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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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1. North Vietnam

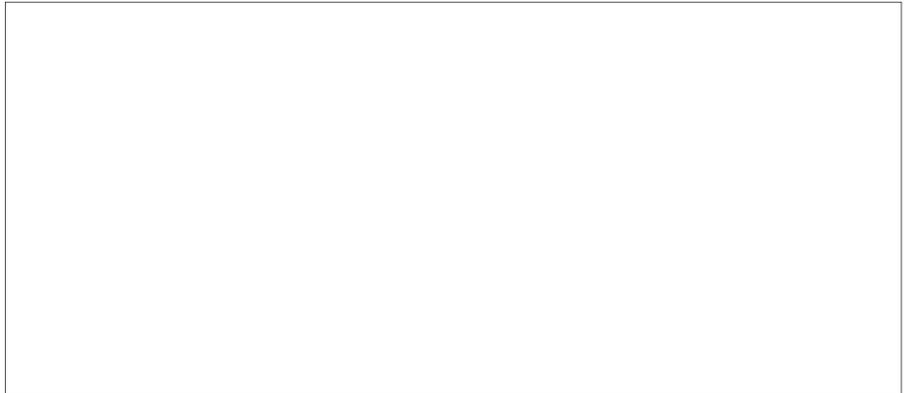
Articles in the provincial press some months back show that the diversion of young, able-bodied men to the armed forces and time-consuming militia tasks was having a noticeable impact on the local labor market. Subsequently, the call up of more young men and the recall of veterans of the war against the French have magnified the problem.

There is, however, no hard evidence that the problem is serious enough to deflect the men in Hanoi from their single-minded pursuit of the war. The major regime spokesmen, including Ho Chi Minh, assured the National Assembly last week that the "holy war" against the US was going well. Victory, they intoned, was inevitable.

Therefore, the regime and the entire people, were to be rededicated to fight on until the US agrees to Hanoi's "four points."

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3. Soviet Union

During the next few days, conditions will again be favorable for a lunar probe, and the Soviets may attempt another lunar operation. Luna 10, in orbit around the moon since 3 April, has probably provided them with much useful data on the lunar surface and environment.

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4. Communist China

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5. Dominican Republic

Students, probably aided and abetted by the pro-Castro 14th of June Revolutionary Movement, are planning a demonstration at the US Embassy tomorrow-- the anniversary of the landing of US troops. The agitators plan to burn flags and stone personnel and property.

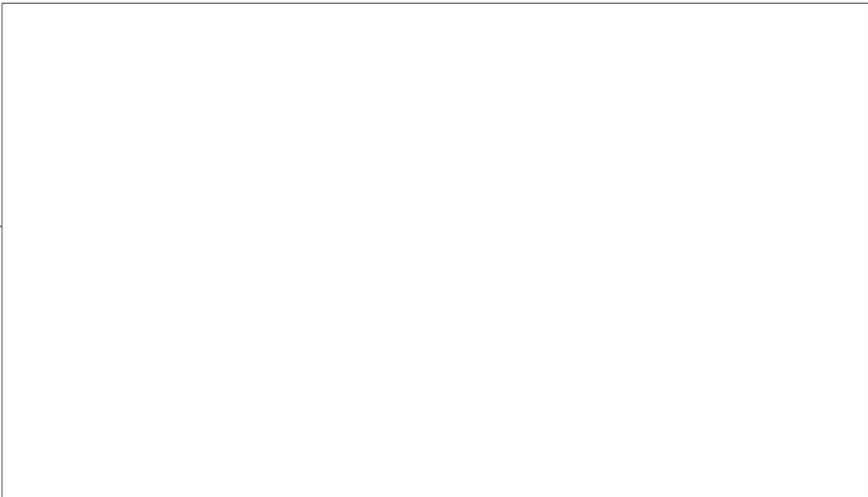
There are indications that various leftist groups will try to turn the demonstrations into all-out anti-American violence. The accidental killing of a Dominican boy this afternoon by an American sentry has increased tensions.

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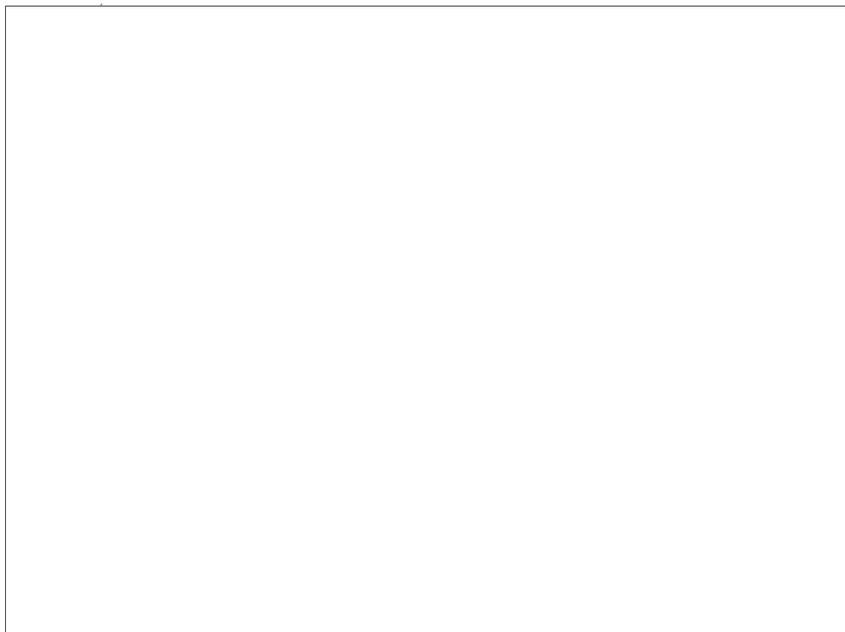
6. Colombia

The candidate of the governing National Front, Carlos Lleras Restrepo, appears to have Sunday's presidential election sewn up. His only opponent is a follower of ex-dictator Rojas Pinilla.

The campaign has been uneventful, however, and possibly no more than a third of the electorate will bother to vote, thus giving Lleras a weak mandate. There may be some disturbances, but the army and police appear ready to preserve the peace.

7. Congo

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8. Canada

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