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1. South Vietnam

One of the most important effects of Operation IRVING lies in its uprooting of the Viet Cong infrastructure in at least the two heavily populated coastal districts of Phu My and Phu Cat. The exodus of more than 16,000 refugees from the combat area is a good indication of the extent to which Communist control and influence over the local population has been shaken.

2. Communist China

"Peking Dogs Go Home!" A poster with this message was seen in Tientsin last month [redacted]

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[redacted] This is only one of a number of indications that resistance to the Guards is taking place in various parts of China. By all accounts, however, there has still been no resolution of the conflict.

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3. Israel

The stage is set for more serious violence along Israel's borders. Today's raid into Israel, presumably by Syrian-supported commandos, was a relatively small affair. But Israeli public feeling was already highly inflamed and the Israeli Government can now hardly resist pressure for retaliation.

This afternoon's UN Security Council meeting may serve little more than to provide both sides with an international forum. The Syrians are expecting Israeli reprisals and are preparing to respond. The Syrian chief of staff says the government will shortly arm civilian volunteers for "any eventuality."

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4. Indonesia

The Subandrio trial has been recessed pending a defense appeal of the death sentence. Most Indonesians seem to feel that the proceedings served well to condemn the old regime, even though Sukarno was not himself smeared with all the mud his opponents had hoped would hit him.

5. Mexico

President Diaz Ordaz is being impelled toward strong action against the local Communists. The Communists instigated the recent disturbances at the University of Morelia and are now effectively exploiting very real student anger over the heavy-handed government reaction.

They are now promoting a nationwide student protest movement and the president personally has become the principal target. He is being publicly blasted as "Porfirio Diaz" Ordaz, after the old dictator.

6. The Netherlands

The government's fall this morning was brought on by dissatisfaction in both business and labor groups over economic stabilization policies. Any new government is likely to continue present Dutch foreign policies.

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