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1. Indonesia

There are now two governments in Indonesia. One is headed by Sukarno and the other by the generals.

The generals do not control Sukarno, but neither are they under his control. In fact, the two elements seem for the present to need one another, if only to avoid an all-out civil war. The army finds Sukarno's name a useful foil to operate behind. Sukarno will not be able to disregard the generals until he can resurrect the Communists and go back to his old game of playing one off against the other.

Today the generals scored points when Sukarno announced the appointment of General Suharto as army commander. The generals had insisted on this. For his part, Sukarno again stated publicly that he, and he alone, would work out a political solution. The generals are reluctant to allow him this leeway.

As for the reeling Communists, they believe that the conference against military bases, which starts in Djakarta Saturday, offers them a chance to salvage their position. It will, at a minimum, give Sukarno a platform for reiterating his foreign and domestic line.

The generals have been reluctant to make abrupt shifts in Sukarno's foreign policy,

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2. Brazil

Castello Branco has asked for enlarged federal powers to take over the administration of individual states and curtail political activities of objectionable figures like ex-President Kubitschek. This will help him mollify military leaders who are alarmed over leftist gains in the recent election.

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3. Rhodesia

Prime Minister Smith has concluded a first round of talks since returning from London, and [redacted]

[redacted] a declaration of independence is now inevitable. [redacted] it could come within a month.

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Back in Britain the issue is bound to play a large part at the Conservative Party conference which opened yesterday.

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4. South Africa

[redacted] a squadron of South African jet fighters at a new airfield in the Caprivi Strip in South West Africa. (See map). This is one of five new fields which the South Africans have been building--for civilian use, they say.

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The apparent military use of the Caprivi field was probably dictated by South African concern over the implications for their own security of Rhodesian independence. The original League of Nations mandate under which South Africa gained its trustee rights in South West Africa forbids any military construction or activity in the territory.

5. USSR

[redacted] Soviets are pushing ahead with the development of a multi-satellite space communications system.

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Moscow has offered to make its system available to other nations, including Korea and Japan.

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6. India-Pakistan

United Nations Undersecretary Bunche confides that U Thant is sending messages to Shastri and Ayub in an effort to get some movement on the withdrawal of opposing forces from along the present line of confrontation.

The Secretary General will suggest that the two sides either submit separate plans for withdrawal or allow the United Nations to do it for them. Given the current moods in both countries, little is likely to come of this initiative.

7. South Vietnam

Government officials and progovernment labor leaders in Saigon say they are confident that the Viet Cong will not be able to muster a significant response to the Communist call for a one-hour strike tomorrow.

The Viet Cong, however, have shrewdly put their strike call in terms not only of people stopping work but of simply staying home. Moreover, the hour chosen for the strike is one when peak crowds are not on the streets. These tactics may well bolster the Communists' inevitable claim to success, even though people stay indoors primarily because they are engaged in their normal occupations.

Our embassy in Saigon also is concerned that the Viet Cong, beginning their "hate America" month, may use the strike hour for some spectacular piece of terrorism. The Vietnamese police are taking the precautions they normally do for a special Viet Cong day--extra check points, patrols, etc.

8. Singapore

Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew may step up his campaign against the US on the grounds that the only way to handle Americans is to be tough. The next blast could come tomorrow when Lee addresses a trade union convention.

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