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1. Congo

a. Bands of tribal rebels in North Katanga have frightened the authorities in Kamina into abandoning the town and may already have occupied it.

b. The fate of the large Congolese Army installation nearby is not known. [REDACTED]

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c. The loss of Kamina would open the way to the key mining areas around Jadotville and Kolwezi, less than 150 miles to the south.

d. Tshombé will doubtless do everything he can to keep his home ground out of rebel hands. This he may be able to do if the local tribes remain loyal to him and if he has time to get his former gendarmes back in the field with white mercenary officers.

e. There is good reason to believe that the new rebel pocket in Mai-Ndombe is being nourished from across the river in the Brazzaville Congo [REDACTED]

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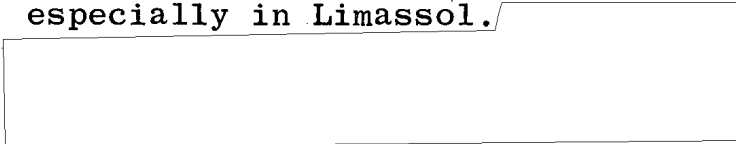
2. Cyprus

a. It is not yet clear what effect Makarios' slighting statements about "self-appointed mediators" will have on the Geneva talks. Papandreou has deplored the archbishop's leak but Ankara has yet to be heard from.



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e. The island itself remains quiet. UN forces are beginning to chafe at the obstructions thrown in their way by the Greek Cypriots, especially in Limassol.



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3. India

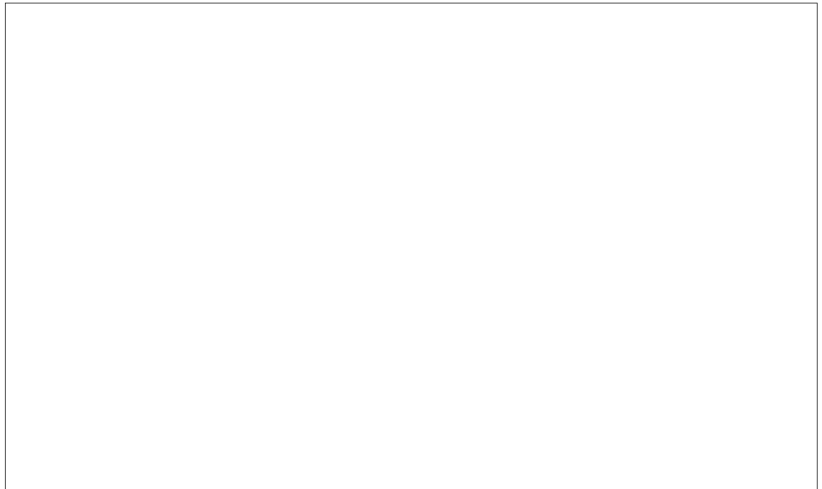
a. India's food crisis is likely to get worse before it gets better.

b. The new measures introduced by New Delhi in the past few weeks to build up basic grain stocks and improve distribution will not take affect before late August.

c. The year's major rice crop will start to hit rural markets at about the same time and urban markets a short time later.

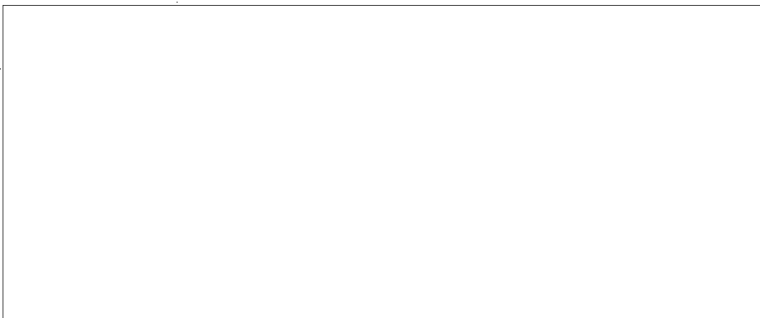
d. Meanwhile, the protest demonstrations and food riots, which are already beginning, may well spread, but we expect that the government will be able to control them.

4. France



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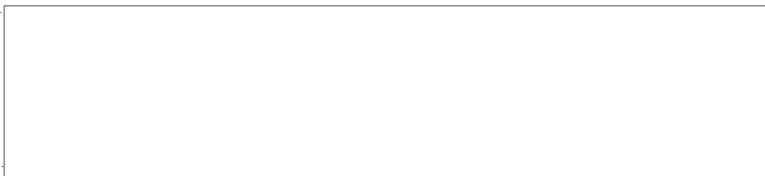
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5. USSR

a. As expected, the Soviets have announced a new series of missile firings to the Pacific, which will last until 30 December.



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c. We expect the tests to include [redacted] tests of the SS-9 and SS-10 missiles now under development. The Soviets may also use the opportunity for extended range tests [redacted]

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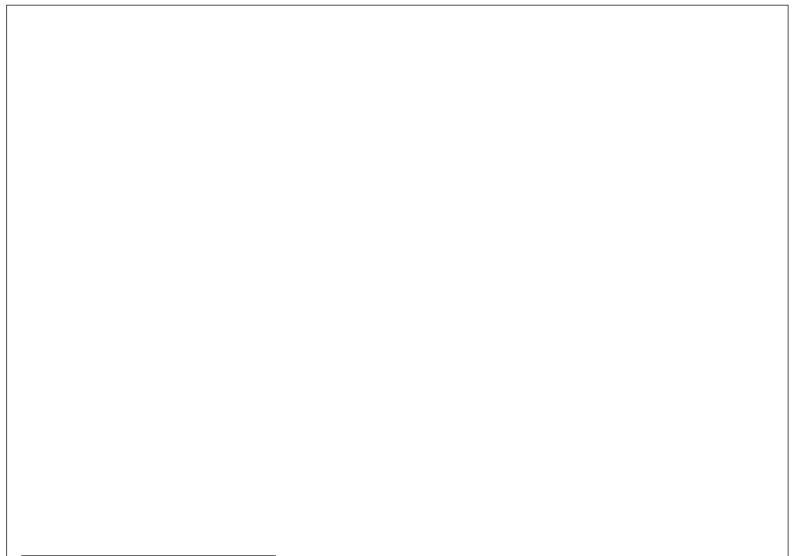
6. Indonesia-
Malaysia

a. After several months of sticking fairly close to the border, Indonesian guerrillas [redacted] [redacted] extend their activities deeper inside Malaysian Borneo.

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7. North Vietnam



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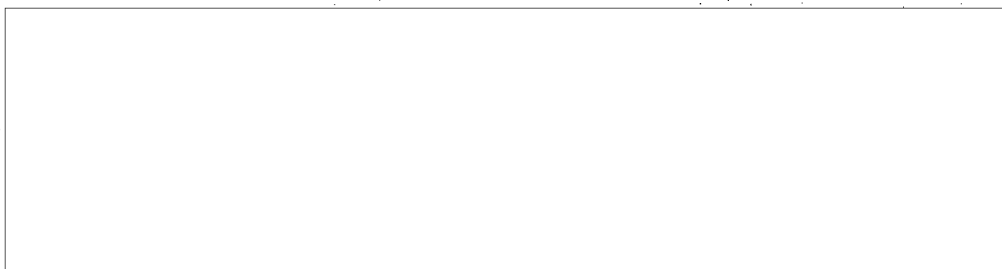
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B. Thailand Police and armed forces are still on the alert, and Bangkok is alive with coup rumors. One version is that a coup was planned for last night but aborted for reasons as yet unknown. Prime Minister Thanom says that he has the situation under control.

C. Tanganyika - Communist China: [redacted] Tanganyika has been dickering with Peiping for military help. [redacted]

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brought over from Zanzibar for the same period to serve in another part of Tanganyika.

D. Italy - MLF [redacted] the four parties to the Moro coalition have agreed in principle that Italy should participate in a seaborne MLF. The government does not wish to make this stand public now, however, probably because it wants first to see which way the British go.

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- E. Burma Ambassador Byroade has had his first meeting with Ne Win in ten months, and found the general as unbending and xenophobic as ever. The chief point made by the Burmese leader was that Burma was determined to remain completely aloof from developments in Southeast Asia. He said that he had spoken in a similar vein to Chou En-lai. While Byroade feels we can live with this narrow neutralism, he is not convinced that Ne Win can make the grade internally.
- F. Laos The government is now claiming that Operation Triangle has succeeded in clearing the Pathet Lao from the whole length of the road between Vientiane and Luang Prabang. The Communists have simply faded into the nearby hills and a countermove could come at any time.