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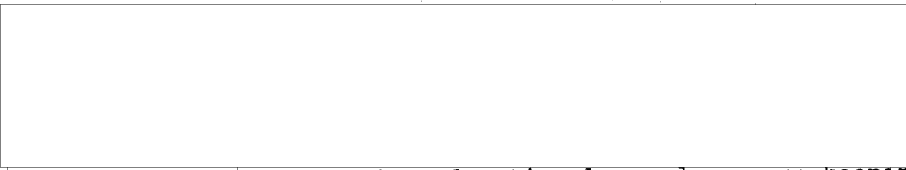
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CYPRUS

President Makarios would prefer to settle the present imbroglio with Greece through negotiations, and there does appear to be some room for maneuver. Athens has publicly denied that its recommendations to Makarios represented an ultimatum,

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Greek-oriented national guardsmen are keeping a close watch on possible hiding places for the Czech arms, and the Guard is prepared to declare martial law and take over if Makarios moves toward an armed confrontation.

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*The Greeks have the military strength to win in a showdown, especially with the Turks sitting on the sidelines, but a majority of the Greek Cypriots appears to be behind Makarios. Athens may have a difficult time finding an acceptable successor to the archbishop.*

NORTH VIETNAM

Hanoi's number two man has singled out the Soviet Union and China for a special warning about the "duplicity" of US diplomatic strategy. In a speech delivered a month ago but made public only now, National Assembly President Truong Chinh claims that the main objective of US policy is to be "ready to negotiate with a number of countries, especially the Soviet Union and China" so as to "block" and "divide" them. He goes on to advise all Communists to join in countering US policy on three united fronts--Vietnam, Indochina, and the world.

*Although the speech echoes much of Hanoi's propaganda of last summer that warned of US efforts "to split the socialist camp," it is the first time Hanoi has mentioned both China and the Soviet Union in this context. As for its timing, while Hanoi often delays the publication of major statements, the belated release of this one suggests it is intended as a last-minute cautionary note to the Chinese as they begin talks with President Nixon next week.*

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