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1. SOVIET

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2. ALGERIA:

A. THE DE GAULLE GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY REAFFIRMED ITS DETERMINATION SCRUPULOUSLY TO OBSERVE THE TERMS OF THE EVIAN ACCORDS AS WELL AS TO INSTITUTE MORE DRASTIC MEASURES AIMED AT CURBING OAS TERRORISM. BY WAY OF UNDERSCORING THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, SEVERAL FRENCH OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN ORAN ON CHARGES OF COMPLICITY IN RECENT BOMBING OUTRAGES.

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B. POLAND IS ON THE VERGE OF EXTENDING DE FACTO RECOGNITION TO THE ALGERIAN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL MAKE IT 100 PERCENT AS FAR AS THE EUROPEAN SATELLITES ARE CONCERNED.

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3. VENEZUELAN REVOLT:

A. A 400-MAN MARINE BATTALION SUPPORTED BY LOCAL ARMY, POLICE AND NATIONAL GUARD UNITS SEIZED THE SMALL CITY OF CARUPANO IN EASTERN VENEZUELA YESTERDAY MORNING AND DEMANDED THE RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT BETANCOURT. REPORTS AS TO WHO IS BEHIND THE UPRISING [Redacted] GENERALLY POINT TO THE COMMUNISTS AND CASTROITES. THE INSURGENCY SO FAR HAS BEEN

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LOCALIZED, EXCEPT FOR A FLURRY OF MINOR SYMPATHY DEMONSTRATIONS IN CARACAS AND ONE OR TWO OTHER CITIES. THE GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, IS TAKING NO CHANCES AND HAS PUT ALL MILITARY UNITS ON ALERT STATUS.

B. BETANCOURT, IN AN EMERGENCY BROADCAST LAST NIGHT, ISSUED AN ULTIMATUM ORDERING THE REBELS TO SURRENDER TODAY OR BE TAKEN "BY ASSAULT." HE MEANS BUSINESS--AS WHEN HE PUT DOWN A SIMILAR UPRISING IN 1960--AND SEEMS TO HAVE HIS MILITARY FORCES DEPLOYED AGAINST THE REBELS IN SUFFICIENT STRENGTH TO MAKE HIS THREAT STICK. HE ALSO SUSPENDED CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES AND IS SAID TO BE CONSIDERING A CLAMP DOWN ON THE COMMUNISTS AND THEIR SYMPATHIZERS.

4. LAOS:

A. IN PARIS, SOUVANNA HAS PROMISED TO GIVE US A COPY OF A POINT-BY-POINT ANSWER TO PHOUMI'S OVERTURES FOR RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HE INTENDS TO DELIVER TO THE LAO CHARGE TODAY. HE ALSO APPEARED RECEPTIVE TO OUR URGING THAT HE OFFER TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH PHOUMI RATHER THAN TO INSIST ON REPRESENTATIVES OF PRELIMINARY TALKS BETWEEN THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT AND HIS ASSOCIATES IN KHANG KHAY. [REDACTED]

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B. MEANWHILE, THE PHOUMI - BOUN OUM MISSION SEEKING MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT FROM FRIENDLY ASIAN COUNTRIES DREW A BLANK IN SEOUL. [REDACTED]

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5. INDIA-PAKISTAN SQUABBLE:

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO ARE AT THE LOWEST EBB IN YEARS DUE TO THE SIMULTANEOUS FLARE-UPS OF THE CHRONIC PROBLEMS OF KASHMIR, HINDU-MOSLEM FRICTION, AND THE DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS. THE INDIANS ARE ESPECIALLY SORE ABOUT KARACHI'S INTENTION TO COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH COMMUNIST CHINA CONCERNING THE DEMARCATION OF THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN CHINA AND THE PAKISTANI-HELD PORTION OF KASHMIR. [REDACTED]

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6. HONG KONG:

[REDACTED] THERE HAS BEEN AN UNUSUALLY HEAVY INFLUX OF CHINESE REFUGEES IN THE PAST FEW DAYS AS A RESULT OF A RECENT RELAXATION OF COMMUNIST BORDER CONTROLS. IN SOME CASES, COMMUNIST GUARDS--INCLUDING REGULAR ARMY TROOPS--HAVE ACTUALLY HELPED THE REFUGEES TO "ESCAPE." THE REASONS FOR THIS ARE NOT YET CLEAR, AND IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY WHETHER IT IS A MANIFESTATION OF A LOCAL INITIATIVE OR A REFLECTION OF ORDERS FROM PEIPING. IN ANY EVENT, THE BRITISH ARE CAUGHT IN THE NO-WIN POSITION OF BEING CONFRONTED WITH A POTENTIALLY UNMANAGEABLE ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEM IF THEY LET THE FLOOD-GATES DOWN, AND WORLD-WIDE CONDEMNATION IF THEY/TURNING THE REFUGEES BACK. [REDACTED]

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7. NOTES:

A. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A POWERFUL GROUP OF SYRIAN ARMY OFFICERS ARE DEMANDING THAT THE QUDSI GOVERNMENT EITHER IMPROVE ITS PERFORMANCE TO THEIR SATISFACTION, OR STEP ASIDE. [REDACTED]

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B. YDIGORAS HAS TALKED SOME INFLUENTIAL BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL GROUPS INTO SUPPORTING HIS CARETAKER REGIME, AND THEREBY GAINS A BIT OF A BREATHING SPELL IN HIS EIGHT-WEEK BATTLE TO STAY IN OFFICE. [REDACTED]

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C. THE SOVIET PRESS HAS BEEN LOADED WITH ARTICLES ABOUT TITOV'S VISIT, APPROVING THE FRIENDLY RECEPTION ACCORDED HIM AND COMMENTING ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT US-USSR FLIGHT TO THE MOON. [REDACTED]

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D. INDONESIA HAS MADE SIX OR SEVEN TRIES TO INFILTRATE WEST NEW GUINEA [REDACTED]

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