

The President's Daily Brief

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DAILY BRIEF
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1. United Nations

Preliminary reaction to President Johnson's speech yesterday has been generally favorable among UN representatives--other than the obvious exceptions. The speech is regarded by many delegates as conciliatory and moderate in tone, and a concise summary of US views. There has been considerable comment that Kosygin's speech made the President's sound even better.

The Latin Americans were pleased that the speech gave first place to their area. The Rumanian representative said the President's position was not really very far from that of his own country.

Several Arab delegates asked why the US had become involved in the dispute, believing the Israelis should speak for themselves. Israel's representative, however, characterized the speech as good and helpful.

Indian and Saudi Arabian officials at the UN complained that the speech offered nothing new.

2. Arab States

Syria has issued what appears to be a call for guerrilla warfare against Israel. Radio Damascus yesterday urged Palestinians in Jordan's West Bank and the Gaza Strip to unite in a "secret armed struggle to paralyze the Israeli economy and spread confusion" until the Arabs can inflict a "final defeat" on Israel.

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3. Soviet Union

Western press correspondents in Moscow say that the Soviet party central committee is meeting today to discuss the Middle East situation and certain "internal questions." There is usually no official word on such meetings until after they have broken up.

A central committee session at this time would be useful to show that the entire party is behind the Kosygin line, but it would also help to remind people that it is Brezhnev and not Kosygin who is number one in the Russian hierarchy.

4. Yugoslavia

Tito has moved quickly to plug the hole in his nonalignment policy--a hole which resulted from his going to Moscow's bloc summit meeting ten days ago. Yugoslavia lined up with the Soviets in the condemnation of Israel.

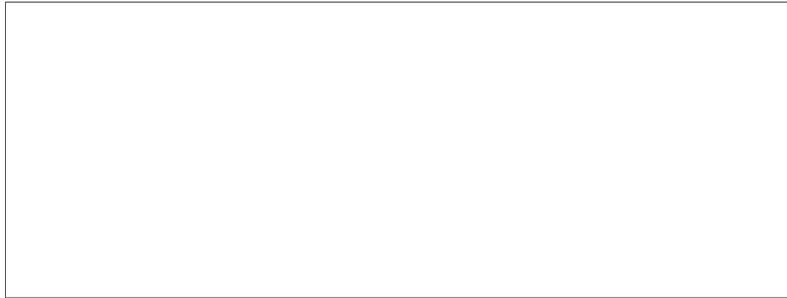
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5. China-India

India's Embassy in Peking is under its fourth straight day of siege. The round-the-clock Red Guard demonstrations are in retaliation for an Indian attack on the Chinese Embassy in New Delhi last week. There is no telling at this point how long this will go on, but the Indians raised the ante again yesterday by sealing off the Chinese in their New Delhi compound.

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6. Cambodia



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