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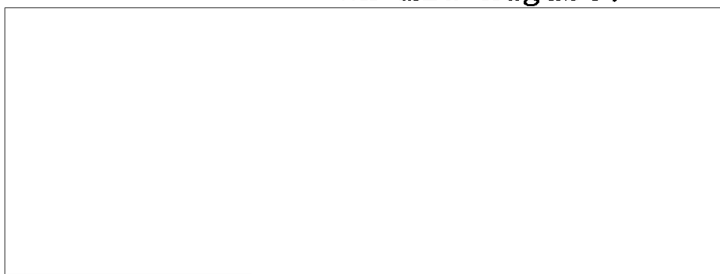
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1. Communist China -
North Vietnam

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a. Chinese Communist pilots seem in full control of the training being given North Vietnamese pilots at Phuc Yen airfield near Hanoi.

b. This training activity has increased steadily since it was first noted in mid-August.



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2. Bolivia

a. Barrientos' grasp on the reins of power seems still infirm.

b. Opposition groups have not yet made a move against the junta, but voices are beginning to be heard questioning the junta's right to rule.

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c. Lechin has called for an early return to civilian rule, and one leader of the tin miners' union has urged that a "popular government" be set up to prevent the junta from perpetuating itself in power.

d. It is not yet clear whether all or any of these groups intend to use force to contest the military. Many of them, of course, are well armed. The tin miners have already reverted to a virtually autonomous situation under their pro-Communist union leaders.

3. Sudan

a. Khartoum settled back into an uneasy calm yesterday.

b. The more moderate elements in the new regime, after fumbling badly during their first days in office, are now taking a stronger line against the Communists. They say, for example, that Tuesday's riots, fomented by the Communists, will not be repeated.

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c. The powerful Ansar politico-religious brotherhood has backed their demands for a return to law and order. The Ansar has extensive influence in both military and civilian circles.

d. The moderates, recognizing that part of the Communist gains came from making common cause with dissident southerners, have ordered a number of political prisoners from the south to be released and promised the south more liberal treatment in the future.

4. Congo

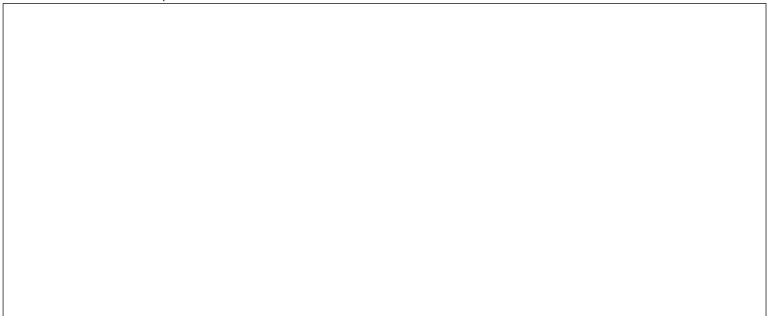
a. We are still not certain when the Van Der Walle column will strike out for Stanleyville, but it apparently has not done so yet. Congolese officials say they recognize that their own forces must hold off from attacking the town until Van Der Walle is in place.

b. Rebel leaders in Stanleyville, nervous as the day of reckoning approaches, are talking out of both sides of their mouths concerning foreigners there.

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c. On the one hand, they say they will put them on trial, and on the other, they speak of returning the foreigners to their own countries "shortly."

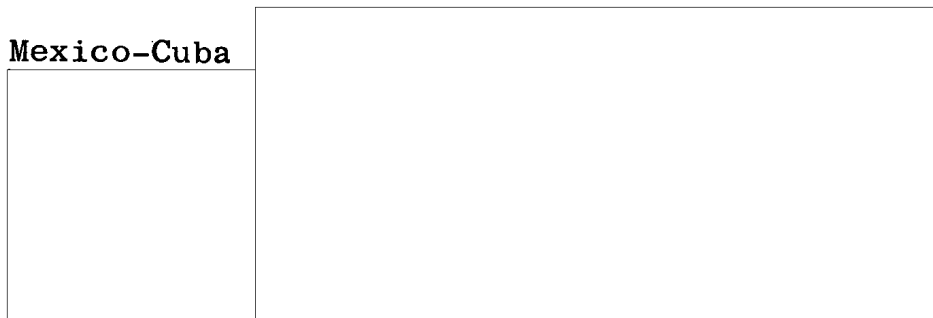
d. The rebels have evidently been led to expect further military aid from outside the Congo.



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A. Mexico-Cuba

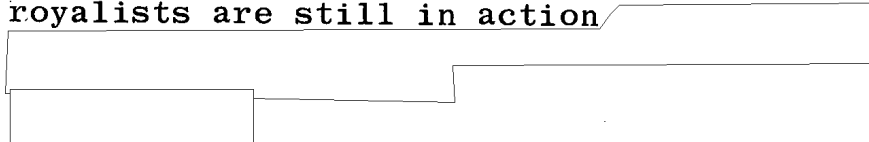


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B. Indonesia-Malaysia Sukarno told Ambassador Jones over coffee yesterday morning that as long as the dispute over Malaysia remains, as it is now, on dead center, the Indonesian attacks on Malaysia will continue. No give was apparent in the Indonesian position.

C. Yemen The cease-fire declared Sunday has not yet been brought into full effect. The royalists are still in action



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D. Italy - Communist China The foreign office in Rome has told us that the Italians are about to resume their confidential discussions with Chinese Communist representatives in Cairo concerning the reciprocal establishment of quasi-governmental trade offices in China and Italy. The official added that the problem of recognizing Peiping is under study as a "long-range problem" but is something which cannot be deferred indefinitely.

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- E. Tanzania There are signs that the struggle for power between moderate President Nyerere and his radical and ambitious number two, Oscar Kambona, has reached a critical point. The outcome could have a profound effect on Tanzanian policy since one of the chief issues involved seems to be whether there should be interference from Tanzania in the affairs of its independent neighbors, the Congo and Malawi.
- F. Laos The Communists have stepped up pressures in the Tha Thom area southeast of the Plaine des Jarres, and, according to reports from US observers on the ground, appear to be launching a two-pronged attack against government forces defending the town. The latter have called for air strikes against the attackers.