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1. South Vietnam

a. Khanh is now talking publicly of resigning. He said yesterday that in the near future he may give the prime ministership to a civilian.

b. Apparently yielding to another demand from the young generals who saved him from the coup, he is going to send General Khiem on a three-week trip to Europe.

c. Meanwhile, paralysis is spreading through the government in Saigon and in outlying areas. Government authority has declined sharply in the central coastal provinces, and in some cities law enforcement has passed into the hands of extremist groups.

d. One of these is Dr. Le Khac Quyen's People's Revolutionary Committee, which in some coastal cities is serving as the de facto local government. Quyen is a member of the 17-man High National Council in Saigon.

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e. The aims of his committee are unclear. However, it is allied with militant Buddhists and has advocated a return to civilian rule and the purging of Diemist influence.

2. Congo

a. After an initial scare yesterday, a threatened rebel attack on Bukavu appears to have evaporated.

b. US Consulate officials, hearing gunfire yesterday morning, closed the consulate and began making preparations for evacuation. There has been no more word, which suggests the alarm may have been false, or at least premature.

c. The previously reported rebel concentrations scattered around Bukavu, however, are presumably still in place.

d. Yesterday, Tshombé announced he would leave Leopoldville on Sunday for the nonaligned conference in Cairo. He may get a frosty reception, since he apparently was not asked to attend.

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e. In his press conference, Tshombé said a few good words on behalf of Kenyatta and implied he would welcome the OAU's special committee on the Congo if it comes to Leopoldville.

3. Cyprus

a. Makarios and Grivas may be approaching an open break.

b. Last Sunday, Grivas publicly accused the Cypriots of ingratitude for the support given them by Greece and belittled Cypriot expectations of help from other countries. The archbishop and his backers, however, are continuing to play up the importance of getting Soviet and Egyptian aid.

c. The aid problem is a major irritant, but the basic Makarios-Grivas difference is still over enosis. Grivas sees union as the only solution to the Cyprus problem, while Makarios continues to give it only lip service.

d. Besides the personal difference between the two leaders, there is also a growing Cypriot mistrust of Greek intentions on Cyprus. The Cypriots apparently are increasingly suspicious that Greek forces on the island are to be used eventually in a coup against the present government.

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e. The Greek Cypriots are reported to believe that Athens is adopting a more pro-Western stance and will finally force a NATO-type solution on the island.

4. Laos

a. Souvanna is convinced the Communists intend to start a major military offensive in Laos next month.

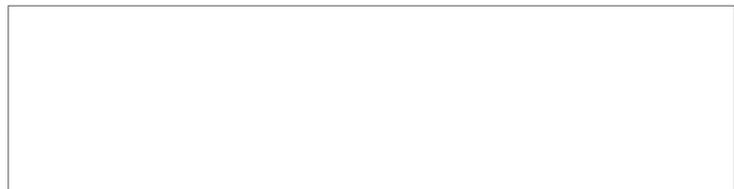
b. He told Ambassador Unger yesterday that he believes Souphanouvong's current trip through Hanoi and Peiping is to get assurances of assistance for such a move.

c. Souvanna stressed the need for doing everything possible now to cut the North Vietnamese supply routes into Laos. He said he intends to talk to his generals about getting ready to resist the expected offensive.

d. Responding to Unger's suggestion, Souvanna said that he would soon speak to the King about settling the differences among the neutralists and establishing Kong Le as the sole commander of the neutralist forces.

5. Colombia

a. President Valencia may have made a deal with Defense Minister Ruiz Novoa as insurance against the early demise of his tottering government.

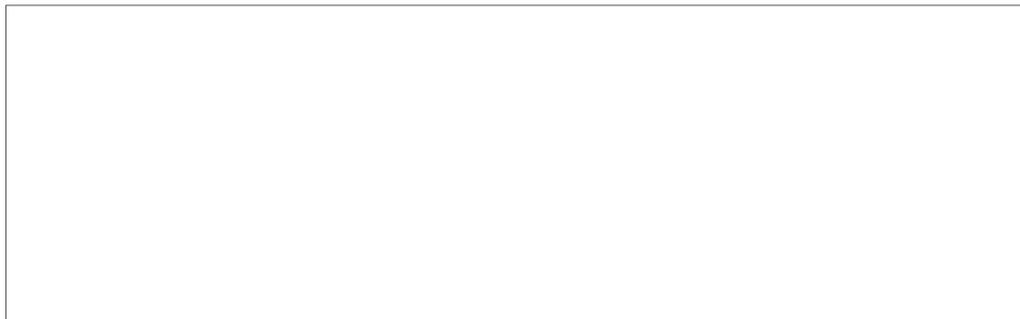


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c. Valencia has now stated publicly that Ruiz would make a capable candidate for president. He added that although Carlos Lleras, whom he already endorses, will be unbeatable in 1966, Ruiz' turn will come in the future.

NOTES

- A. Central African Republic Radio Bangui announced yesterday that the government of President Dacko had decided to establish diplomatic relations with Peiping. The day before, Dacko told the US ambassador that the Chinese Communists had conditioned a \$4 million loan on recognition. He did not, however, indicate that a decision was so imminent.



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- C. Honduras A sizable band of Communist-led guerrillas is reported planning attacks on two towns in northwestern Yoro Province. The government believes about 300 rebels will be involved and has sent 245 troops to intercept them. Government forces are adequately armed, but lack communications equipment.

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- D. UAR The UAR press, never noted for objectivity in dealing with East-West issues, may soon take an even more consistently anti-Western line. Nasir recently shuffled key positions in the government-controlled press, inserting a number of leftist and pro-Communist journalists. A newly created "higher press council," apparently designed to see that the press toes the line, will be headed by Khalid Muhyi al-Din, a long-time advocate of Communist causes.
- E. Ecuador Security forces have had to crack down on demonstrators in Guayaquil, where the military junta's tax reforms have aroused intense public resentment. The cabinet in Quito has recommended that the junta rescind its tax decrees to head off further trouble.

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