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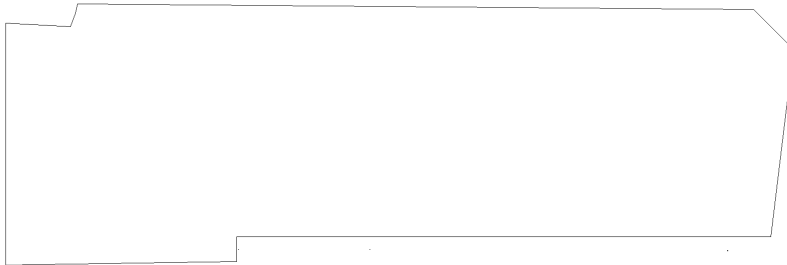
Poland's Gierk is planning some high-level personnel changes soon. (Page 7)

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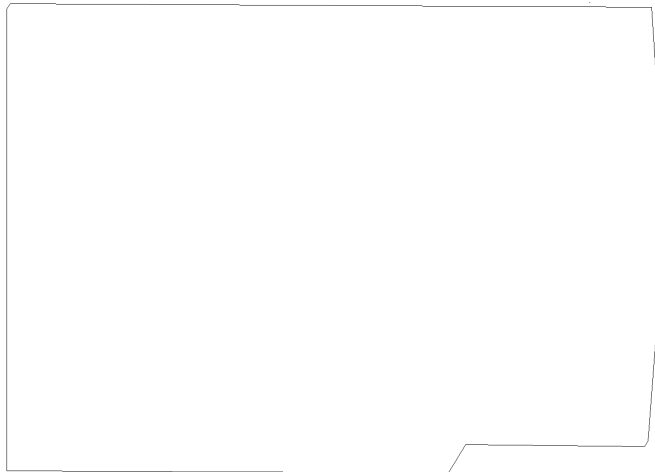
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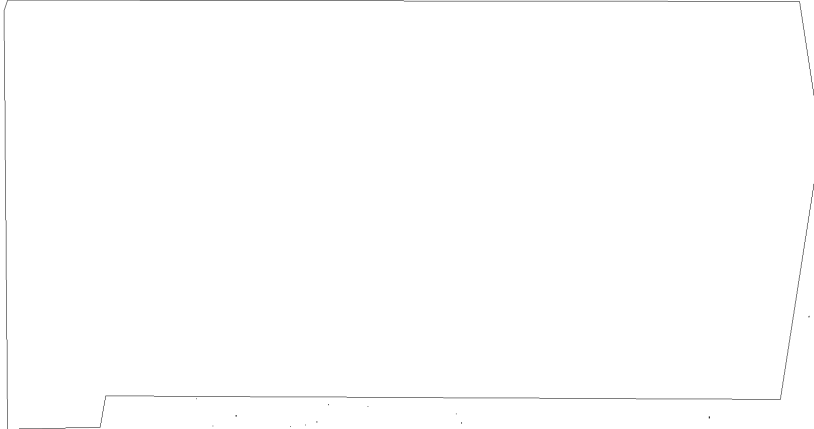


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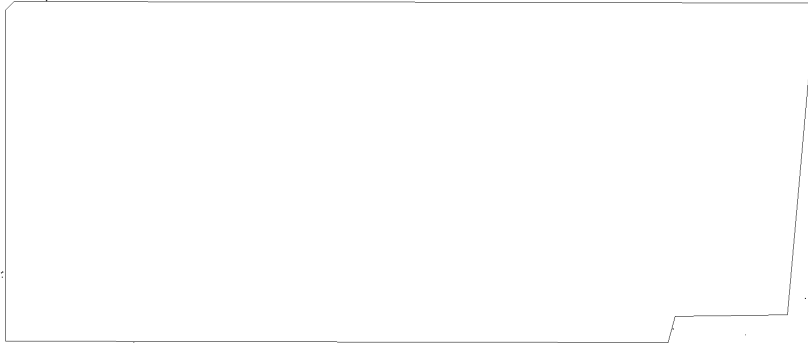
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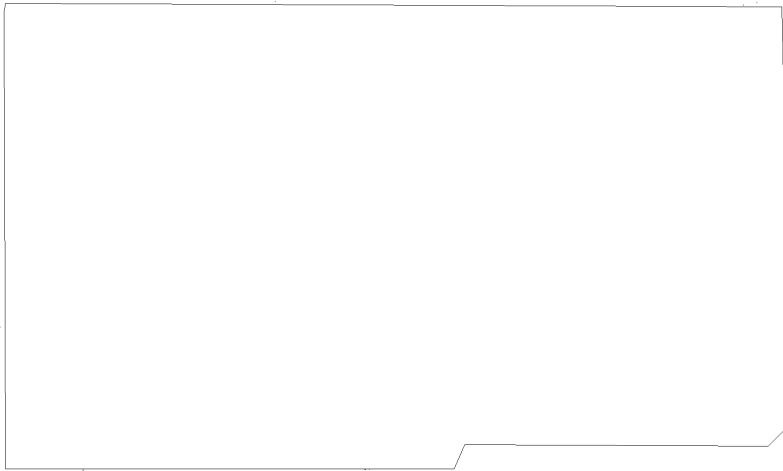
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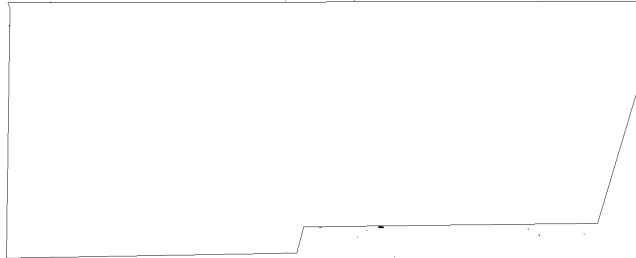
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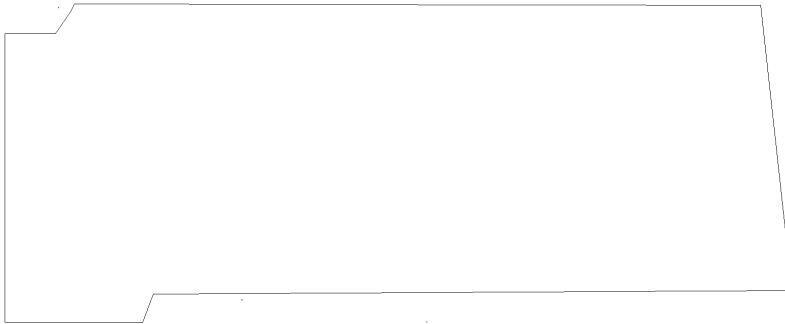


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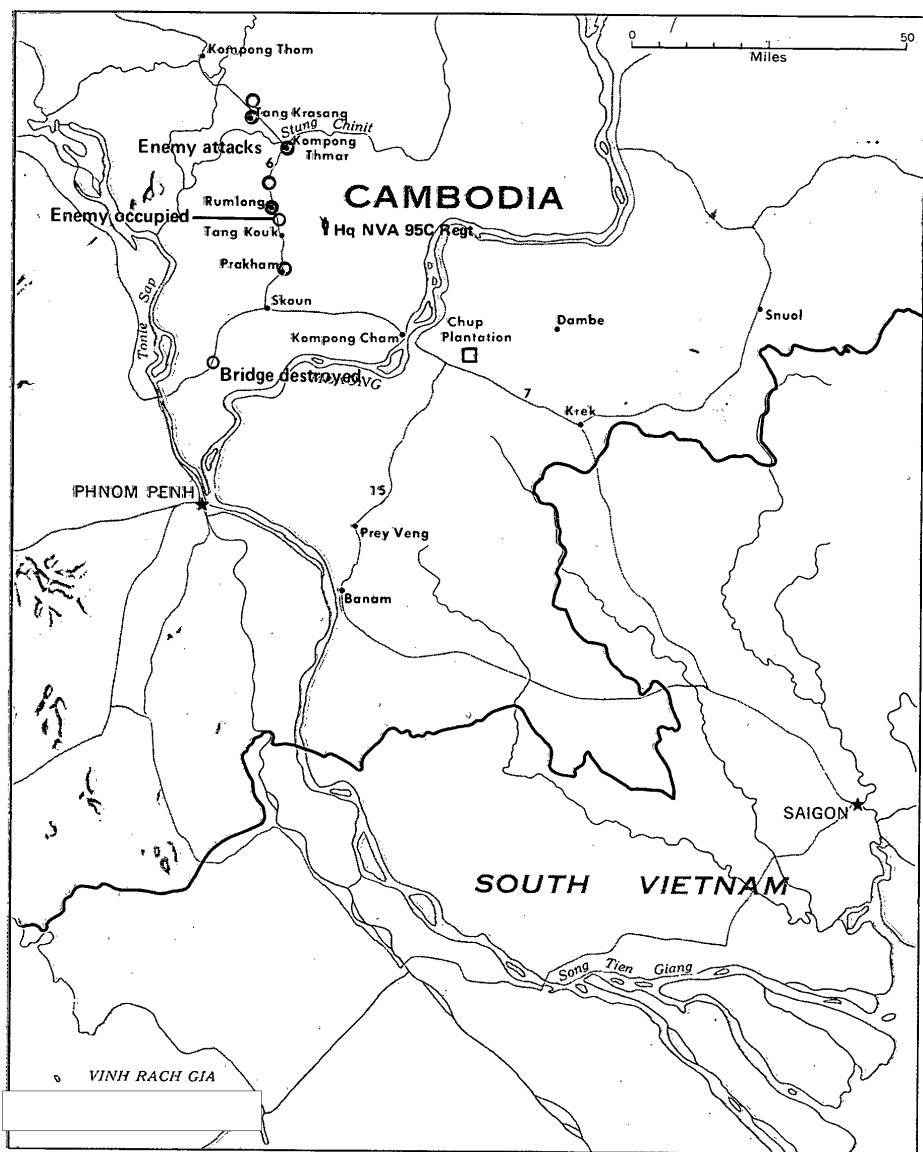
In Calcutta, Consul General Gordon reports a marked increase in tension in eastern India and a tightening of civil defense procedures, including air raid drills and blackouts. The Bangla Desh leaders in Calcutta, presumably with the acquiescence of visiting Indian foreign policy planning chairman D.P. Dhar, have issued another strident statement rejecting any settlement short of independence. It warns members of the government-in-exile to refrain from talking to foreign, particularly American, representatives on the future of their country.

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CAMBODIA

The Communists are attacking government units on Route 6 from Prakham to north of Tang Krasang-- including an area that had been cleared of enemy forces earlier this month. The enemy has occupied a section of the road between Rumlong and Tang Kouk and has destroyed a bridge southwest of Skoun, an act which will hamper Phnom Penh's resupply efforts.

Possibly as many as three Communist regiments are involved in the attacks. One is the North Vietnamese 95C Regiment, whose normal area of operations is in the Chup plantation some 42 miles southeast of the fighting.

The shift of the 95C Regiment would be the first time that this main force unit has crossed west of the Mekong.

The attacks along Route 6 are the most serious since last June and may signal the beginning of the dry season campaign. Phnom Penh remains confident, however, that it has strength to counter the immediate threat. Current plans call for aerial resupply of government forces in the Rumlong area and a mop-up of enemy elements there before reopening the road to the south.

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POLAND

Party leader Gierek will soon make high-level changes in the party and government leadership [redacted] Politburo member Jozef Cyrankiewicz will be replaced in his figure-head post as chairman of the State Council by Premier Piotr Jaroszewicz. Politburo member Jan Szydlak is to replace Jaroszewicz as premier.

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Although the demise of Cyrankiewicz, [redacted] holdover from the Gomulka era, [redacted]

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Despite his economic expertise, he may have been too inflexible and old-fashioned for Gierek's style of leadership. Szydlak has been a Gierek protégé since 1957, when he became a regional party secretary. His advancement has been uninterrupted and Gierek may believe that, at 46, Szydlak has the dynamism needed to attack the country's problems.

Further changes in the party leadership are likely. Three other politburo members and one candidate member appear to be in disfavor, but even if none of these is ousted, there are four vacancies in top party organs which are causing much jockeying for position.

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