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LATE ITEM

Panama (Information as of 1600, 24 Nov 64): No further disturbances have occurred since those outside the National Assembly yesterday.

The assembly met through the night in camera on the row between ex-chief negotiator Illueca and Foreign Minister Eleta, and passed a resolution which endorses the Robles government's standing position on the Canal negotiations with the US. More important, the assembly gave a vote of confidence to Eleta thus winning another important point for the government.

There may well be further extremist agitation, however. The students have called a meeting tonight with certain leftist unions and other radical groups to plan more demonstrations tomorrow. There is talk of a general strike.

The students' leader, Victor Avila, has has opposed pro-Castroite demands for violent demonstrations against the Canal Zone. Avila wants instead to concentrate on arousing resentment against President Robles and the national guard.

The students' communique issued after yesterday's demonstration was thus addressed to all "democratic and patriotic sectors interested in a change in the political scene," but cautioned against "headlong action."

LATE ITEM

Congo (Information as of 1600, 24 Nov 64):
Some slight rebel resistance continued in Stanleyville, although the city has been secured for purposes of the rescue operations.

Tshombé planned to visit the city today, but no word of his arrival has been received.

The whereabouts of Gbenye and the other rebel leaders is not known.



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1. USSR: [redacted]
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[redacted] Kosygin has long been considered a first-class man by his colleagues.

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2. Communist China: The Chinese have publicly announced that they consider further nuclear testing is within their sovereign right and that "no outsiders can interfere." This came in response to a protest by Japanese Premier Sato.

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3. [redacted] China [redacted]
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4. Communist China: We have about decided that the G-class submarine spotted at Dairen earlier this month was built there by the Chinese. This is suggested by a re-check of past photography, which appears to show that hull assembly began about June 1962.

In the Soviet Navy the G-class submarine carries three surface-launched missiles. The Dairen submarine looks completed, but we cannot tell to what extent it is fitted out. We doubt that it is armed according to Soviet specifications.

We think the Chinese are working hard to develop the missiles and warheads themselves, but consider this submarine far from operational as a missile launcher.

5. Italy: The results of the nationwide municipal elections spell trouble for the Moro government, and it may collapse soon.

The Communists registered their highest (26%) and the Moro's Christian Democrats their lowest (37.4%) vote in these elections since the war.

Nenni's Socialist Party vote is down 25% from last year's showing. Pressures in the party to pull out of the national coalition will now be greatly increased.

6. Yemen: Although some fighting, initiated by royalist attacks, continues in the north despite the cease-fire, the Saudis and the Egyptians apparently are continuing to press for a settlement.

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[redacted] both countries are co-operating in preparations for the republican-royalist unity conference, which has been postponed until 30 November.

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7. Sino-Soviet Dispute: Relations have clearly not improved since Khrushchev's downfall, and Peiping has intimated they will not improve unless Moscow makes concessions.

The "preparatory" conference of Communist parties called by Khrushchev [redacted]

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[redacted] definitely decided to go through with it, no firm date has been [redacted]

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8. France-UK: The French apparently intend to press on with development of the "Concorde" supersonic transport, despite the desire of the British to back out.

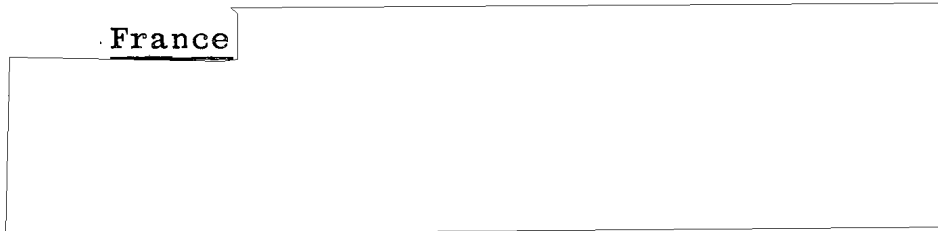
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De Gaulle has given signs of a personal interest in this project. He apparently has been advised that the French aircraft industry could produce engines for the Concorde in about three years' time, should the British pull out.

This seems unduly optimistic. In any event, Paris is keeping pressure on by threatening to take the matter to the International Court of Justice.

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Laos: Truck traffic from North Vietnam to the Plaine des Jarres continues heavy.



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