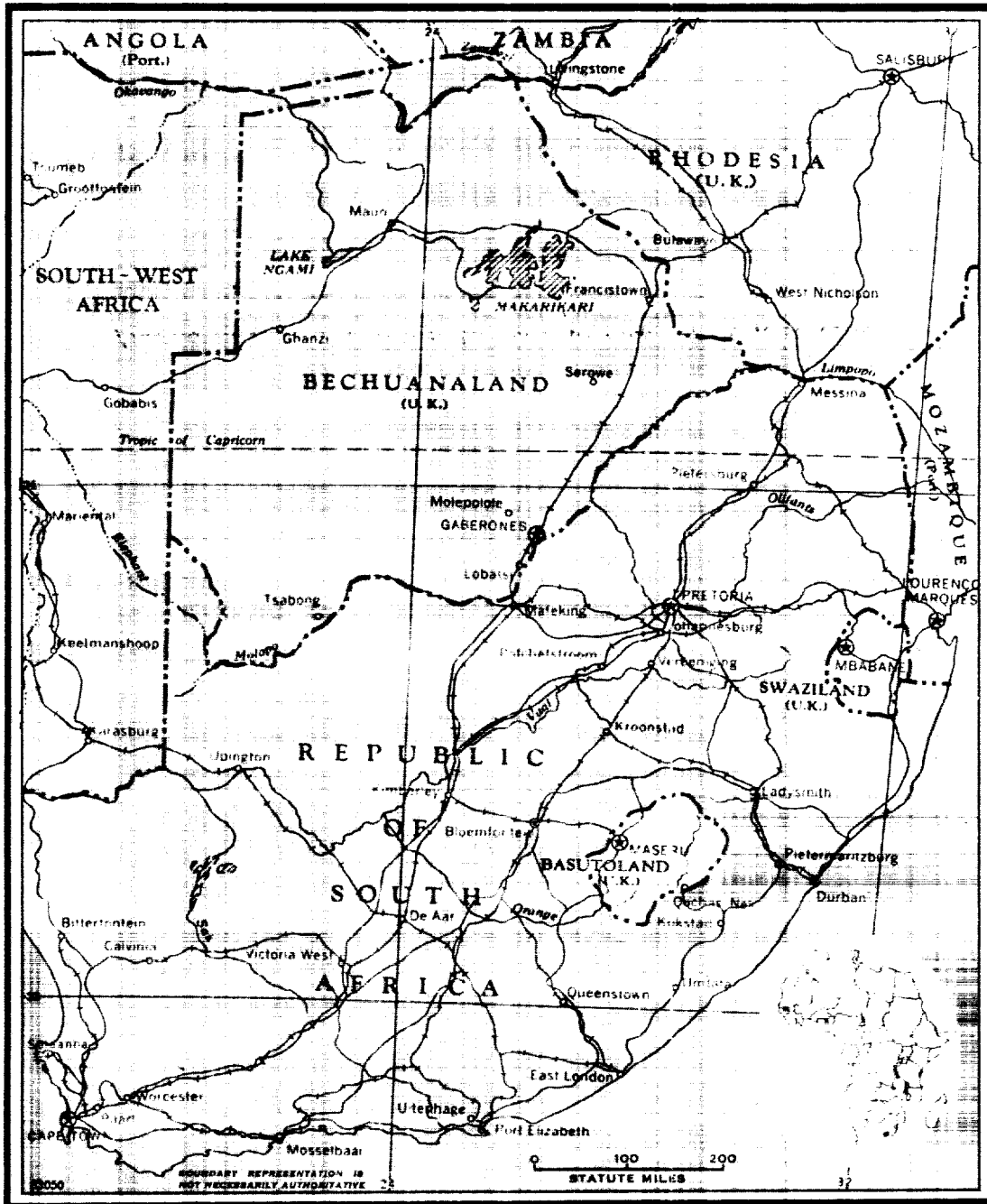
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Basutoland: [Political tension is increasing among Basutoland's competing African leaders as independence nears.]

[Last month the UK and the ruling Basutoland National Party agreed that the territory would receive its independence on 4 October. However, the agreement has been repudiated by Basutoland's paramount chief, Moshoeshe II, and by the leader of the major opposition Basutoland Congress Party.]

[The unusual alliance between the tribal ruler and the left-wing Congress Party rests partially on their common belief that the conservative National Party will set up a government which will be subservient to South Africa. In addition, Moshoeshe II and the Congress Party chief each sees an opportunity to increase his own power by demanding changes in Basutoland's constitution.]

[The paramount chief is seeking executive powers held by the British before independence. The Congress Party, which had won all elections before last year, hopes that a resulting constitutional referendum would lead to new elections and return the party to power.]

[The opposition groups have taken their case to the UN, claiming that the UK is giving independence to a minority-supported government without allowing a majority of Basuto a chance to express their views.]

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