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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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1. South Vietnam

What started out as an internal squabble in one of Ky's ministries has blossomed into a major issue with some southerners in the cabinet on the verge of quitting because of heavy handedness by northerners who control the national police.

If Ky intervenes quickly, the issue may well be papered over. However, if some southern cabinet members do resign, the problem will undoubtedly spill over into the constituent assembly and impair the delicate relationships there.

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2. Soviet Union



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3. Nigeria

The facade of civilization in Nigeria continues to crumble.

Some Nigerian officers, now thoroughly frightened by the uncontrolled intertribal slaughter, are thinking of asking for US and British troops to help restore order. The crux of the problem is somehow to re-establish discipline over the Nigerian troops who themselves have been among the worst offenders.

The entire control structure of the army has broken down. Officers who retain some civil or military power are seeing their authority eroded day by day.

Prime Minister Wilson has become personally interested in the problem and appears willing to send out a team of British officers to find out what can be done. The British, however, want to avoid being put into a position where their troops might have to fire on Nigerians.

The Nigerians are also thinking of asking for foreign technicians to help replace the relatively skilled Ibo tribesmen who are being killed off and driven out of the northern and western regions.

4. Yugoslavia

A thorough reorganization of the Yugoslav party structure was formally approved today at the opening session of a major party meeting in Belgrade. Its purpose is to diffuse power within the party and thus to prevent the emergence of another figure like security chief Rankovic, whom Tito ousted this summer for trying to accumulate overriding power in his own hands.

Despite a change in titles, Tito himself will continue to be the dominant authority.

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5. West Germany

Many Germans are talking of Erhard's visit here as a kind of watershed marking the start of a period of growing divergence between US and German interests.

A large portion of the press, as well as many politicians, is saying that US interests have now shifted from Europe to Asia. They claim that the US is looking for an understanding with the Soviet Union that would cement the status quo in Europe--including the division of Germany.

Those in Erhard's party who want to throw him out have been quick to disparage his performance in Washington. US-German relations will be a useful tool in their political struggle, and the US can expect to take its lumps in the process.

6. Spain

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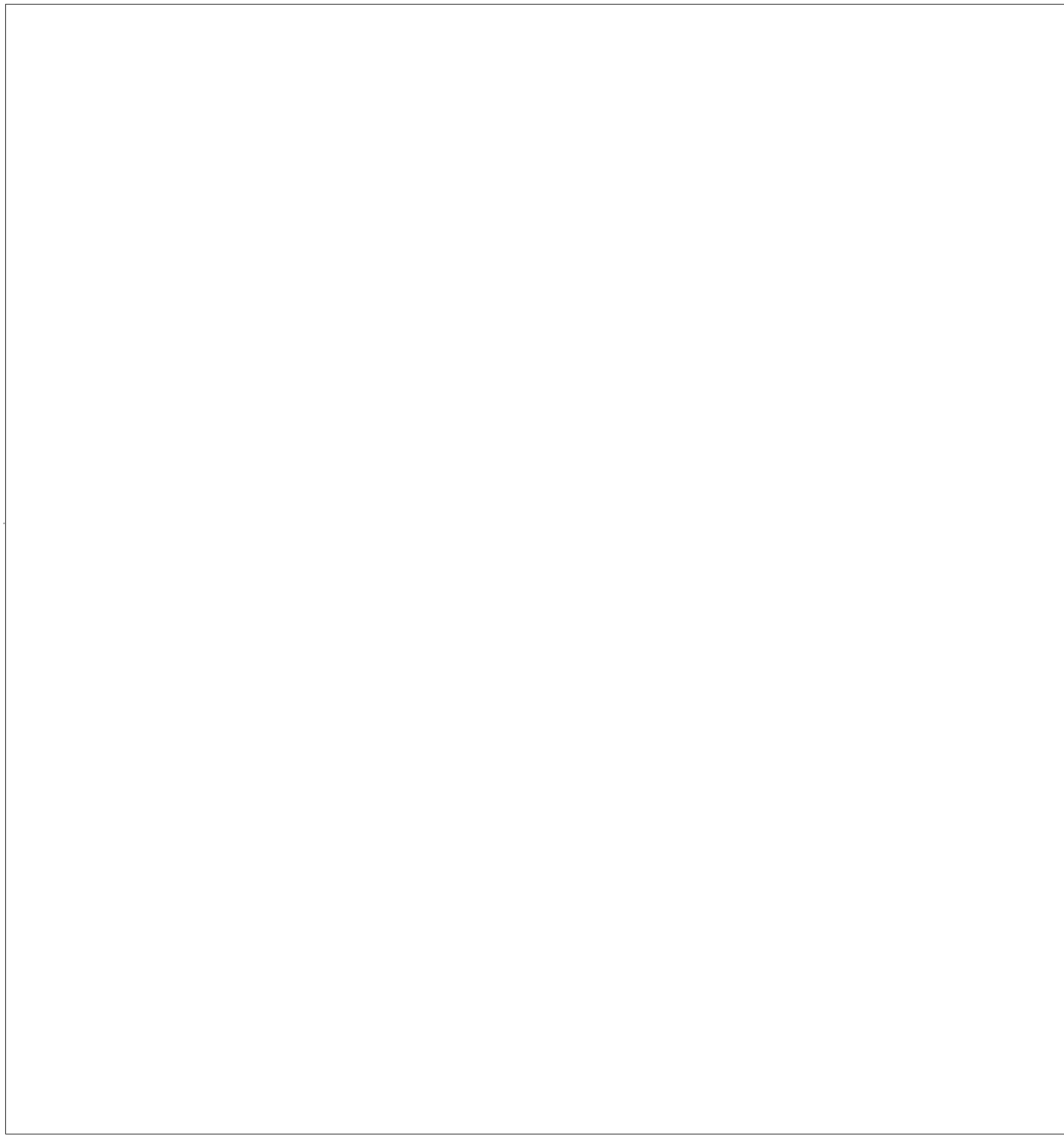


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