

The President's Daily Brief

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1. Soviet Union

[redacted] left the US yesterday.
Kosygin [redacted]

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He faces an uphill battle if he is really to mend his fences with Castro and company. The Cubans [redacted]

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[redacted] regard Soviet tactics early in the Middle East war to have been a sellout to the "imperialists."

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Newsmen covering Kosygin's arrival in Havana comment on the absence of any fanfare or evidence of enthusiasm for the visit.

Back in Moscow, the propaganda media seem at a loss on how to play the Hollybush talks. This is suggested by the almost total absence of editorial comment on the sessions as of noon yesterday in Moscow.

2. United Nations

Yesterday's session was dominated by King Husayn's effective presentation of the Arab position. [redacted]

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Some signs are appearing that the Arab states may now be moving toward acceptance of a resolution simply calling for Israeli withdrawals.

In Jerusalem, Prime Minister Eshkol has firmly reiterated Israel's uncompromising stand on no withdrawals until direct talks with the Arabs have taken place. He added that the peace settlement must give Israel "better frontiers." On the refugee problem, he expressed his government's readiness to contribute financially to "help heal this festering sore."

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3. United Kingdom

London's disposition to look out for its own interests in the Middle East is showing more now than it was when the crisis first broke. Ambassador Bruce feels that part of the explanation lies in Wilson's desire to demonstrate to the Common Market countries that De Gaulle is all wrong when he charges that London's foreign policies are merely extensions of Washington's.

The ambassador was told, incidentally, that George Brown was somewhat more vehement than his instructions called for when he warned Israel last week against annexing old Jerusalem.

4. North Vietnam

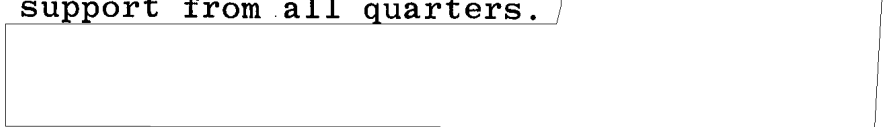


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5. South Vietnam

Thieu has asked Foreign Minister Tran Van Do to run in the vice presidential slot on Thieu's ticket. Do, who is considering running for the upper house, has not made up his mind on Thieu's offer but says he will give an answer today.

Ky, meanwhile, continues to solicit support from all quarters.



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The security ministry controls the police, so the Chinese are quite likely to kick in for Ky's campaign chest.



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6. Cyprus

Signs continue of deepening animosity between the Cypriot and Greek governments.



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Tem- pers are frayed and the angry talk is becoming more voluble.

7. France



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8. Latin America

The first step toward economic integration since Punta del Este was taken last Friday. Five South American countries--Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela--formally launched their Andean Common Market, a subregional group within the Latin American Free Trade Association. It is to provide the machinery for future cooperative agreements, including ones on industrial integration now in the planning stage.

9. Uruguay

President Gestido's first four months in office have been a disappointment on the economic front. So far, the administration has spent most of its energies on filling the bureaucracy with party stalwarts and in deploring--but doing very little about--the continuing deterioration of the economy.

The President's latest "non-action" has been seriously to water down his economic "emergency law" he hopes to get Congress to pass. He is more concerned with maintaining party unity than fighting for this vital legislation.

Even so, intraparty squabbling over economic policy led yesterday to the resignation of Gestido's finance minister.



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