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South Korea: (Former security chief Kim Chong-pil was elected to a controlling position in the government political party on 2 February, but the power struggle among South Korean leaders remains unresolved.)

(Kim's enemies, led by retired marine Lt. Gen. Kim Tong-ha, are maneuvering to develop effective opposition to Kim Chong-pil and are contemplating a major political attack on him about 1 March. Kim Tong-ha is also reported to be organizing an opposition party.)

(Junta leader Pak Chong-hui, who will be the party's candidate for president, is supporting Kim Chong-pil. Opposition attacks on Pak will reduce his capability to balance the factions and arrange a compromise.)

(New struggles, accompanied by the threat of popular disturbances, are likely in the months ahead.)

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Singapore-Malaysia: (The large-scale arrests of subversive elements in Singapore on 2 February will improve prospects for merger between the Malayan and Singapore governments.)

(The Malayan Government has long feared leftist strength in Singapore and has continually urged the British to weaken the leftists by arresting their leaders before the creation of Malaysia. During the Brunei insurrection, Malaya urged that Singapore's leftists be arrested on charges of supporting the Brunei rebels.)

(Because Singapore officials procrastinated, Malaya resigned from the Singapore Internal Security Council (SISC) on 16 December and unilaterally arrested 49 persons on charges of helping the Brunei rebels. Prime Minister Rahman threatened to form Malaysia without Singapore unless similar arrests were undertaken there. Following assurances by the Singapore prime minister in late January that the arrests would take place shortly, Malaya rejoined SISC.)

(Officials in Singapore are convinced that left-wing elements there were associated with "anti-Malaysian elements outside the Malaysia area." The arrests came a day after Indonesian Army Chief of Staff Jani said his army was "awaiting the order" to move in support of the northern Borneo rebels.)

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