

The President's Daily Brief

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DAILY BRIEF
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1. Egypt

Serious factional maneuvering may be underway in Cairo. [redacted] there is unrest in the army and press reports from Cairo state the armed forces are on maximum alert. Such an alert could be part of the effort to rebuild Egypt's shattered defenses, but it could also be prompted by concern for the regime's internal security.

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2. Soviet Union

Little is being said about Kosygin's Cuban visit. There are good indications that the trip was at Kosygin's initiative, not Castro's. The Soviet premier will stop over in Paris and see De Gaulle again Saturday.

3. South Vietnam

Both Ky and Thieu have announced their vice-presidential running mates.

Ky's choice is southerner Nguyen Van Loc, chairman of the advisory Peoples-Army Council.

Thieu's man, Trinh Quoc Khanh (also known as Nguyen Huu Le) is a southerner of the Hoa Hao religious sect. It is not clear at this point how much strength this man can muster. If he can deliver the Hoa Hao, however, he will be a distinct asset for Thieu.

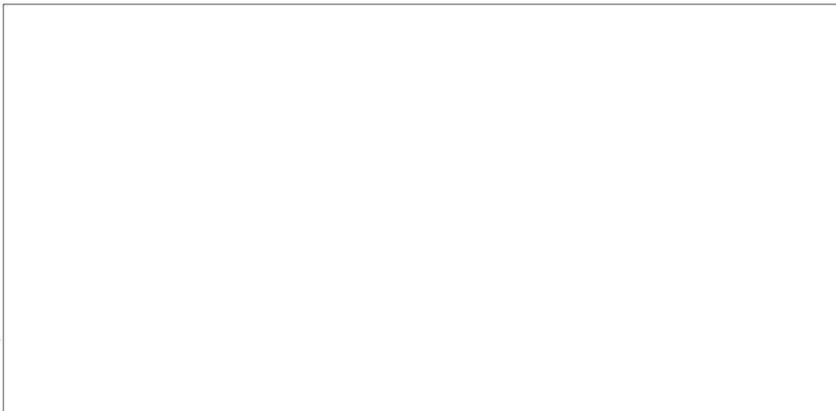
Foreign Minister Tran Van Do said yesterday that he has decided to run for the upper house. He was apparently dissuaded from running with Thieu at the last minute.

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4. Aden

The situation is critical in this unhappy sun-baked colony.

As things stand now, the British are sitting around the rim of the Crater district, an extinct volcano where many of the Arabs live. In the Crater, murder and mayhem go virtually unchecked as rival nationalists fight it out.



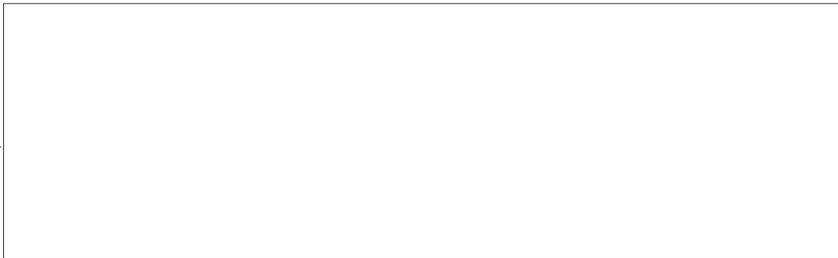
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The British have promised to be out of Aden by 9 January, if they do not abandon it before. They are already withdrawing their garrisons from the hinterland. It appears at this stage that anarchy will be the only thing they leave behind.

Dependents of American consular personnel are being evacuated. The Consulate has been the target of several bombing and arson attempts.

5. Dominican Republic

For political and prestige reasons, Balaguer is opposed to devaluing the peso. The rate is now 1 peso to \$1 US. He is holding to this position despite the International Monetary Fund's recommendation that, in the long run, this is the only way out of the fiscal swamp in which the Dominican balance of payments is mired.



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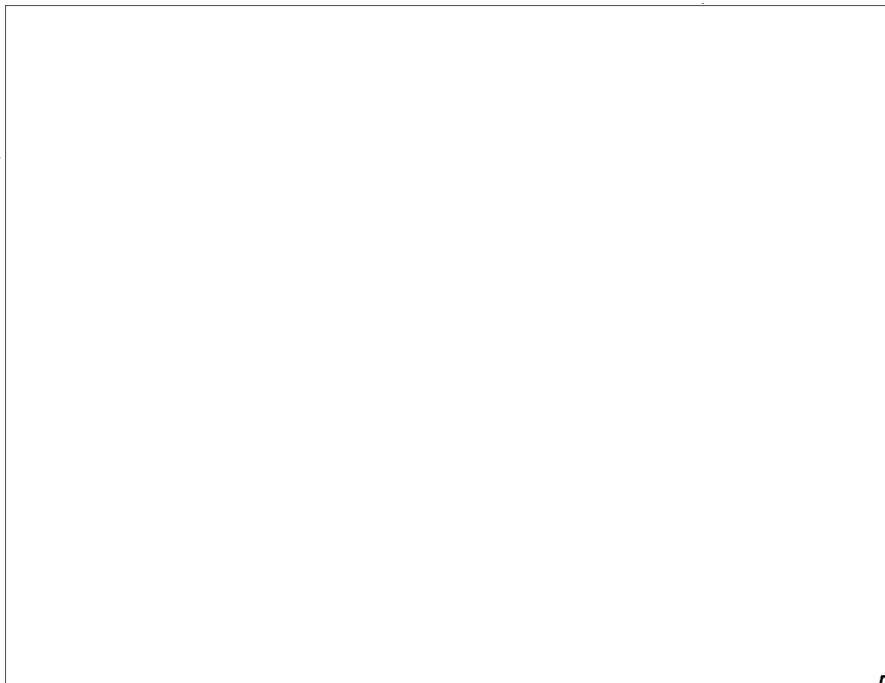
6. Burma

Two days of anti-Chinese rioting in Rangoon may soon take Burma into the crowded ranks of nations with which Peking is not on speaking terms. The riots were sparked when Chinese students demonstrated against a ban on wearing Mao Tse-tung buttons distributed by the Chinese Embassy.

Peking is certain to make a scene; if Burmese diplomats in the Chinese capital have profited from the recent examples of their British and Indian colleagues, they will be laying in supplies for a Red Guard siege.

We expect relations will be badly strained but not break.

7. Communist China

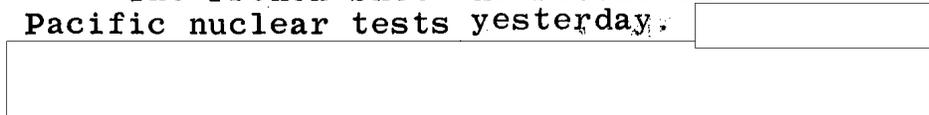


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8. France

The French shot the second of their Pacific nuclear tests yesterday.



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9. Guinea

Guinea's Foreign Minister Beavogui is an unwilling "guest" of the Ivory Coast Government. Beavogui's airliner had to land in the Ivory Coast Monday because of bad weather. The Ivorians, whose relations with Guinea are anything but good, whisked Beavogui and his aides away. The Ivorians may try to trade him for one of their fishing boats seized by Guinea.

Beavogui has had experience in this form of African diplomacy. Last year he was pulled off a plane in Ghana. That incident was used by the Guineans as an excuse for anti-American demonstrations.

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