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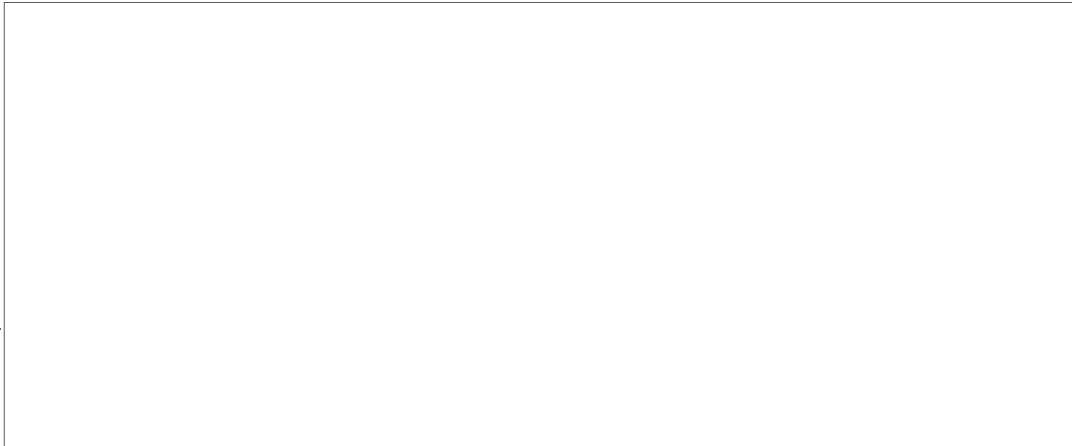


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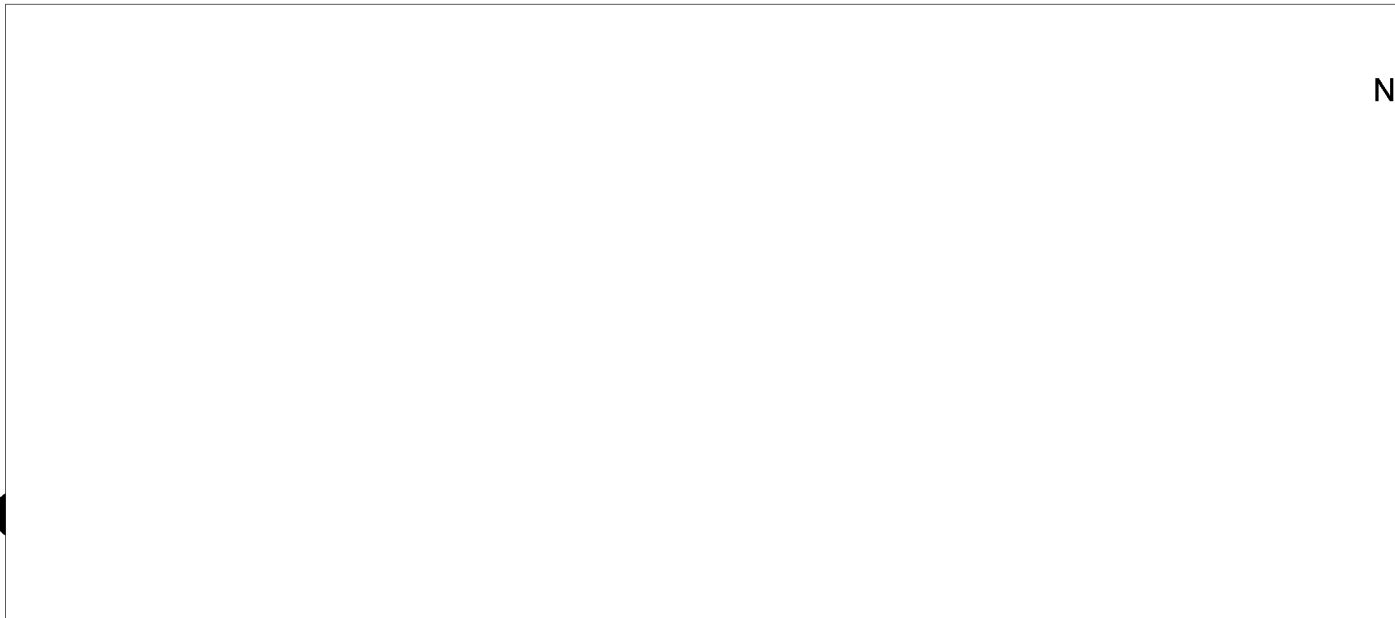
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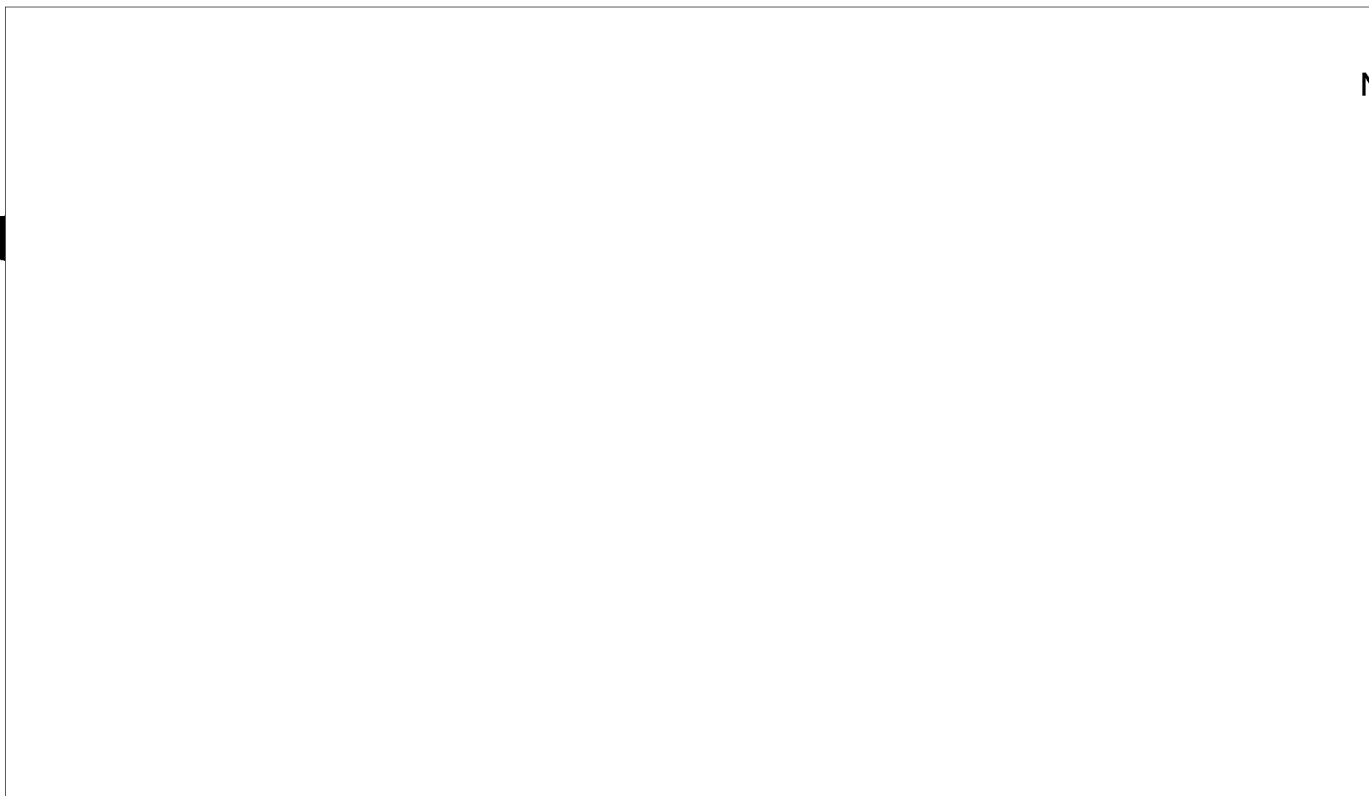


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4. Indonesia

The army's drive against the PKI continues unabated.

In Djakarta on 9 November a rally--the largest in the memory of the US Embassy staff--called for the proscription of the Communists. A spokesman for Sukarno who called for calm and temperance was heckled with cries of "crush the PKI." Also on the 9th, Defense Minister Nasution issued a statement strongly critical of the PKI and revealed that the army has asked Sukarno that all those who "slandered" the army and its officers be "tried as traitors."

A Moslem organization in Central Java reports that the army there is not only weeding out suspected Communist sympathizers from its own ranks, but shooting suspected PKI members on sight. Some 3,700 PKI members are already reported to have been killed under this pol-

icy. While this figure may be somewhat inflated, the army is clearly acting ruthlessly in the area of greatest Communist strength.

The army is also pushing the anti-PKI drive in North Sumatra. Removal of PKI members or sympathizers from responsible or influential positions continues at all levels. The possibility is growing that the dismissal of so many low-level PKI adherents will create a pool of desperate men which the PKI can use for terrorist activities.

There are rumors that Sukarno plans to leave the country soon--possibly as early as Friday. If true, Sukarno is probably leaving for medical reasons, but it is possible he may wish to remain abroad while the dust settles in Indonesia--a tactic he has used before.

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