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1. Dominican Republic

The crisis is deepening.

Heavy shooting last night in Santo Domingo, followed by rightist clandestine radiobroadcasts denouncing the provisional government, so agitated Garcia Godoy that early this morning he was threatening to oust all four Dominican military chiefs. Ambassador Bunker hopes he will have second thoughts.

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As of early this morning, an Inter-American Peace Force contingent was guarding the presidential palace and Garcia Godoy's house.

The arms collection "sweep" yesterday afternoon was in fact a farce. The "judicial police" who headed the teams in the rebel zone were all from the rebel side. According to Radio Santo Domingo, the "take" was one unserviceable revolver.

Ex-Presidents Bosch and Balaguer did have moderating speeches broadcast yesterday. They are to speak again today. Bosch, however, persists in injecting political plugs into his appeals, which does not help the situation.

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2. Indonesia

Sukarno this morning held his scheduled meeting with top civil and military officials from all over Indonesia, but nothing dramatic has emerged.

It was announced that Sukarno is still studying the "political solution" to the 30 September affair, and he seems to have made his standard pitch for unity.

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New anti-Communist decrees broadcast by Djakarta radio this morning show no slackening of the army's campaign.

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There are signs, however, of growing uncertainty in army circles over where to go from here, particularly in light of the breakdown of the theory that Sukarno would come around to the army's view of things, if he were given the evidence of Communist plotting.

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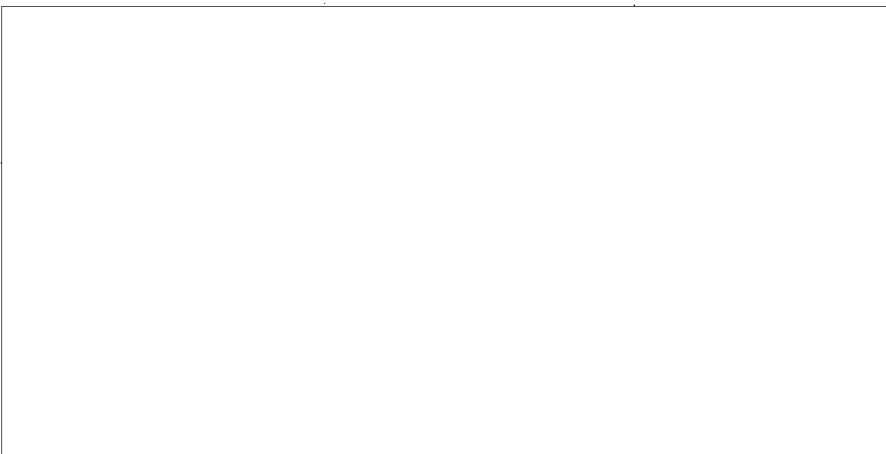
3. India-Pakistan

Diplomatic maneuvering continues, but there seems to be no change in the positions of either side.

The cease-fire lines are generally quiet, but each side claims this is a lull before the other creates a new storm.

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4. Rhodesia



A resolution adopted yesterday at the Organization of African Unity chiefs of state meeting in Ghana calls on the British, and failing them on other African states, to use all possible means, including force, to prevent the white Rhodesians from declaring independence.

A number of delegations, however, were reported to be dissatisfied with the resolution. In any event, Rhodesia's neighbors, Zambia and Malawi, will be most reluctant to carry out such a resolution for fear of Rhodesian retaliation.

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5. Congo

The new government in Leopoldville 50X1 evidently is pursuing its previously reported scheme to get the radical Africans to stop supporting the Congolese rebels so that it can dispense with the Congo's white military personnel.

One Congolese politician says the idea is merely being used to scare the US into providing more largesse. There is probably more to it than that, however. Kasavubu may well feel that he must oust the white military, whom he sees as the real mainstay of ex-Premier Tshombé's position, before he confronts Tshombé in presidential elections next spring.

The danger in all these maneuvers is that their major by-product could be another influx of radical Africans and left-wing personalities onto the stage in Leopoldville.

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