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1. South Vietnam

The generals may drop their plan to make General Ky the chief of the proposed executive council.

Quat's secretary of state, Bui Diem, told Ambassador Taylor today that Ky may be "talked out" of it. He says the cool reception Taylor and Ambassador Johnson gave to the idea was partly responsible.

Vice Premier Tran Van Do, a possible substitute for Ky, says Ky is himself having second thoughts. Do says Ky might retain his present title of "Commissioner in charge of directing the executive branch," however, and oversee a civilian premier and his cabinet.

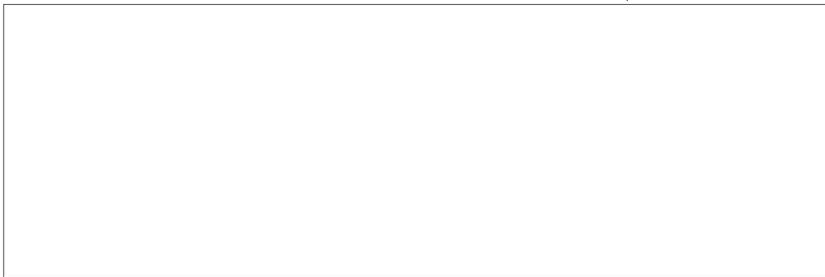
The Catholics are voicing their concern over the possibility of a military regime. One priest has told the US Embassy that there will be trouble if a military dictatorship is formed. 50X1

Clearing and evacuation operations are continuing in the Dong Xoai area of Phuoc Long Province but no ground contact with the Viet Cong has been reported.



(See map.)

2. North Vietnam



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3. Yemen

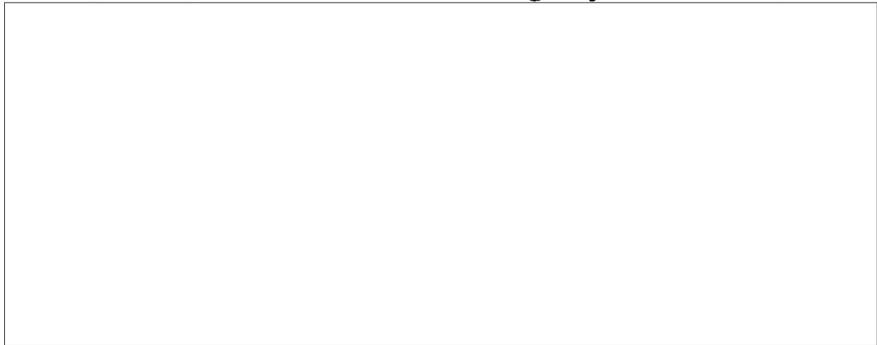
Nasir has apparently decided to accept at least a temporary military stalemate in Yemen.

Egypt's top military man in Yemen says that a military solution has been ruled out and the Yemeni problem must be settled by political means. He has told US Embassy officers in Yemen that Egyptian troops are being pulled out of forward areas and concentrated in major population centers to await political developments.

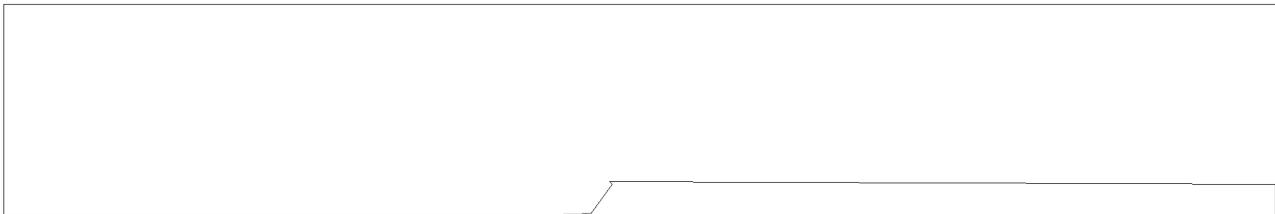
Nasir, Faysal, and Yemeni Prime Minister Numan are to meet in Algiers this month to discuss a Saudi proposal for a settlement. Details of the proposal have not yet been revealed.

4. Congo

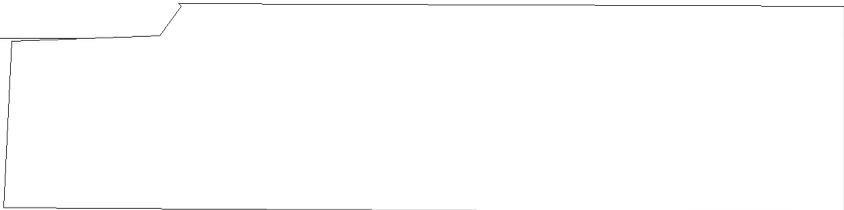
There has been a new outbreak of fighting in the Lake Tanganyika area.



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6. Dominican Republic

Rebel forces fired on US paratroops in Santo Domingo this morning using automatic weapons and mortars. The paratroopers returned the fire, and the exchanges continued into the afternoon.

The details are not all in, but the action has the earmarks of a rebel provocation. Shortly after the first shots were fired, the rebel radio was on the air charging that the US was attacking and killing children.

The rebel behavior is in marked contrast to yesterday when a rebel commander apologized for firing on the Brazilian contingent.

The Imbert radio late this afternoon announced that loyalist forces were advancing on the rebel zone in the capital and would wipe the rebels out in a few hours. This may be no more than another move in the war of nerves. However, loyalist generals have been chafing under existing restrictions on their activities and may feel that today's events give them an opening.

7. Chile

President Frei has reversed his government's earlier decision to host the hemisphere meeting on "Solidarity with Cuba." Frei told Ambassador Dungan he was annoyed when his interior minister granted permission last week. The Communist-oriented group was previously banned from holding its session in Uruguay.

8. Brazil

The Soviets are flooding Brazilian college campuses with high-quality, low-cost technical books.

The Russian texts, covering a wide range of subjects translated into English and French, are sold at "giveaway" prices and dominate sales at several institutions. In at least one technological institute, the Soviets provide the only English-language materials available.

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