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1. South Vietnam: Pressure for changes in the Huong government continues.

We have no details, but press reports say Huong was criticized on some of his appointments at a meeting with the High National Council today. Huong is said to have made no promises to make changes.

The students, as they had threatened, apparently were again demonstrating in Saigon today despite Huong's warning last weekend that he would take strong measures if they did so.

Buddhist leader Thich Tham Chau is egging the students on, and has said he will demand Huong's removal unless he appoints a new cabinet right away.

There is some uncertainty where Khanh and the military stand. Huong has expressed doubt of Khanh's reliability. [redacted] a number of other prominent generals believe Huong must go unless he knuckles under and makes cabinet changes.

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At a distance it is hard to judge timing, but experience suggests that further big changes may be impending in Saigon.

2. Israel-Syria: The sharpest exchange of border firing in over two years has apparently been stopped by the UN armistice commission, after casualties on both sides.

The situation had been gathering steam in the area concerned for some time, and a series of comparatively minor incidents had occurred.

The Israelis have again demonstrated their unhesitating willingness to apply maximum force if necessary. This time they used aircraft to silence Syrian tanks emplaced near the border.

3. Congo:

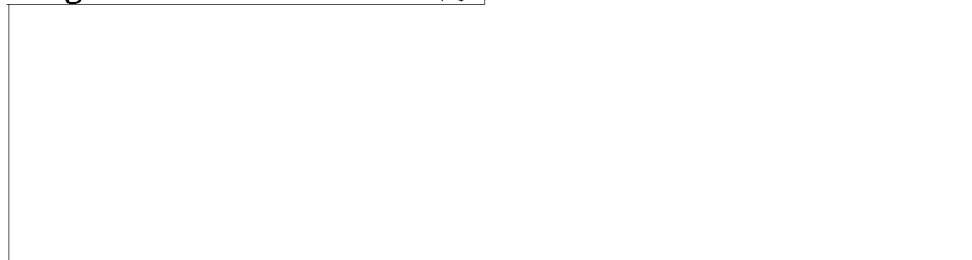


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4. Congo-UN: Tshombé is apparently considering a visit to the UN.

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5. Sudan: Khartoum seems to be settling back into its customary torpor.

The moderates in the new regime are taking a stronger line against the Communists by insisting, for example, that there be no repetition of last Tuesday's riots--which were fomented by the Communists.

The powerful Ansar politico-religious sect is backing the demand for a return to law and order. The Ansar has broad influence in both civilian and military circles.

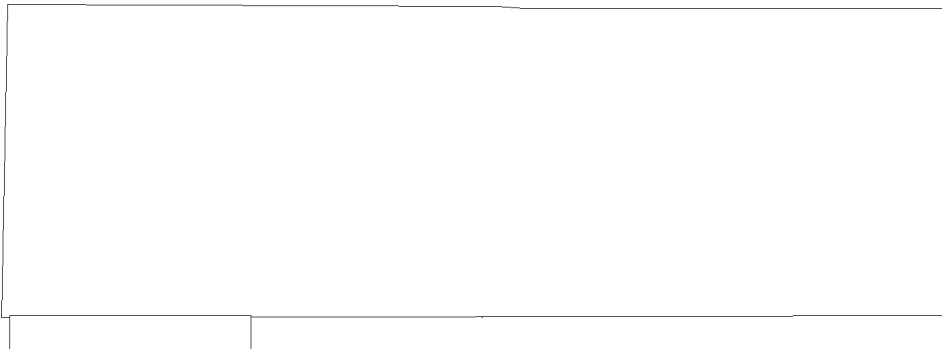
6. Czechoslovakia: The Novotny regime seems to be angling for some gesture of US support for its recent show of independence from Moscow.

This was the burden of a pitch made to the US Embassy in Prague by a US defector, who said Novotny and company intend to emulate Yugoslavia and follow an "independent Communist policy."

The defector suggested that a US invitation to Czech Premier Lenhart, perhaps to attend some cultural function, would be a "useful initial indicator of US interest."

7. Indonesia-Portugal: Sukarno may be considering an aggressive move against Portuguese Timor.

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8. UN: Gromyko has told Ambassador Kohler that the Soviet position on the Article 19 problem is unchanged.

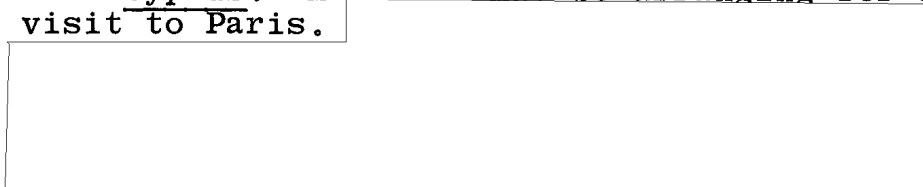
Kohler comments that he got the impression Gromyko might decide not to attend the General Assembly because of this problem, and might refuse to talk to Secretary Rusk if he did attend.

Gromyko reiterated that the Soviet government does not understand why the problem has been posed in such sharp terms immediately after the US elections.

Various efforts to draw the teeth of the Article 19 problem continue. General Assembly President Sosa Rodriguez and a small group of other UN ambassadors are trying to get support for a "voluntary rescue operation."

Soviet UN officials in New York are saying that Moscow cannot agree to go along.

9. Cyprus: Makarios may be arranging for a visit to Paris.



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10. Communist China-North Vietnam: Chinese Communist pilots seem in full control of the training being given North Vietnamese pilots at Phuc Yen airfield near Hanoi.

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

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11. Japan: [REDACTED]

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British Guiana: Observers are predicting Premier Jagan's defeat in the election next month. They feel, however, that this increases the chances for a resort to violence by his party, either to stop the election or to bring down a successor government.