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1. Dominican Republic

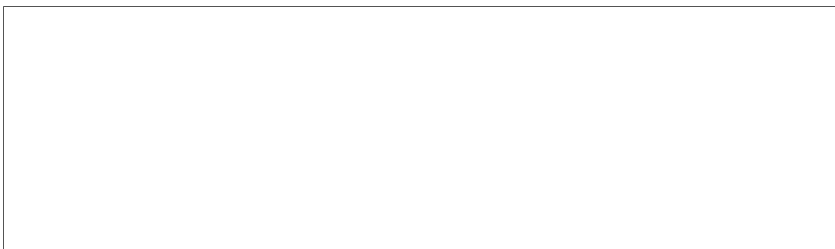
Garcia Godoy is scheduled to go on the air this evening to talk about the present impasse.

He has told Ambassador Bunker and the chiefs of the Dominican armed forces that he may resign. The threat could be no more than another effort--like his obvious sympathy toward the general strike--to bring pressure on the army and air force commanders to quit "voluntarily."

However, the president may be serious this time, since he seems to have boxed himself in on this issue. The two officers refuse to quit right now and are threatening to publish his letter promising no further command shifts, a step that would erode Garcia Godoy's support from the left.

The strike was effective again today, both in the capital and in many outlying areas. The longer it continues, the greater the chance that rightist elements may decide to act. Such action could come in the provinces where the right is strong and the Inter-American Peace Force is less a factor.

2. France



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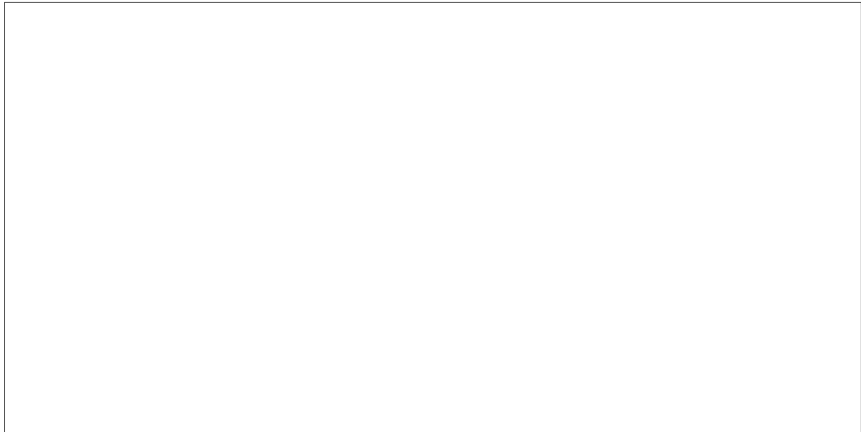


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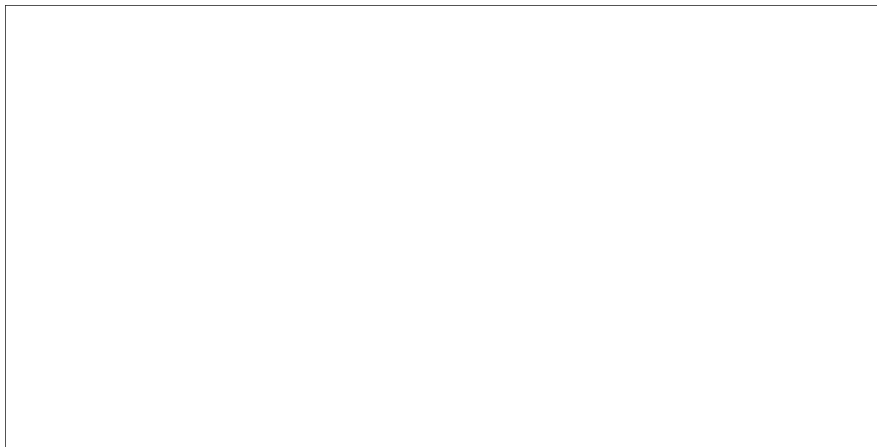
4. South Vietnam

Premier Ky's cabinet reorganization-- envisaged before the Honolulu conference-- has been approved by the ruling Directorate and will be announced next week.

Ky's special assistant describes the change as a "reinforcement," explaining that no one will leave. The new assignments will introduce a number of younger men and give more attention to special problems such as refugees, veterans, ports, and corruption.

Two of the appointments may prove controversial. The new minister of economy has been termed a Marxist economist, while the new youth minister--a prominent Catholic layman--may not set well with the Buddhists.

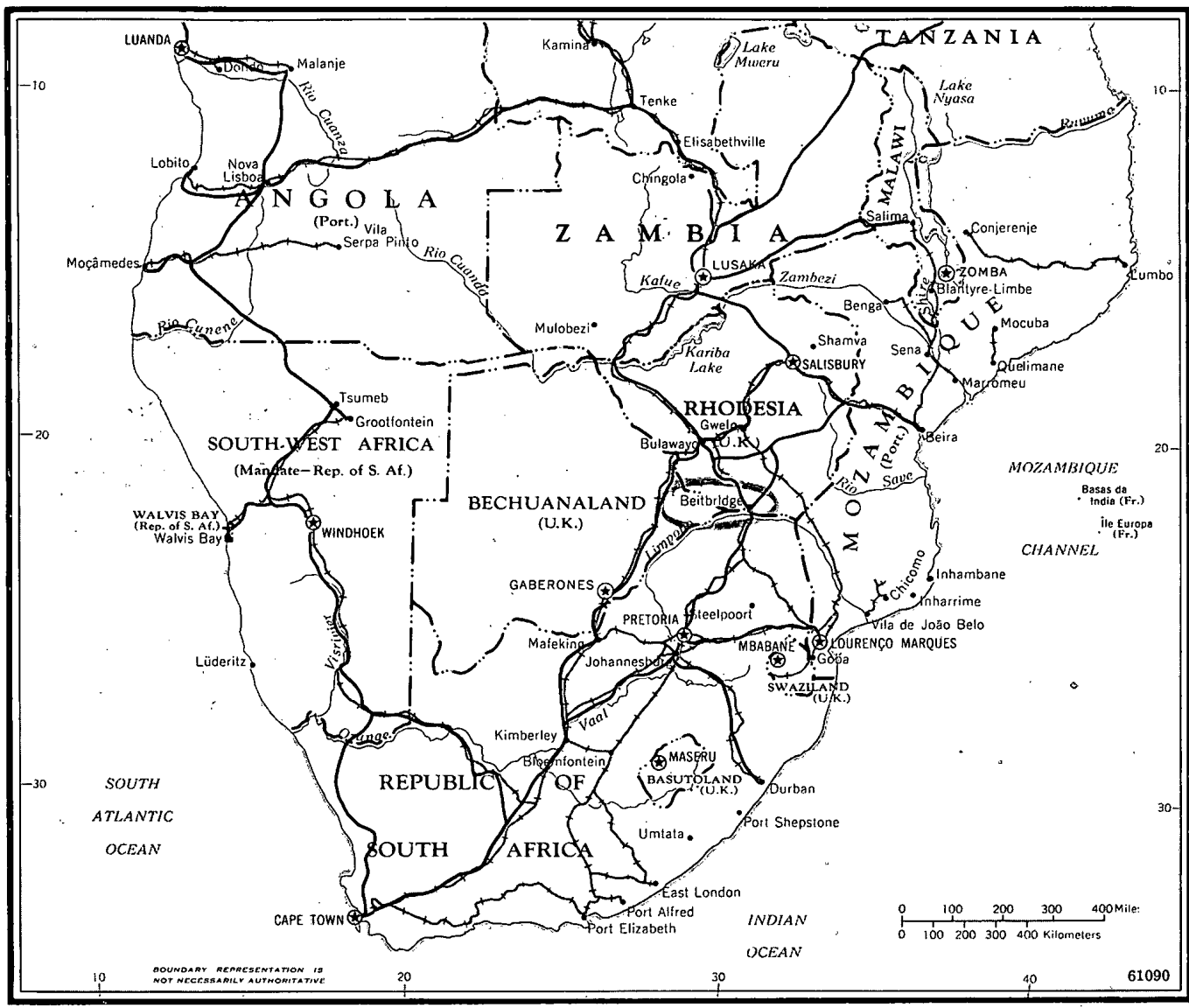
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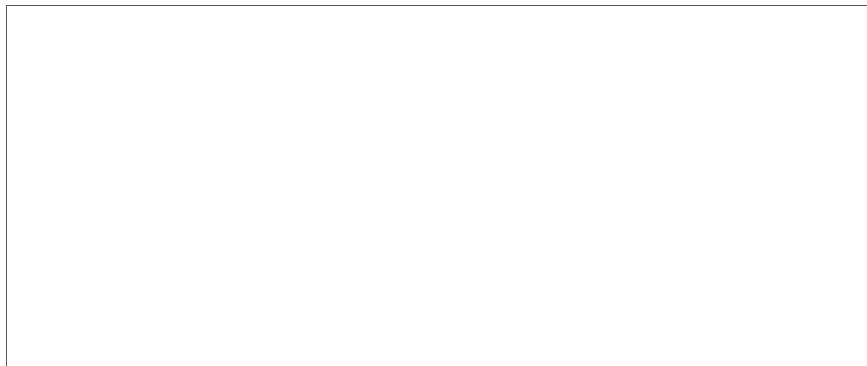
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6. Pakistan



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7. Rhodesia



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Some 200,000 gallons of petroleum products reportedly reached Rhodesia during the first two weeks of this month. The stream may be swelling to 25-30,000 gallons a day, according to British road watchers at Beitbridge (see map). There is speculation that like quantities may be coming in from Mozambique.

The amounts are still only a fraction of Rhodesia's needs even under tight rationing, but they do postpone the day when the oil will run out and dim London's fading hopes for a "quick kill."

8. Greece

The supporters of former prime minister Papandreou are organizing a huge rally in downtown Athens this evening. The Communists are supporting the effort. Together, they hope to attract several hundred thousand demonstrators.

Greek security forces are braced. The sponsors of the rally have cautioned against violence, but violence is always possible whenever such a large crowd of Greeks foregathers.



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