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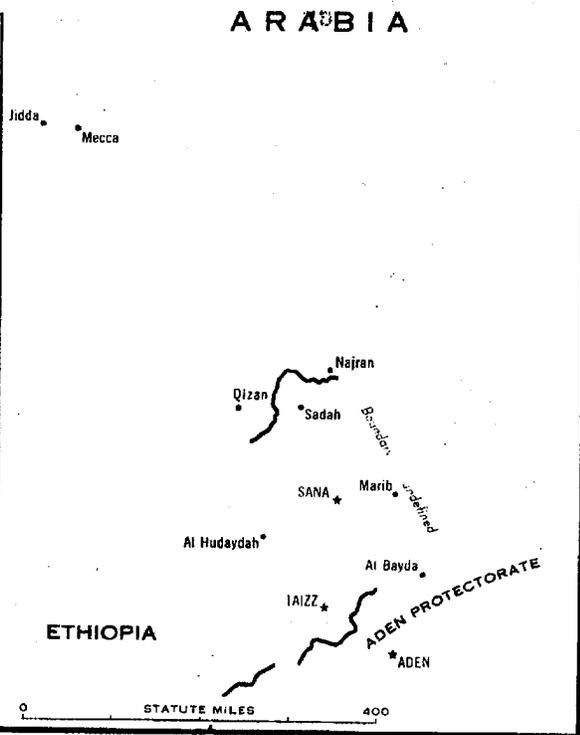
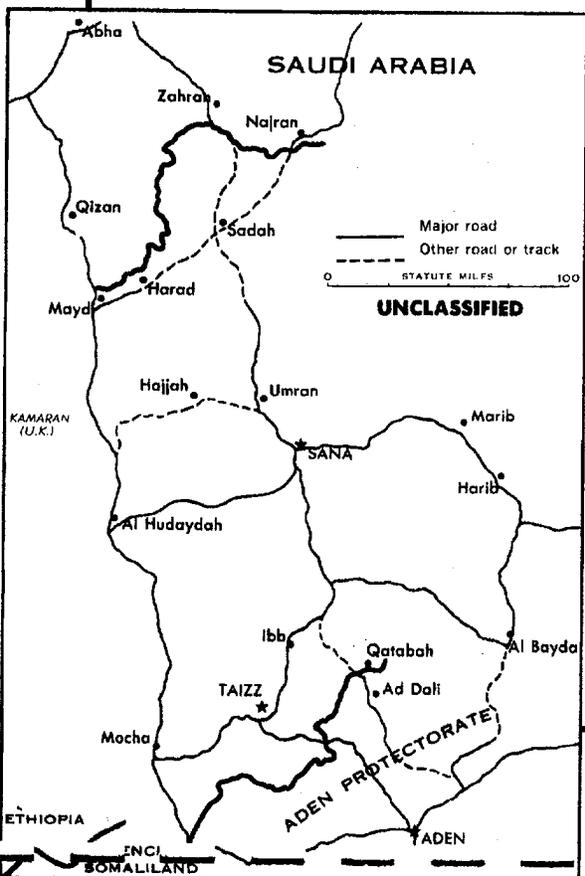
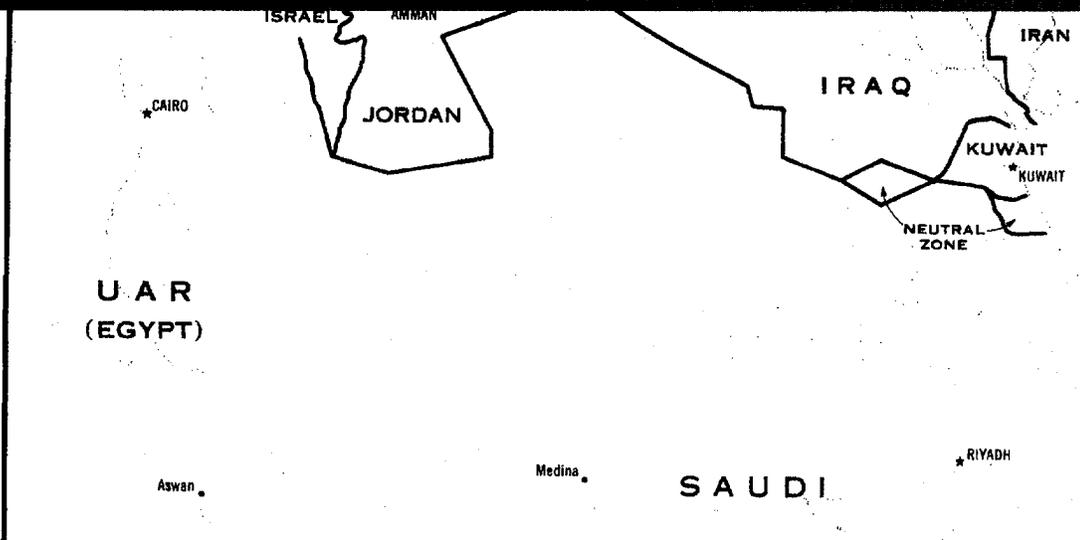
1. Laos

a. The Pathet Lao continue to turn the screws on Souvanna.

b. Besides keeping up the furor over what they charge is the illegality of the National Assembly's grant of full powers to Souvanna, the Pathet Lao members of his cabinet are now suggesting that half of the cabinet should be transferred from Vientiane to Khang Khay, in the Plaine des Jarres.

c. In Bangkok, where Souvanna's talks with the Thais have gone off very well, the Laotian premier says he intends to give the North Vietnamese a bill of particulars, listing locations and units, on their forces still in Laos.

d.



YEMEN

2. Yemen

a. The military position of the loyalists seems to be ebbing rapidly.

b. Republican forces with Egyptian backing are moving against Marib, which with Sadah was one of the two important towns held by supporters of the Imam. Resistance at Sadah has evidently all but ended.

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c. Imam Badr is trying to rally a tribal force numbering some 1,500, just across the border in Saudi Arabia. He may succeed in maintaining a sputtering resistance in the north, but, with his present assets, he has only a dreary prospect of reversing the tide.

d. The Egyptian press service reported from Yemen yesterday that the Yemeni rebel leader had made a plea to the Soviet chargé for help in foodstuffs.

3. Congo

a. Adoula yesterday laid the draft of a new constitution before the assemblage of provincial chiefs in Leopoldville. No Katangan representatives were recorded as being on hand.

b. Along with the constitution, the gathering received a stern lecture from Adoula on its duties in a reunified Congo. He tossed no flowers toward Tshombé but there were no brickbats either.

c. The ceasefire has gone into effect in North Katanga, but there has been no word from Elisabethville yet on the constitution.

4. Soviet  
missile  
activity

a.

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5. Yugoslav-Bloc relations

a. The Yugoslavs are saying that their relations with the Russians on the ideological plane are on the mend.

b. Belgrade believes that last month's visit by Soviet President Brezhnev has helped to pave the way toward a reconciliation between the two Communist parties. The Yugoslavs and the Russians have always seen the condition of party ties, as distinct from purely governmental dealings, as the true barometer of their relations.

c. The Poles, pleased by the signs they see, have promptly scheduled a visit by their foreign minister to Belgrade late this month, and an invitation to Tito to visit Poland may be in the offing.

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NOTES

- A. India - Communist China The 5-day lull in fighting in the disputed frontier area was broken yesterday. The first word is that the Indians outscored the Chinese again. However, we are seeing signs that the Chinese are using their superior supply lines to bring up rations and reinforcements.
  
- B. Indonesia-Bloc In a communiqué winding up the visit of Rumania's premier to Indonesia, Djakarta has become the first neutral to line itself up with the Bloc position on a German peace treaty and a West Berlin "free city."