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1. Cyprus: The Security Council was scheduled to vote Tuesday on the resolution proposed by the nonpermanent members.

One problem developing is that U Thant wants Indian General Gyani, currently his observer in Cyprus, to head the projected UN Cyprus force.

Another is that the press reports De Gaulle will not support the resolution but will offer a proposal of his own.

In Greece, Papandreou has moved to strengthen his influence with the Greek Cypriots through talks in Athens with their acting foreign minister and interior minister. Papandreou has to contend with Greek popular support of Makarios' stand. He also wants to be in a position to counter Soviet influence with the Greek Cypriots.

The island itself remains relatively quiet pending the outcome of the council vote.

2. Saudi Arabia - UAR: A UAR delegation headed by Field Marshal Amer arrived in Riyadh on Sunday for talks with the Saudis.

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The talks may lead to resumption of Saudi-Egyptian relations, broken when Egyptians bombed Saudi territory early in the Yemeni war.

Prince Faysal, meanwhile, has agreed to extend the UN observer mission in Yemen for another two months.

3. Lebanon: Ambassador Meyer feels the pro-Western Lebanese are beginning to feel the cold winds now blowing against the US in the Middle East. The current anti-American drive, prominent in Egyptian and Syrian propaganda, started as the result of Arab sensitivity over recent American official statements which the Arabs interpret as reflecting a pro-Israeli attitude.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Takla has told Meyer that it will be some time before Lebanon cuts back its ship traffic to Cuba.

Last month Takla asked for postponement of a visit of US Sixth Fleet units to Beirut scheduled for mid-March.

4. Rumania - Sino-Soviet dispute: The Rumanian party delegation was greeted with great fanfare upon arrival in Peiping on 2 March.

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Also the Rumanians on their way to Peiping avoided Moscow [Redacted]

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We expect the Chinese will try to play the visit as a break in East European support for Moscow.

5. Gabon: Demonstrators have taken to the streets again to demand Mba's resignation and removal of the French troops which put him back in office two weeks ago. There have been attacks on French personnel, violence and looting.

The French, who contend they would not support a leader in their former territories who did not command wide popular backing, now have a difficult choice to make.

6. Nigeria: The federation is in turmoil over results of a census which shows Moslems in the north number more than half the nation's population.

Elections to Parliament, due by the end of this year, are to be based on these figures. Politicians in the Eastern and Western regions have rejected the census results and are threatening secession.

Although efforts will be made to reach a political compromise, northerners are likely to reject any settlement which would reduce their absolute majority in Parliament.

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7. Ethiopia - Somalia: [REDACTED]

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The Somalis are already making much of our alleged support of Ethiopia and Embassy Mogadiscio is worried that the arrival of US mobile training teams in Addis Ababa before the 30 March Somali elections will hand victory to local extremists.

8. South Vietnam: Coup rumors continue to circulate, an unhealthy sign in itself. [REDACTED]

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9. Maphilindo talks: The three-power Maphilindo foreign ministers meeting was scheduled to reconvene in Bangkok Tuesday. [REDACTED]

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10. Dominican Republic: The government is in some confusion over the possibility that former President Balaguer is about to return from exile. He commands considerable support in the armed forces. If present civilian and military leaders cannot form a united front against him, another period of instability and violence is in prospect.

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**Honduras:** [redacted]

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Defense Minister Escobar, who has been scheming to displace Lopez for some time, might [redacted] [redacted] take over.

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Lopez, a sick man physically and politically, may be thinking of using this as an excuse to get away and avoid being ousted by force.

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