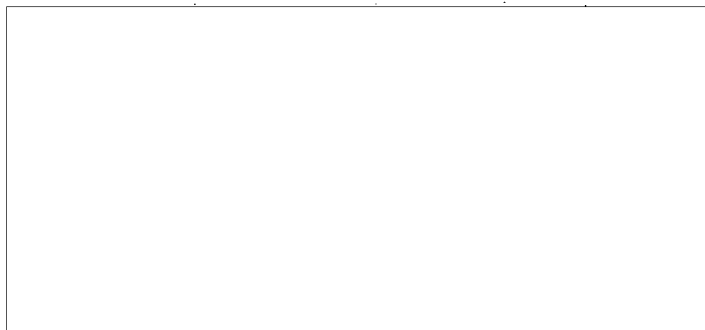# THE PRESIDENT'S
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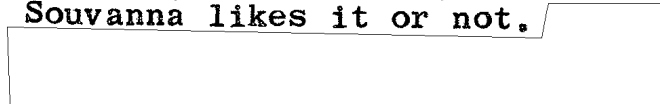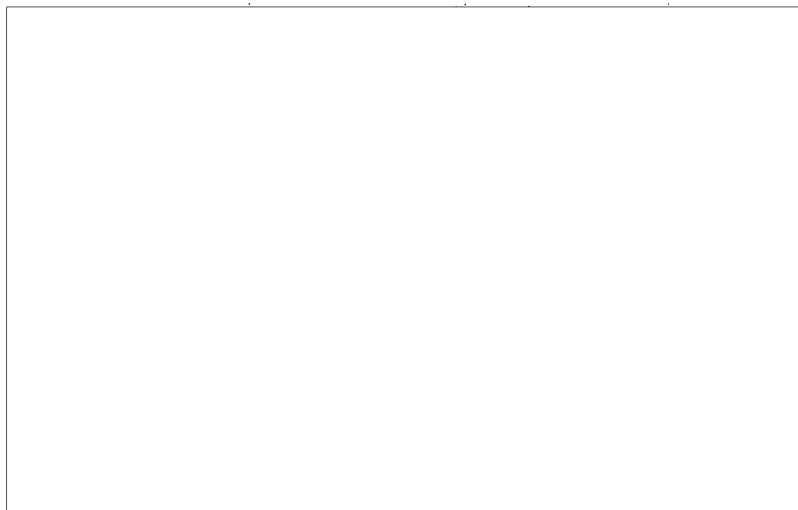
1. **Laos**

b. The latest word we have
on the withdrawal of Vietnamese
forces is negative. Five "mili-
tary technicians," who were sup-
posed to have checked out of
Nhommarath under the eyes of the
ICC on Tuesday, failed to turn up
and have not been heard from since.

c. In Vientiane, meanwhile,
the Pathet Lao minister of informa-
tion has taken a hard line on the
Meos. His side, he declared, in-
tends to put an end to supply
flights to these people after
7 October, using force if neces-
sary, and without regard to whether
Souvanna likes it or not.

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2. USSR

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3. Warsaw Pact Exercise

a. The preliminary phase ended on Thursday and large-scale movements commenced yesterday in Czechoslovakia and East Germany. Polish, Czech, and East German, as well as Soviet elements, are taking part.

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b. As best as we can make out, the exercise consists of a holding action against an imaginary NATO penetration toward Leipzig in southern East Germany, together with an all-out defense against an attack across the plains of north Germany.

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4. USSR-Iraq

Moscow, moving to make good on a deal negotiated a year ago, is set to deliver ▢ TU-16 jet medium bombers to Iraq next week. It is also committed to turn over ▢ missile-equipped MIG-21's, ▢ MIG-15 trainers, and ▢ IL-28 jet light bombers before the end of the year. When this is done, the value of military assistance rendered to Baghdad since 1958 will total about $350 million.

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5. Yemen

a. The new regime now calls itself the "Yemeni Arab Republic" and has established an administrative structure headed by a revolutionary council. Abdullah al-Sallal, the Imam's erstwhile bodyguard who led Wednesday's revolt, has assumed the positions of prime minister and commander-in-chief.

b. As expected, the figures now emerging from the shadows to take responsible positions in the government are turning out to be members of the UAR-sponsored Free Yemeni Movement. So far, Sallal's deputy, the foreign minister, and the education minister have been so identified.

c. Sana radio this morning claimed the regime has been recognized by the USSR. We have heard nothing from Moscow. Cairo definitely has made the move.

    d. Sallal's authority, however,
is likely to be put to the test be-
fore very long. Late press reports
suggest that tribal elements loyal to
the monarchy have begun moving toward
Sana. Prince Hasan, on his way home to
lead the movement, has gotten as far as
Beirut from whence we expect him to
make his way next to Saudi Arabia.

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    e. King Saud, meanwhile, has
acted to promote a counterstroke.

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    f.   the situation in Taiz
is relatively calm and ⬚ the foreign
community there does not seem to be in
any immediate danger.

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6. Congo

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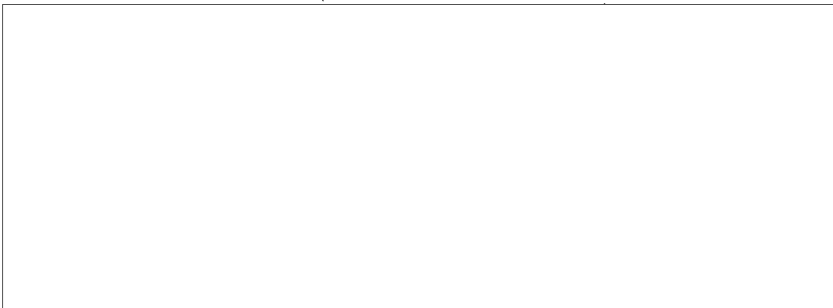⬚⬚⬚⬚⬚⬚⬚⬚⬚⬚ there were more planes on
the Kolwezi airfield in Katanga

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     d. This accretion of air power probably has a lot to do with Tshombé's growing truculence on the reintegration issue.

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opposition elements are trying to work up demonstrations against Western embassies, using the city's unemployed as their pawns.

NOTES

A. <u>Portugal</u>   We understand that Salazar is thinking of making former defense minister Santos Costa governor-general in Angola. Santos Costa, a hard-nosed character, has never seen much percentage in being easy on Africans.

B. <u>Finland-UK</u>   The Finns have once again asked London to sell them guided missiles. This time it looks as though they may get them.

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D. <u>South Vietnam</u>   The Diem government, anxious lest neutralist sentiment take hold in its own back yard, has been quietly rounding up people suspected of harboring the idea that neutrality holds the best promise of bringing an end to the fighting in South Vietnam.

DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

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