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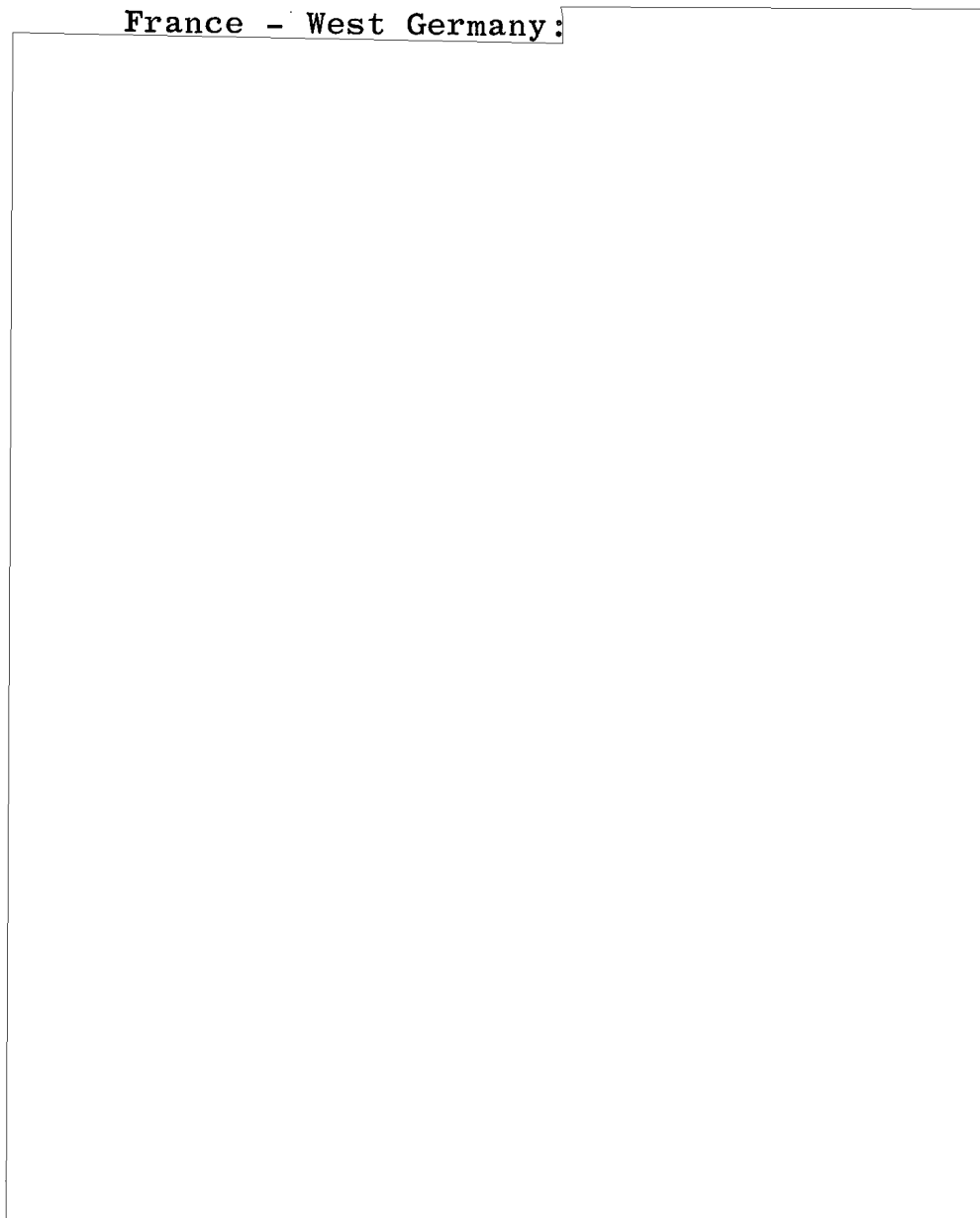


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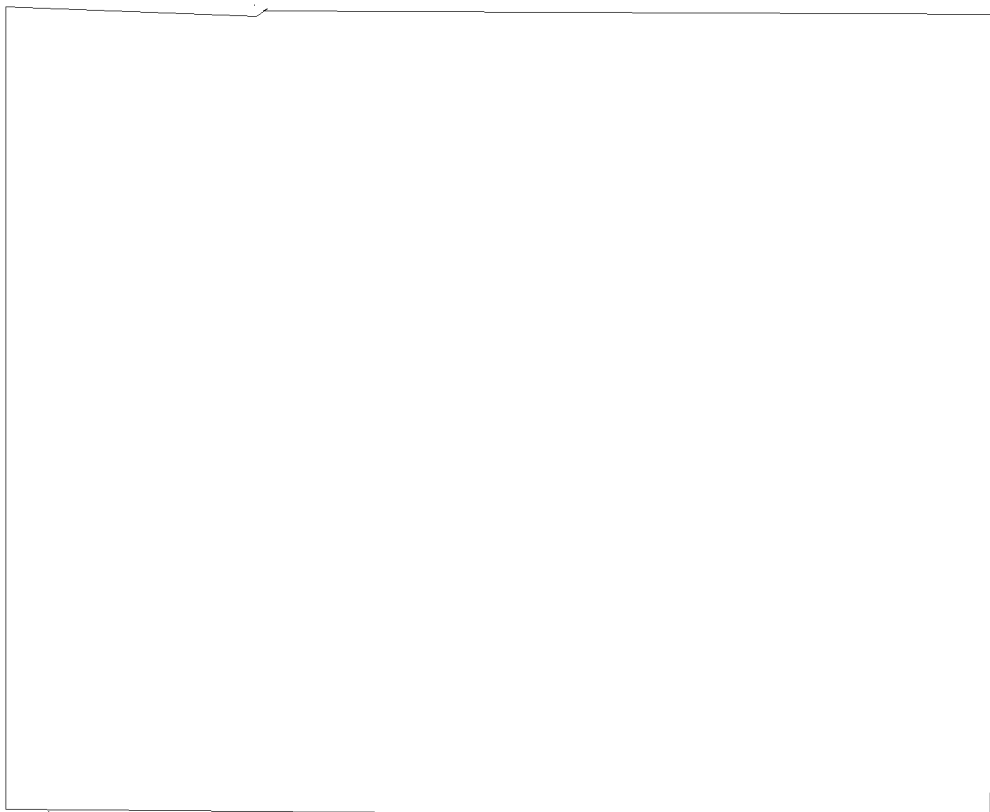
1. **France - West Germany:**

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2. Cyprus: Greek arms and ammunition continue to arrive. The latest shipment may have included three 18-ton tanks, the first of this size to reach the island.

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3. Italy: Political dopesters in Rome are predicting the new government will not outlast the Christian Democrats' national congress scheduled for late September.

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They have no real evidence other than signs that none of the parties in the coalition are enthusiastic about being in it, but joined because there was no other way to get a government to run the country.

Moro may encounter fresh difficulties right away, as he turns to the task of allocating cabinet posts.

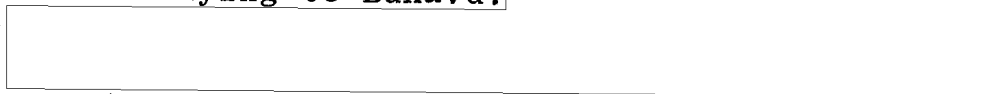
After that he must face Parliament, where the compromises he has with such difficulty won on principles and program will be vulnerable to attack from his own party as well as from the Socialist left.

4. Laos: Operation Triangle is still behind schedule because of bad weather and logistical difficulties.

Conceivably, it could be further delayed by Kong Le, who now says his high position and international reputation will not permit him to serve as deputy to rightist General Kouprasith, the commander of Operation Triangle.

On the diplomatic front, the Pathet Lao have turned down Poland's proposal for talks between the three Laotian factions. This suggests the Communists have decided that there is no money to be made by any kind of international meeting on the Laotian problem at this time.

5. Congo: Tshombé is undertaking to deal personally with the dissidence in eastern Congo, and is flying to Bukavu.



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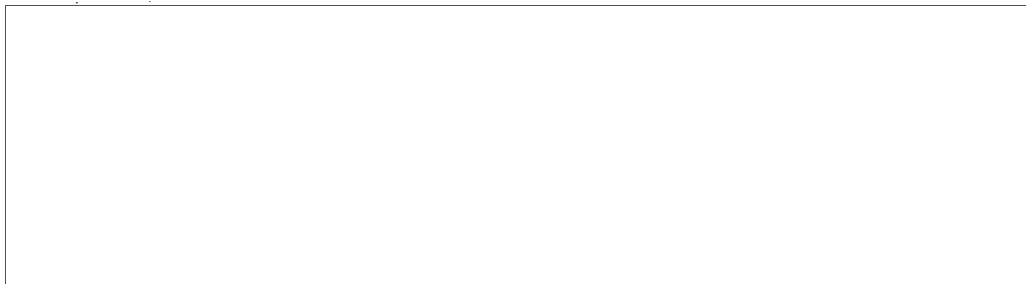
While Tshombé is far from popular with all the tribal satraps involved, this approach is at least realistic in recognizing that a military solution could elude him for some time.

6. South Vietnam: Viet Cong military operations continue on an unprecedented scale.

Since the first of the month, there have been twelve large-scale Viet Cong attacks, at least seven of which were in battalion strength.

We expect the Communists will keep up the pace at least through the remainder of July, to mark the tenth anniversary of the Geneva Accords.

7. Communist China - Burma: There have been faint signs recently that the Burmese would like to correct course slightly in the direction of the West.



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8. Pakistan: Still reacting to US military aid to India, Ayub has taken an even more neutral stance toward Southeast Asia.

The most recent manifestation of this was a remark to the press in London that he sees no reason for Pakistan to become involved in a US-China confrontation over Indochina.



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9. USSR-Japan  Moscow has contracted for the purchase of two Japanese chemical plants worth \$52 million. Terms of the sale call for 15-20 percent down and the balance over seven to eight years.

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This is the first long-term credit Khrushchev has been able to arrange in his campaign to build up the Soviet chemical industry.



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10. Argentina: Serious friction between the Illia government and the military could develop out of the OAS foreign ministers' meeting.

Illia still wants to temporize while the military insists on an Argentine vote against Castro.

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12. Nepal-USSR: The Nepalis are in some sort of arms deal with the Soviets. We have no details

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King Mahendra possibly has concluded that his position could scarcely be more exposed, and that it would be a good idea to diversify his foreign support.

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13. Venezuela: Communist terrorists have committed five street murders in Miranda State since 10 July. Some of this activity may have been in retaliation for current army operations against guerrillas in Miranda.

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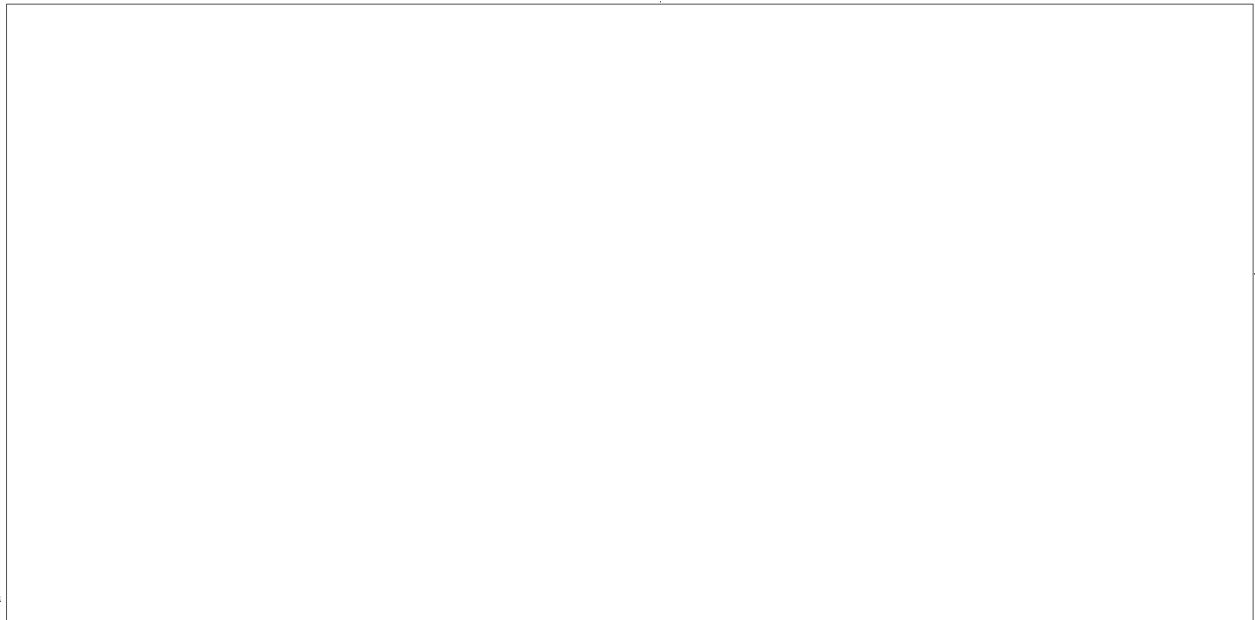
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