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1. South Vietnam

The Buddhist hierarchy has not yet come out with any significant reaction to Premier Ky's weekend remarks. However, Tri Quang has reportedly been summoned from Hué by Buddhist leaders in Saigon to discuss the issue.

The Viet Cong appear to be zeroing in on South Korean personnel as a target for propaganda, terrorism, and sabotage attacks.

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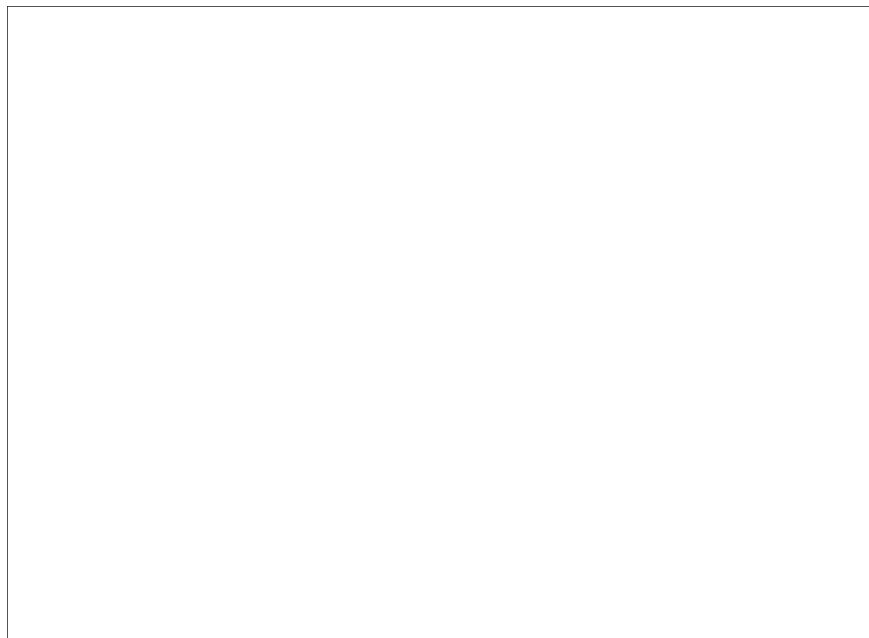
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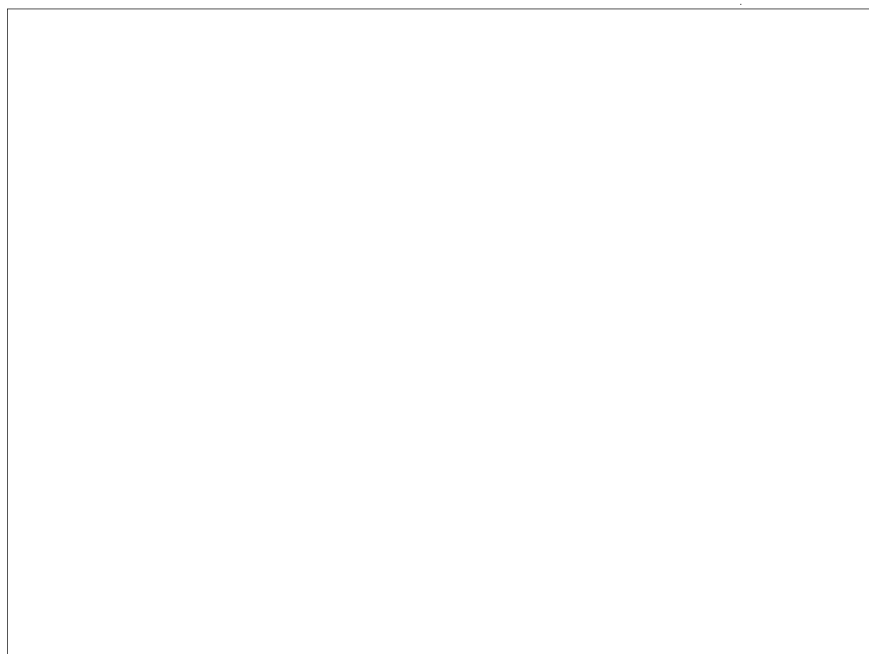
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3. Vietnam



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4. Rhodesia



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5. Guinea

Our embassy sees signs that Peking may be dangling an aid package before the Guineans--for a "political price."

The government is uncharacteristically not pressing for more US food shipments, despite an apparently imminent food shortage. Also, there are more Chinese milling around Conakry than at any recent time, and the local Soviets seem unhappy.

Touré, however, dropped no hint of any such prospects in an exceedingly frank and friendly talk last week with Ambassador Attwood, who formerly was ambassador to Guinea.

6. Ethiopia

Last week the Ethiopians celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Emperor's return to Addis Ababa following the Italian occupation. The main event was a gigantic--by African standards--parade of the US-equipped Ethiopian Army through the capital and a fly-by of Ethiopian-piloted supersonic jets and other US-supplied aircraft.

Ambassador Korry noted that even the Emperor had never witnessed such an impressive display of the range and extent of the US military assistance program.

The troops were all young and vigorous looking, in contrast to the many tottering "spear chuckers" seen in previous years. Their equipment was clean, and they seemed to be accepted with pride by the populace.

The Emperor said he now knew what an excellent job the US had done with his military and declared: "I am content."

7. Communist China

Preliminary data on the third nuclear test, which took place early this morning (Washington time), suggests a yield of about 50 kilotons. Peking's first two nuclear tests, in October 1964 and May 1965, gave yields of 25 and 35 kilotons respectively. The device was apparently dropped from an airplane.

Peking is claiming its device "contained thermonuclear material." If indeed it contained such material, the small yield indicates that no significant thermonuclear reaction could have occurred.

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