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Yugoslavia - West Germany: (Yugoslav - West German relations, uneasy since Yugoslavia recognized East Germany in 1957, appear to be heading toward another crisis.)

(Belgrade is bitter because Bonn has not resumed the economic negotiations suspended since last July and because West German courts have postponed the trial of Croat terrorists charged with the 1962 bombing of the Yugoslav trade mission in Bonn. The Yugoslavs, who claim that Croat terrorists have organized training camps in West Germany, have urged Bonn to ban these terrorists.)

(There is a legal limit to Bonn's ability to cope with the Croat problem. In any case, the West German Government probably feels no great compulsion to placate Yugoslavia, the first nonbloc country to recognize East Germany.)

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Cuba: Photography [redacted] shows a new surface-to-air missile (SAM) site under construction near Preston, a few miles northwest of the Nicaro SAM site. No SAM equipment is in place at the new site, but launch and guidance positions are being prepared and several buildings and Cuban tents have been erected. Equipment from the Nicaro site will probably be moved to the new location, which will afford better protection for port and naval facilities in Bahia de Nipe and Banes.

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Iraq: Baathist influence in the Iraqi military suffered another setback on 16 December, when direct command of the air force was withdrawn from Baathist Defense Minister Tikriti and given to a non-Baathist. President Arif's brother has been appointed acting army chief of staff, presumably replacing pro-Baathist Prime Minister Tahir Yahya, and one Baathist division commander has been replaced.

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Yemen: The republican regime continues to be riven with dissension. Last week the presidential and executive councils resigned, reportedly because of "general indignation" over Egyptian interference. President Sallal is still in Cairo and pro-Egyptian Vice President al-Amri is running the country.

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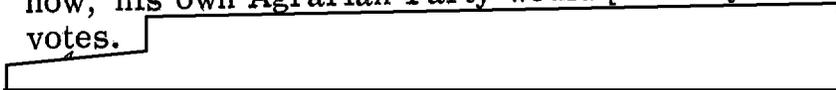
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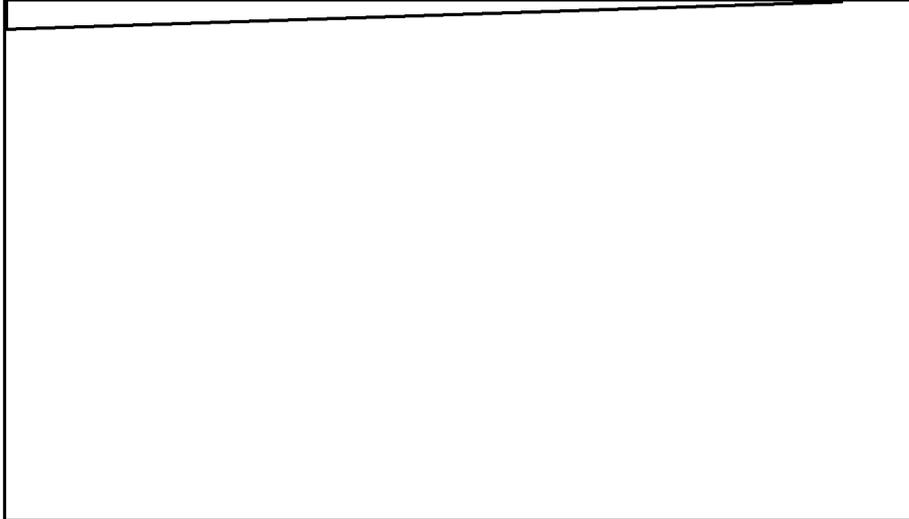


Finland: The resignation of the Agrarian-dominated coalition, in power for almost two years, will probably result in a protracted political deadlock. President Kekkonen, probably recognizing that he cannot now reconstitute a workable non-Communist coalition, has appointed a nonpolitical cabinet under Reino Lehto. Kekkonen will almost certainly be pressured to call new elections, but he is likely to do so only as a last resort since, in a new election now, his own Agrarian Party would probably lose votes.

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES

The United States Intelligence Board, on 18 December 1963, approved the following national intelligence estimates:

SNIE 85-4-63: "Soviet Transfer of the Surface
to Air Missile System to Cuba"

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SNIE 23-63: "West Germany Under Erhard"

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