

The President's Daily Brief

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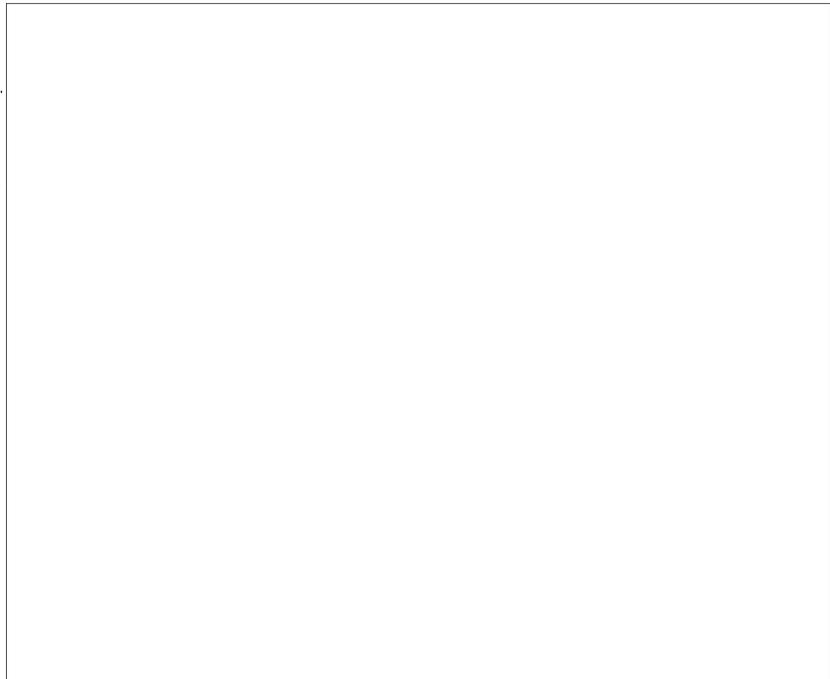
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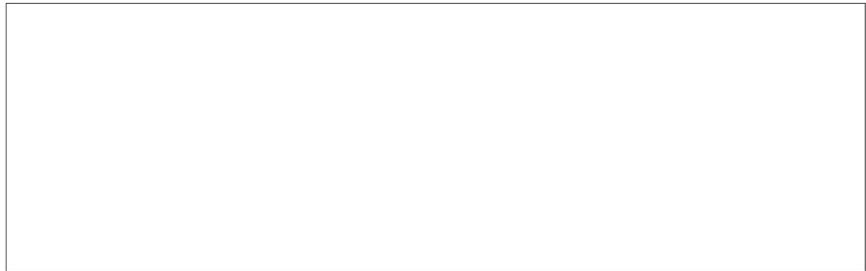
1. Soviet Union

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3. Egypt

Four high-ranking air force and navy officers are said to have been arrested on charges of "high treason" (and alleged CIA connections), suggesting that a purge may be underway. Nasir could use a few scapegoats, and may have decided on a purge--and subsequent show trials--of those "responsible" for the June debacle.

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4. South Vietnam

Press censorship ended a week ago, but Saigon editors are not altogether pleased. One of them complains that he is now burdened by having to decide himself what is and is not dangerous to print.

Another editor notes apprehensively that personnel in the government censorship office are now working "twice as hard." He thinks they are compiling evidence for future use against offending papers.

Despite these worries, criticism of the government has grown in the press. Some papers have openly called for the disqualification of the Thieu-Ky ticket.

5. Communist China

Sharp fighting now seems to be going on in the Wuhan area, with military units involved on both the Mao and anti-Mao "sides." There is still no confirmation, however, that forces from outside the province have been alerted or deployed, despite the seriousness of the situation.

6. France

The French press has been unanimous in pinning responsibility for the Canadian fiasco on De Gaulle personally, although "authorized sources" say it was Canada's fault. Phrases such as "irreparable mistake," "scandal," and "catastrophe" reflect the also unanimous opinion that the government has been hurt both at home and abroad. The government controlled radio-television has made no attempt to hide this overwhelmingly unfavorable press reaction.

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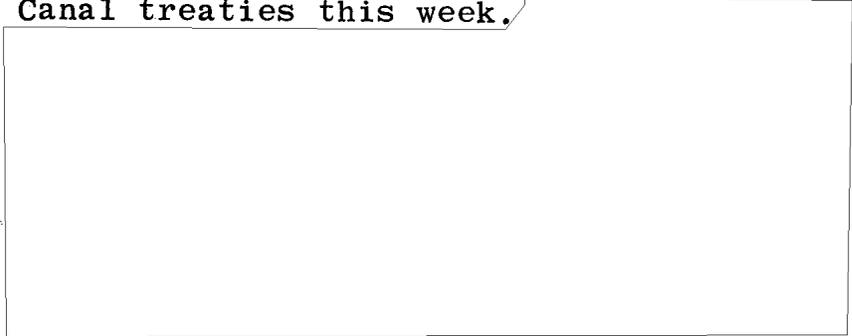
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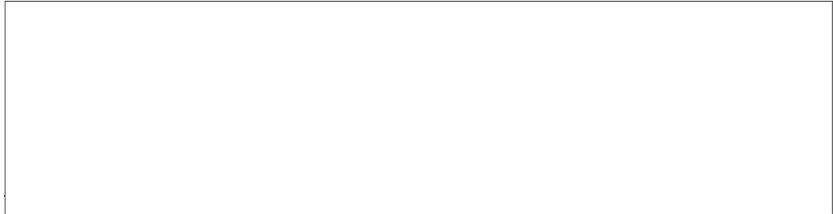
7. Panama

The Foreign Relations Council,
President Robles' influential advisory
board, held its first discussion of the
Canal treaties this week.

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8. Congo



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