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1. Rhodesia

Britain's embargo of oil to Rhodesia may help to ease African pressure for military action but it is likely to have little economic effect.

The problem is that South Africa and Portuguese Mozambique will refuse to cooperate. Rhodesian oil imports stand at about 38,000 tons per month and Mozambique could supply this amount by delivery of only one or two tanker loads. South Africa could also release enough oil to ensure Rhodesia a six-month supply.



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Most of the African states are still ignoring the appeal of the Organization of African Unity for diplomatic break with London tomorrow.

2. Dominican Republic

A serious situation could develop as a new wave of strikes spreads from the sugar industry into the government.

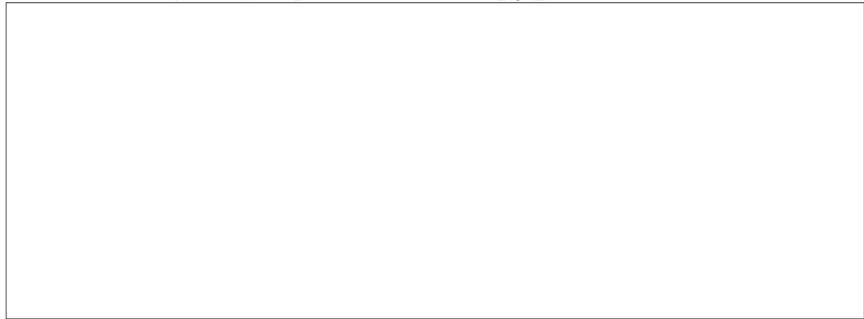
The issue is the traditional one of a Christmas bonus. The government insists on making substantial cutbacks in this year's bonuses.

There may be outbreaks if Garcia Godoy tries to enforce the recent legislation prohibiting strikes of government workers. Employees can now be fired for demonstrating against the regime.

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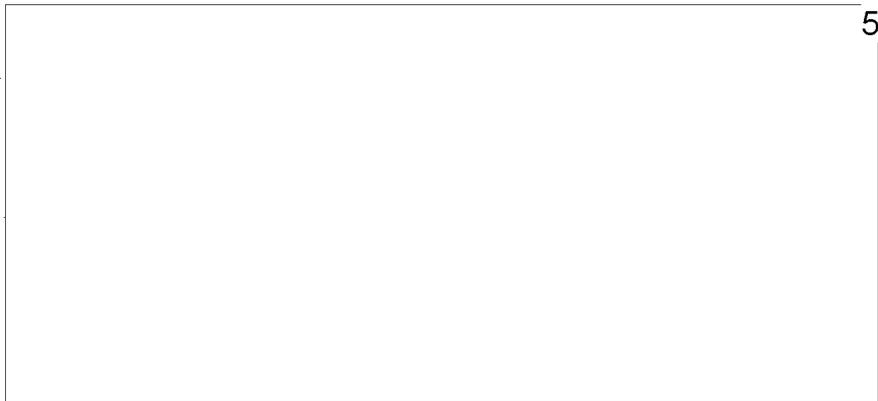
3. Egypt

Deliveries of late-model Soviet military equipment to Egypt continue.



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4. Israel



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5. Pakistan



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6. Indonesia

The army has made another important inroad against Sukarno. Subandrio, the leftist foreign minister, was ousted today as deputy chief of the Supreme Operations Command.

Subandrio still holds a number of important posts, but Sukarno has apparently come to realize that it is dangerous to protect him further. In this situation, Subandrio may soon find himself entirely unemployed.

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7. North Vietnam

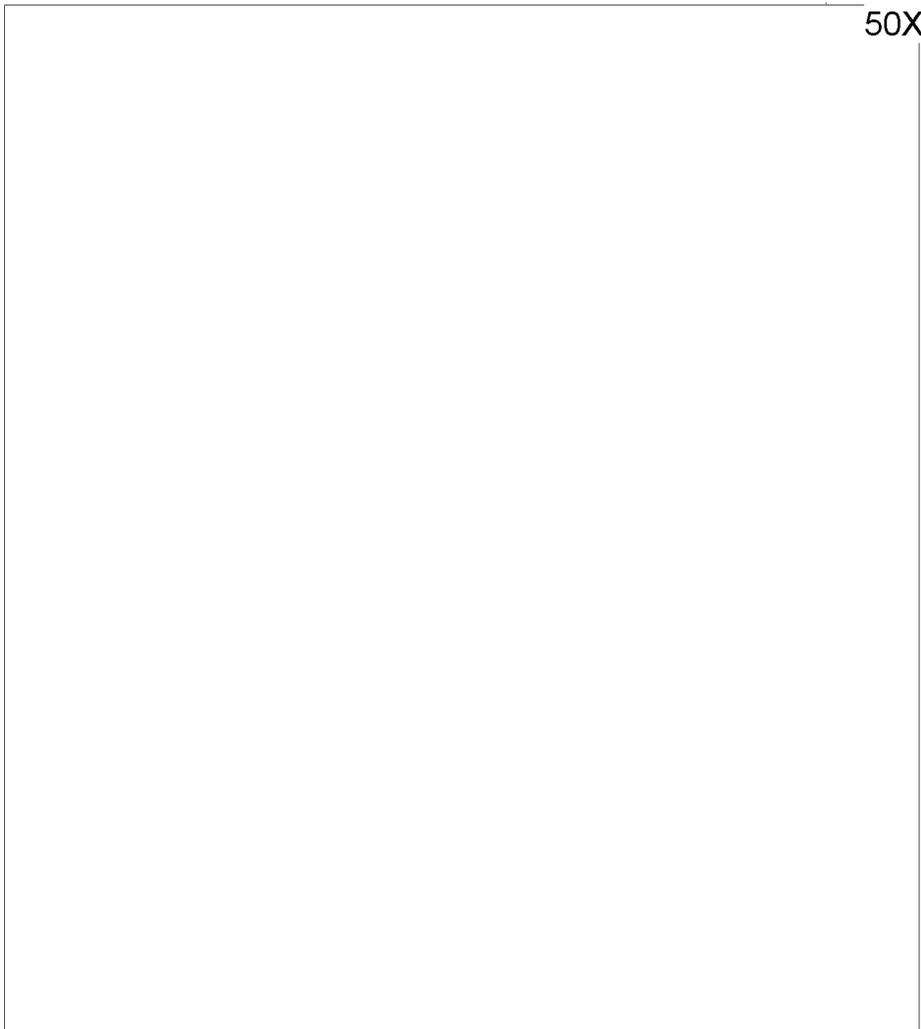
The new high-performance fighter aircraft in North Vietnam, referred to in yesterday's Brief, are apparently MIG-21s.

[redacted] one of the new planes was flying faster than the MIG-19 can fly.

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Although the evidence as to whether these aircraft are equipped with air-to-air missiles is tentative, the military requirements for their possible utilization against US missile-equipped fighters suggest that the Soviets will fit them with missiles.

8. Laos-Cambodia



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9. Guatemala

Terrorist activity is continuing and the situation is still well out of hand.

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The government made a desperate move yesterday to try to head off further trouble. An experienced army officer was put in charge of both the military and civilian police.

Kidnappings and killings may decrease as a result

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