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1. South Vietnam

The leaders in Saigon are expressing their opposition to use of the 1954 Geneva agreements as a frame of reference for future Vietnam peace negotiations.

Ky told newsmen this week that he does not accept the Geneva Accords because "the situation now is different and the goal is different."

Chief of State Thieu is trying to line up South Korean and Thai support

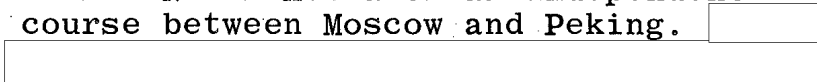


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2. North Korea

In a "plague on both your houses" speech yesterday, Premier Kim Il-song rounded on the Soviet Union and Communist China. Implying they were equally guilty of sacrificing the interests of other Communist states in their feud, Kim hit the Russians for backsliding "weakness against imperialism" and the Chinese for pretensions to be "the center of world revolution."

For several years, Kim has maneuvered between the two Communist giants but this is his most striking bid yet to set North Korea on an independent course between Moscow and Peking.



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3. Soviet Union

Two of the Russian cosmonauts have been talking a bit recently about the Soviet manned space program. One of them said that work on a new space vehicle had caused the long standstill in the program; he implied that there had been difficulties. The last Soviet manned flight was in March 1965.

The other cosmonaut hinted that the next Soviet mission would be radically different.

We have a number of indications that the Soviets are working toward a flight of a month or more. We also know that they have a new booster available with triple the weight-lifting capacity of their current model. (This is the one used to orbit the "Proton" 27,000-pound satellites.)

All these programs could contribute to developing a manned space station-- a likely goal for the Russians during the 1967-69 period.

4. Ghana

[Redacted] Ghana has decided to break relations with Communist China. This has been in the works for some time, [Redacted]
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The Ghanaians closed down the Cuban Embassy in Accra last month. The Russians, however, will probably get no more than the implied warning.

5. Panama

Opposition leader and former president Arnulfo Arias believes a canal treaty settlement will be postponed until after 1968 because of political conditions in both the US and Panama. He says that the treaty and rising unemployment will be major issues in Panama's 1968 election.

Arias also says that he will start soon to "create trouble" for the Robles government. He indicated that his party must be ready to go to any length to return to power.

6. West Germany

Dissatisfaction with Erhard shows no sign of letting up, but the Chancellor himself seems to think he can weather the storm. The general impression in Bonn is that the leadership situation will not change much one way or the other until after the Bavarian state elections in late November.

7. Jordan-Syria

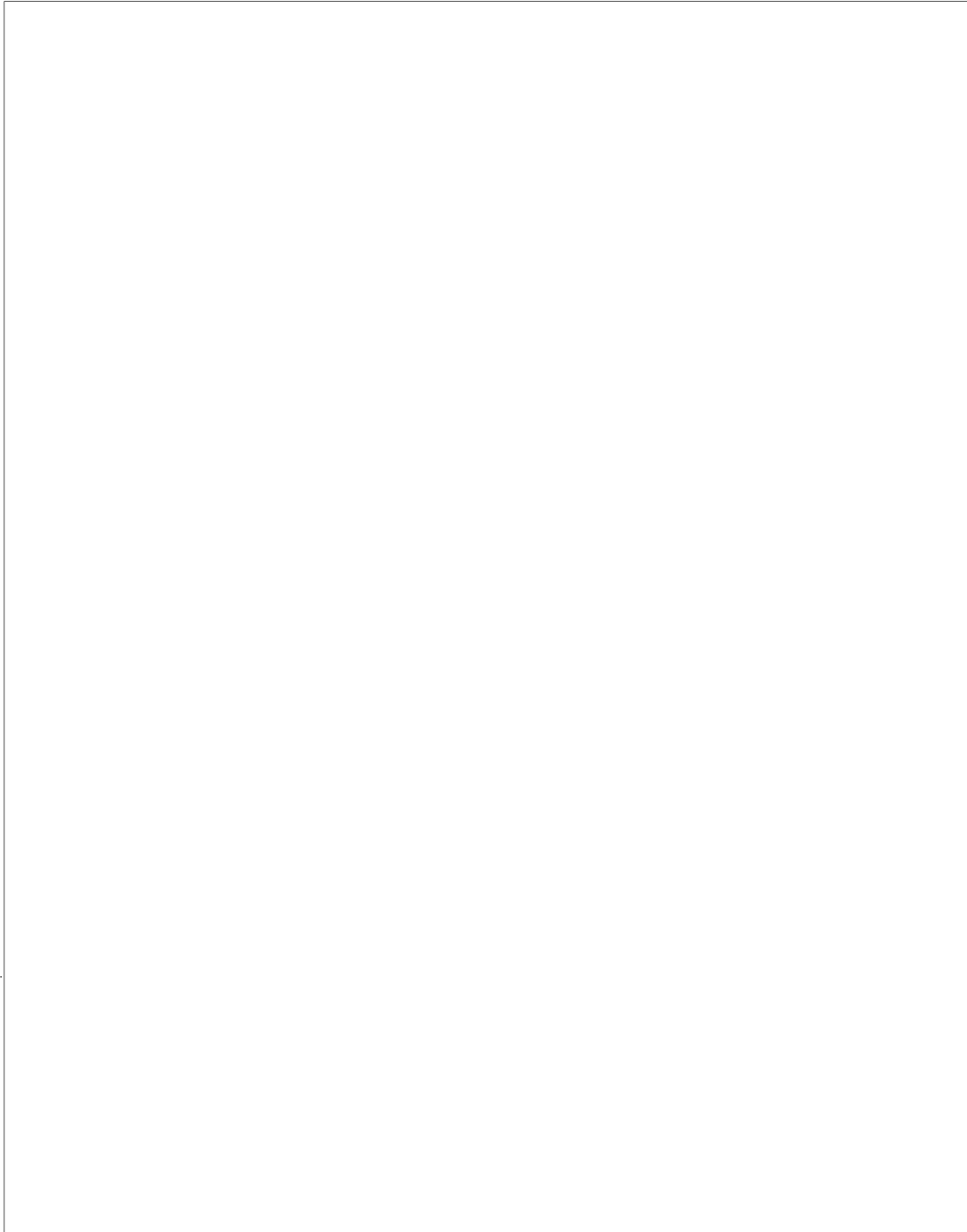
The Jordanians have admitted to our embassy that they are in touch with a number of dissident groups in Syria. Word of these contacts is almost bound to leak--adding new grist to the propaganda mills in Damascus and Cairo about a Jordanian-US plot against Syria.



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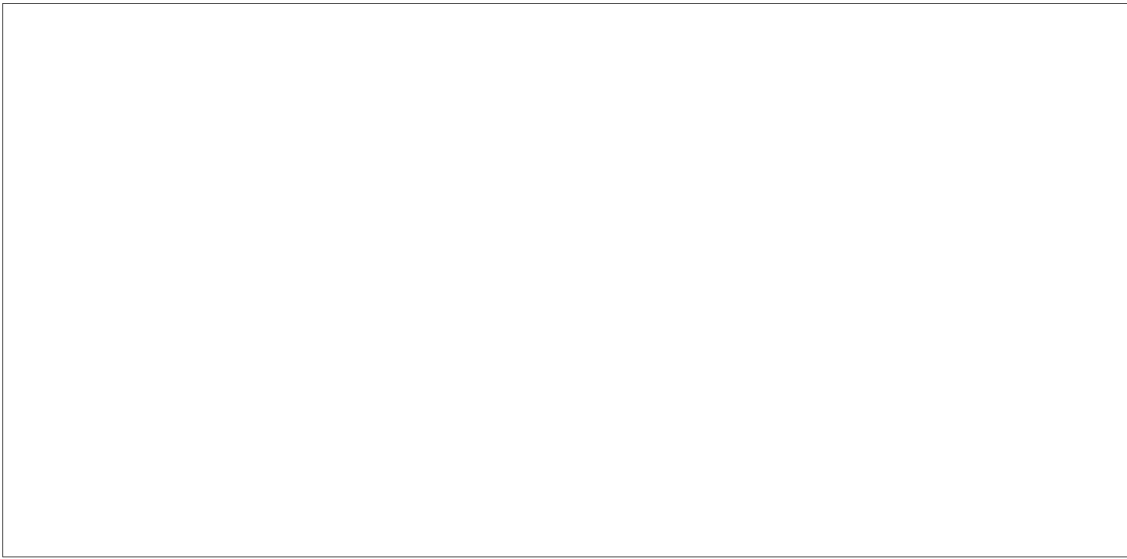
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