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1. Indonesia

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Indonesian Communist Party, was ar- 50X1
rested on 21 November. [redacted] 50X1
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The army commander in South Celebes announced today the Communist Party in his area has been dissolved. This follows similar announcements from West Java and Molucca. Arrests of Communists throughout the country are now said to stand at 34,000.

The economic situation looks increasingly grave. Rice is in short supply and inflation is rampant. The Indonesian consul general in Hong Kong is passing the word that his government is in desperate need of credit. He says that he has been instructed by the army leaders to contact American officials in hopes of getting indirect US assistance.

2. Nationalist China

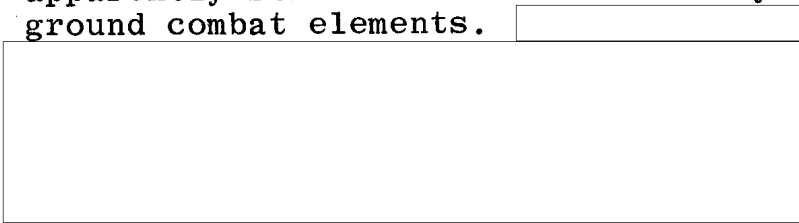
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3. Communist China

The Chinese military presence in North Vietnam continues to grow, but apparently still does not include any ground combat elements.

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4. Rhodesia

Rhodesia's relations with Zambia are becoming thoroughly fragile.

Part of the power line from the Kariba hydroelectric station in Rhodesia was knocked out by an explosion this morning, cutting off power to a part of Zambia's copperbelt. In addition, a number of white Rhodesian railroad engineers working in Zambia have been out on strike since earlier in the week.

These developments not only increase the chances for racial incidents but also heighten extremist pressures on Kaunda to take drastic action against Rhodesia. These pressures seem to have built up appreciably in recent days.

Kaunda will probably now call again for British troops, hoping that an affirmative reply will keep his critics in line, and help him keep African radical troops out.

5. Congo

The political scene is still quiet. Mobutu told the embassy yesterday that he is banking heavily on US support.

A new government may be announced tomorrow. It will probably contain several old names, perhaps even that of Nendaka whose machinations probably created the political impasse which forced Mobutu to act. Tshombé's status is unclear.

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6. Panama

The work stoppage is fizzling out, but strikers are planning another demonstration in downtown Panama City later today. Security forces should be able to keep the situation in hand.

7. Dominican Republic

The Provisional President has told the embassy that he has directed his new attorney general to remove three extreme leftist judges from office. Garcia Godoy also said that he will soon abolish the irregular judicial police.

The government put out a new law yesterday which forbids work stoppages in government offices. If Garcia Godoy can enforce it, this law should make the government considerably less vulnerable to strike threats from radicals in the public employee associations.

Rumblings of further plotting on the right continue.

8. France

The first French earth satellite was orbited successfully this morning.

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