

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

8 SEPTEMBER 1961
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2. **Rising discontent
in Ghana**

Unpopular revenue measures put into effect last July have touched off a rash of strikes in the country's principal cities. Nkrumah, apparently still in the Soviet Union, has been advised to return home immediately to deal with the situation which could prompt an attempt to unseat him.

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3. Brazil situation



a) Goulart was sworn in yesterday but will not take office formally until congress approves a new cabinet, possibly some time today. Goulart is still pressing for a referendum on the constitutional amendment setting up a parliamentary system;

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b) the appointment of Tancredo Neves as prime minister--now a strong possibility--plus the referendum proposal, could stir new political unrest. Neves' past links with the late dictator Vargas would make him unpalatable to many political and military elements;

c) Mello Franco appears to be the front-runner for the foreign ministry post. Although a holdover from the Quadros cabinet, he would probably favor a more conservative, pro-US line than Quadros permitted.

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NOTES

A. West Berlin private savings deposits declined by nearly \$7,000,000 from 15 to 31 August, a 2% drop. This compares with a 1 1/2% drop for a similar period following Khrushchev's November 1958 Berlin ultimatum, and is accentuated by the fact that there had been monthly increases of about 1% up to June of this year.

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B. Turkey faces a critical period during the next few weeks in connection with the forthcoming sentencing of Bayar, Menderes and the other former regime leaders. Sentences are expected to be handed down by the court on 15 September. Bayar, Menderes and others may get the death penalty, and their execution might bring on disorders on the part of members of the former Democratic Party.

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