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1. Laos

a. Souvanna has announced that flights over Laos by armed US jets are to stop today. He said he had "not proposed" that escort fighters accompany the reconnaissance flights.

b. Souvanna has gone to Luang Prabang. Unger reports he will not be able to see him before tomorrow afternoon at the earliest.

c. Communist reaction so far has been limited to complaints from Peiping about US bombing and rocket attacks at Khang Khay and Phong Savan. There has been no mention of yesterday's airstrike near Xieng Khouang.

d. Ground action continues light, with both sides holding their positions on the slopes of Phou Kout.

e. The diplomatic waters have been further muddied by new conference statements from Moscow and Peiping, as well as from Souvanna and Souphannouvong.

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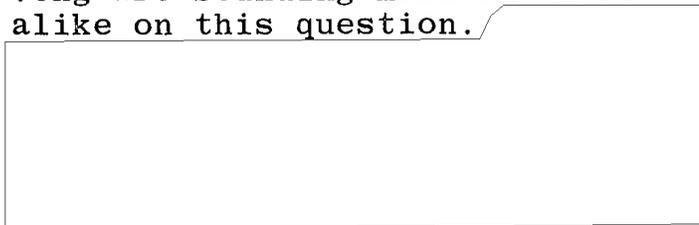
The USSR still prefers the Polish proposal for six-power consultations (which would exclude the Chinese).

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g. Peiping, for its part, again took a stand against any negotiations short of a Geneva-type conference, including the Polish proposal.

h. Souvanna and Souphannou-vong are sounding more and more alike on this question.

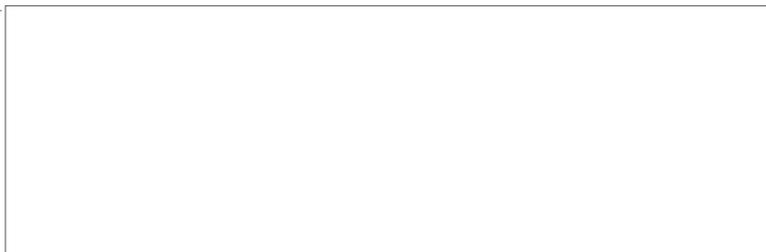


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2. Cyprus

a. Makarios has made a new appeal to the UN and may soon ask for an emergency meeting of the Security Council.

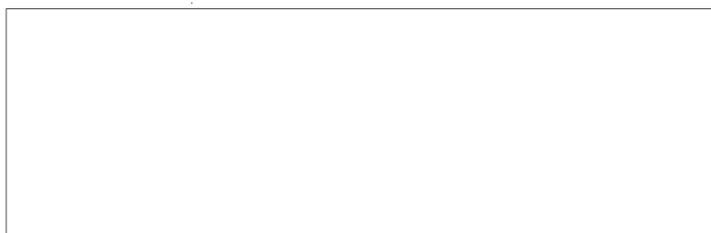
b. The Greek Cypriots probably realize this is not likely to go very far. They may simply be getting their ducks in line for the special Security Council session already scheduled, beginning Monday, to take up the Cyprus issue where the council left it in March.



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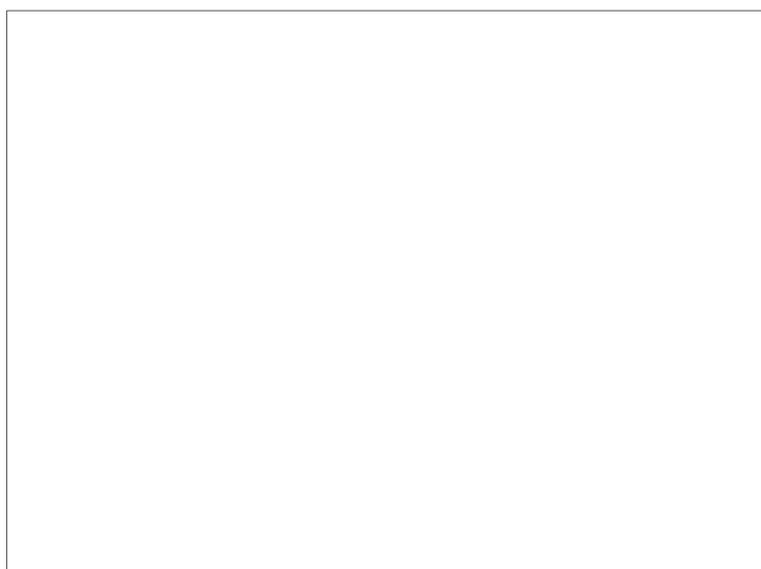


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3. Congo

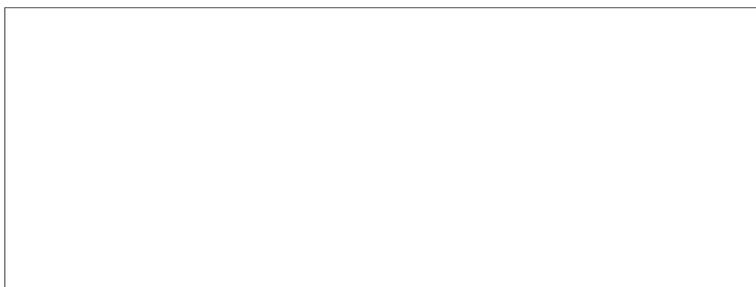
a. Defense Minister Anany and at least four other cabinet ministers who want to get rid of Adoula have now set up the "Democratic African Committee." They hope to be designated to form a provisional government for the period until parliamentary elections can be held under the new constitution.

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d. A decision by Tshombé to throw in with the new group could tip the balance in its favor. Another military debacle might also do it.



4. India

a. The cabinet Shastri has put together clearly reflects his tendency to keep to the middle of the political road. Both the extreme right and left have been frozen out.

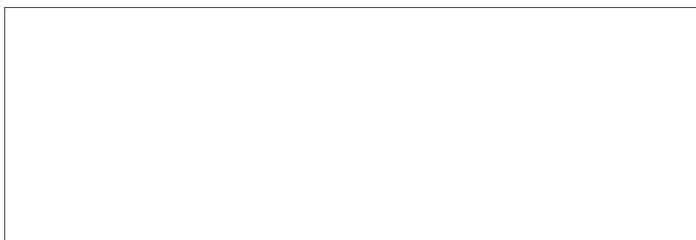
b. Chavan and Krishnamachari continue in their key ministries of defense and finance. By persuading Indira Gandhi to take a portfolio--information and broadcasting--Shastri has the next best thing to Nehru's own blessing. Her presence will help neutralize criticism from the Menonite camp.

c. Shastri also steps into Nehru's oversize shoes as foreign minister. While his policies will not differ fundamentally, his more flexible and open-minded approach will come as a considerable change in this field.

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5. South Korea

a. Pak's recent moves seem to be keeping the general situation under control, but the various factions are jockeying for new positions.



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- A. Nigeria The government's back-to-work ultimatum expires today. The general strike shows no signs of abating, however, and is taking on serious political overtones. The southern minority party in the northern-dominated government coalition seems to be taking up the workers' cause, a development which leftist extremists will be quick to exploit in their effort to crack the conservatives' hold on the government.
- B. Lebanon President Shihab said "no" again so categorically last week that most of the doubters are now convinced that his decision not to run for re-election in August is final. Some supporters are continuing to work on Shihab, but the scramble is on for a successor, and it probably will not take long for communal tensions to come to the surface again.
- C. Rumania-Yugoslavia Bucharest is showing more signs of wanting to follow in Belgrade's footsteps. [redacted] two "urgent" invitations from Rumania recently for a visit by Tito sometime this summer. Khrushchev may have tried to head off such an entente during his talk with Tito on Monday in Lenin-grad.

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D. Communist China - Algeria Peiping has announced that Ben Bella will make his visit to China in September. The Chinese have been eager to redress the balance after Moscow's success with him.