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***Dominican Republic:** (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT) The sudden return of former President Joaquin Balaguer yesterday has focused attention on a man likely to be a leading contender in a post-crisis presidential election.

The ex-president, who returned to visit his dying mother, expects to keep his political activity to a minimum and this visit may be short. He has already, however, stated his views on several immediate issues. He has expressed his full support for the OAS formula for a settlement of the crisis, declared that the Inter-American Peace Force should remain in the country until after national elections, and said that Antonio Imbert must step down as head of the interim regime.

Balaguer, who has been in exile since his overthrow by the military in early 1962, is probably the most widely known political figure in the country. The Reformist Party, organized by his supporters since his ouster, seems to have support among all socio-economic groups.

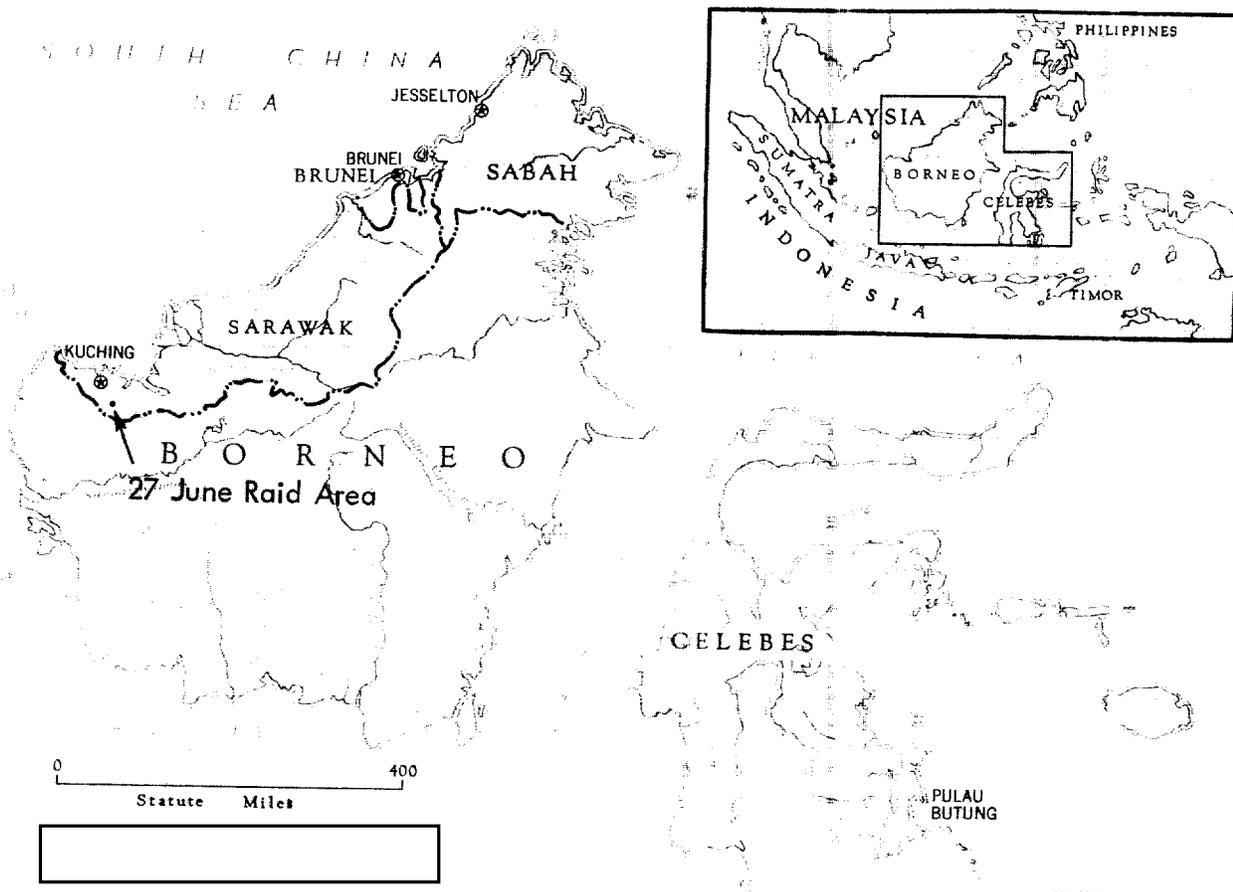
Meanwhile, the government of Antonio Imbert is on the defensive in the face of evidence that subordinates were responsible for a number of atrocities earlier in the insurrection. There is also growing concern that government forces may have resorted to excessive repression after the rebel attacks in the city of San Francisco de Macoris last weekend. [Junta member Grisolia is said to be extremely upset over this. Some ranking loyalist officers are said [redacted] to be increasingly critical of Imbert's tactics and to be considering a move to pressure him into stepping down.]

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Malaysia-Indonesia: Indonesia has, for the first time, effectively used indigenous Chinese as part of its anti-Malaysia campaign in Borneo.

A combined force of 20 to 30 Indonesian troops and Sarawak Chinese overran a Malaysian police station on the night of 27 June killing two policemen and wounding two others. The guerrilla force also assassinated five Chinese civilians.

[The Chinese insurgents were probably members of the anti-Malaysia and pro-Peiping Clandestine Communist Organization (CCO). During the past several years a limited number of its members have received military training in Indonesian Borneo]

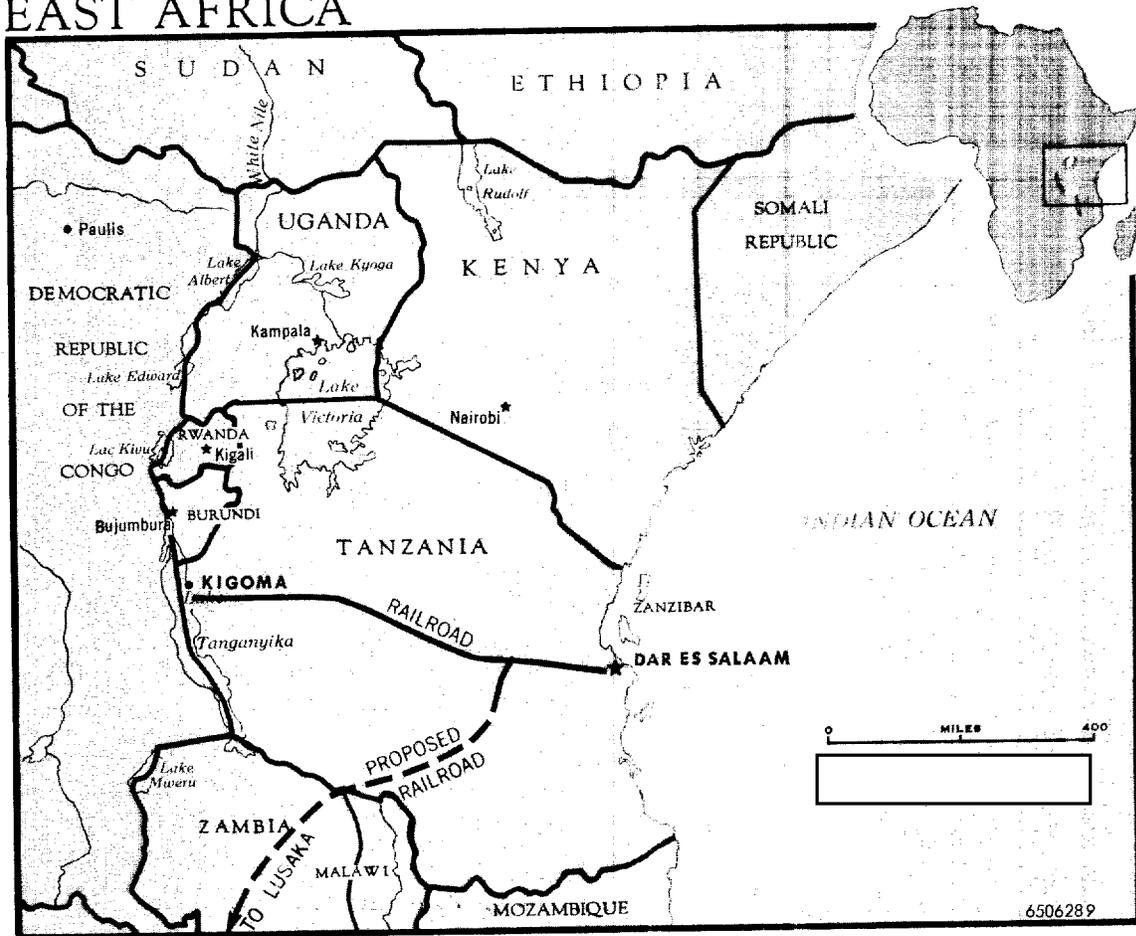
[The CCO is estimated to have 1,400-1,600 hard-core members and an armed potential of 3,000 to 4,000 men. In the past it has emphasized organizational work and has refrained from armed opposition to the government. A CCO policy of terrorism and active cooperation with Indonesian infiltration efforts would pose serious problems for Commonwealth and Malaysian security forces in Sarawak.]

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Tanzania - Zambia - Communist China: [Tanzanian President Nyerere claims that Peiping has responded affirmatively to his request for aid in building the proposed Tanzania-Zambia railroad.]

[In a meeting with Zambian ministers and UK officials in London on 24 June, Nyerere stated that China had conditionally agreed to finance Tanzania's portion and that Chinese technicians now on the scene were ready to begin surveying. Nyerere suggested that Zambia seek Western help with its half of the thousand-mile line.]

[Nyerere's unilateral statement annoyed the Zambians, who had not previously been informed of the Chinese surveyors. The Zambian finance minister deplored Tanzania's failure to pursue the project jointly as the two countries had agreed to do last April.]

[The UK representative said he believed that Nyerere was not as committed to Chinese aid as he implied and that there was an element of blackmail involved. Nyerere claimed that he had made no public announcement because he did not wish to discourage possible Western participation.]

[Any agreement Nyerere may have reached with Peiping is apparently not final. The Chinese, as well as the West, are insisting on a prior survey. Nyerere has probably concluded that Western aid for the Tanzanian portion is unlikely, but may hope to obtain an expression of Western interest so as to improve his bargaining position with Peiping.]

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Jordan: [King Husayn has renewed his appeal to the US to help him acquire Western-manufactured supersonic aircraft following France's rejection of his request for Mirage jet fighters]

[Husayn told the US ambassador last week that the Egyptian-dominated United Arab Command (UAC) now could be expected to renew its pressure on Jordan to acquire MIGs at the September summit conference of Arab leaders. Jordanian officials say that even if they are able to withstand this pressure they would be unable to hold out against any UAC decision to station Egyptian, Syrian, or Iraqi MIG units in Jordan as an alternative means of bolstering Jordan's defenses against Israel]

[Husayn fears the presence of foreign Arab military personnel in Jordan would endanger the security of his regime. He has been resisting UAC pressure by claiming that supersonics are available from Western sources]

[The French say that, in addition to technical and financial problems, prior commitments to their own air force and to other foreign buyers would make it impossible to deliver Mirages to Jordan for at least four years. The Jordanians suspect that political considerations, possibly including France's military ties with Israel, may be the real reason for rejecting their request]

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Ceylon: [Illness reportedly has forced Prime Minister Senanayake to turn over his work to his chief lieutenant, Minister of State Jayawardene, and Senanayake has entered a nursing home with diabetes. Previous reports stated that he was suffering from a recurrence of the gastric disorders that forced his withdrawal from political life in 1953. If Senanayake again retires, his relatively conservative and Western-oriented government could carry on for some time, but the loss of his unifying influence and personal popularity could be a serious liability over the long run.]

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*Ecuador: [Yesterday's attempted revolt by a small group of non-commissioned officers at an army garrison in El Oro province quickly failed and the instigators have been arrested. The government claims that this action was related solely to military pay and other personal grievances, which previously have inspired unrest, but not to the point of rebellion. The military junta in mid-1964 alleviated unrest by decreeing some pay and other improvements for military personnel, and may now consider additional action. Some reports, however, have suggested that anti-junta political plotters may have inspired this incident or may seek to use it to spark more widespread disturbances.]

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