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1. Congo

Government forces continue to delay their attack on the mercenary contingent at Kisangani (Stanleyville).

The mercenaries still control the Kisangani airport and are apparently holding a large number of women and children as hostages. They are said to be completely encircled by federal troops, but the federals have been holding off while attempts are made to arrange evacuation of the noncombatants.

Racial tension in most of the rest of the Congo seems to be abating. This is especially noticeable in Katanga; there is even some chance that a mass exodus of key European technicians can be avoided.

2. Nigeria

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[redacted] the federal forces have evidently made no significant breakthroughs in the fighting along the border area.

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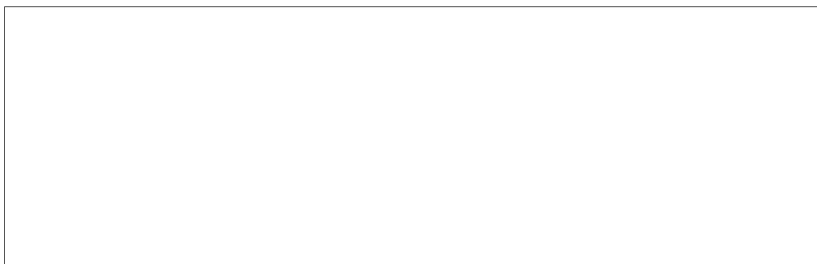
3. North Vietnam

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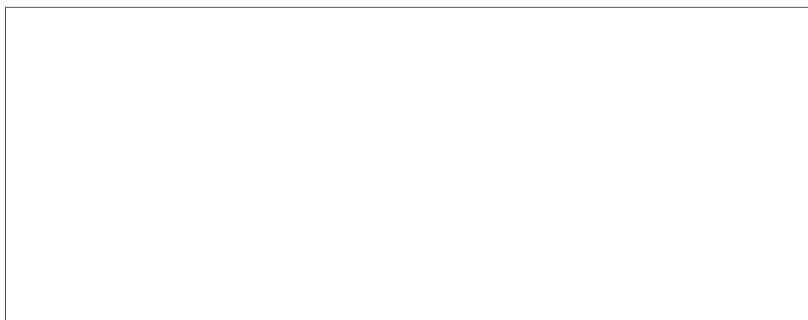
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4. Middle East



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5. Soviet Union



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6. Communist World

Crop prospects in the Communist countries are relatively good; North Vietnam is the exception.

In the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, grain production should be above average but below the record of last year. The outlook for China's early grain harvest is favorable; prospects for later crops are still unclear. The Chinese will probably import at least 5-6 million tons of grain from the free world, as it has in the past.

In North Vietnam, the outlook is not good for the spring rice crop. Less than usual was planted, and the harvest has encountered numerous difficulties.

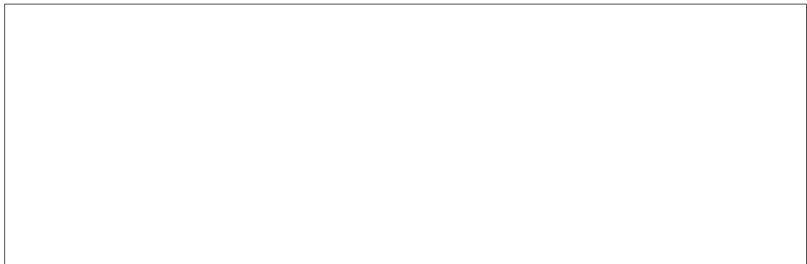
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7. West Germany

The defense budget will sustain a large part of the cut in expenditures called for in Bonn's new four-year financial plan.

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The reductions will range from \$500 million next year to a high of nearly \$640 million in 1970. Total defense spending in 1968 is set at \$4.5 billion, rising to \$5 billion by 1971.



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