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1. South Vietnam

There is no hard information yet as to what student and Buddhist agitators are planning now that the elections have been legalized.

Ambassador Bunker notes that at no time in the past few days have the opposition groups been able to evoke any real popular response to their campaign against the election results. He doubts that there will be any major effort now to mount demonstrations against the assembly's validation of the Thieu-Ky victory.

Tri Quang says he will stay out in front of Independence Palace until the government meets his demands. He is said to be planning now to focus his protest on the official charter recently granted by the government to moderate Buddhist elements. The charter, in effect, gives financial control of the Buddhist church to his principal rival.

This issue, and not the elections, may have been the principal motive for the suicide of a Buddhist nun in the delta town of Can Tho early today.

2. Communist China

Moderation on the home front has brought on greater restraint in foreign policy. The wild xenophobia of a month ago has gradually subsided. Foreign diplomats in Peking, at least for now, are no longer living in constant fear of new onslaughts of Red Guard violence.

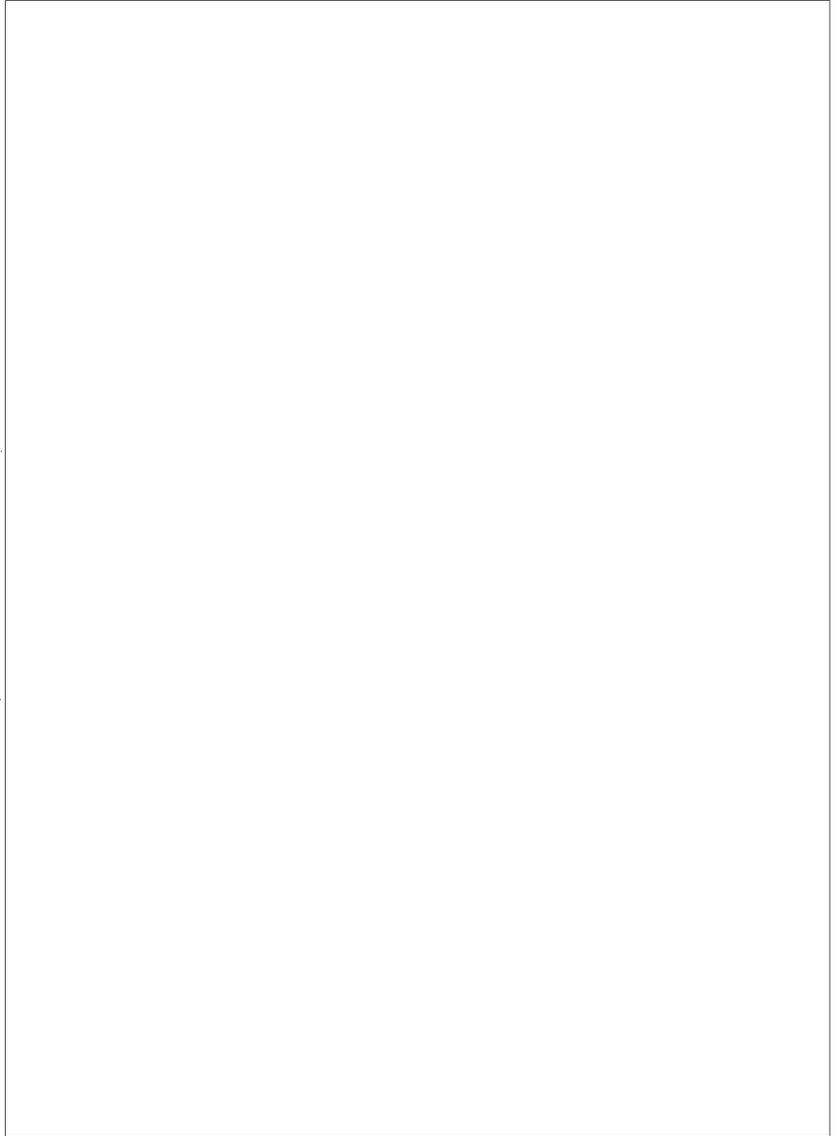
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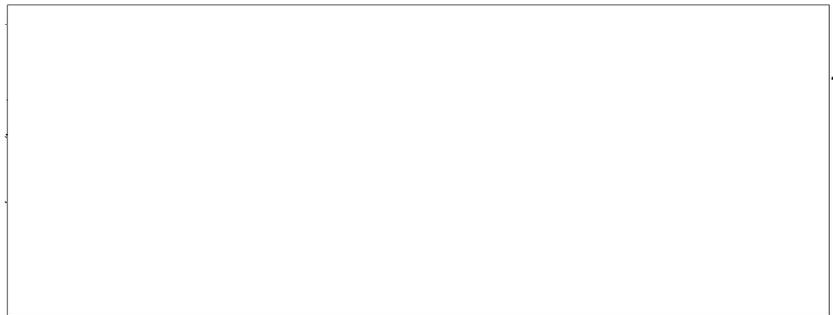


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3. Arab States



4. Egypt



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London announced today that it will send a representative to Cairo later this month for talks aimed at improving relations.



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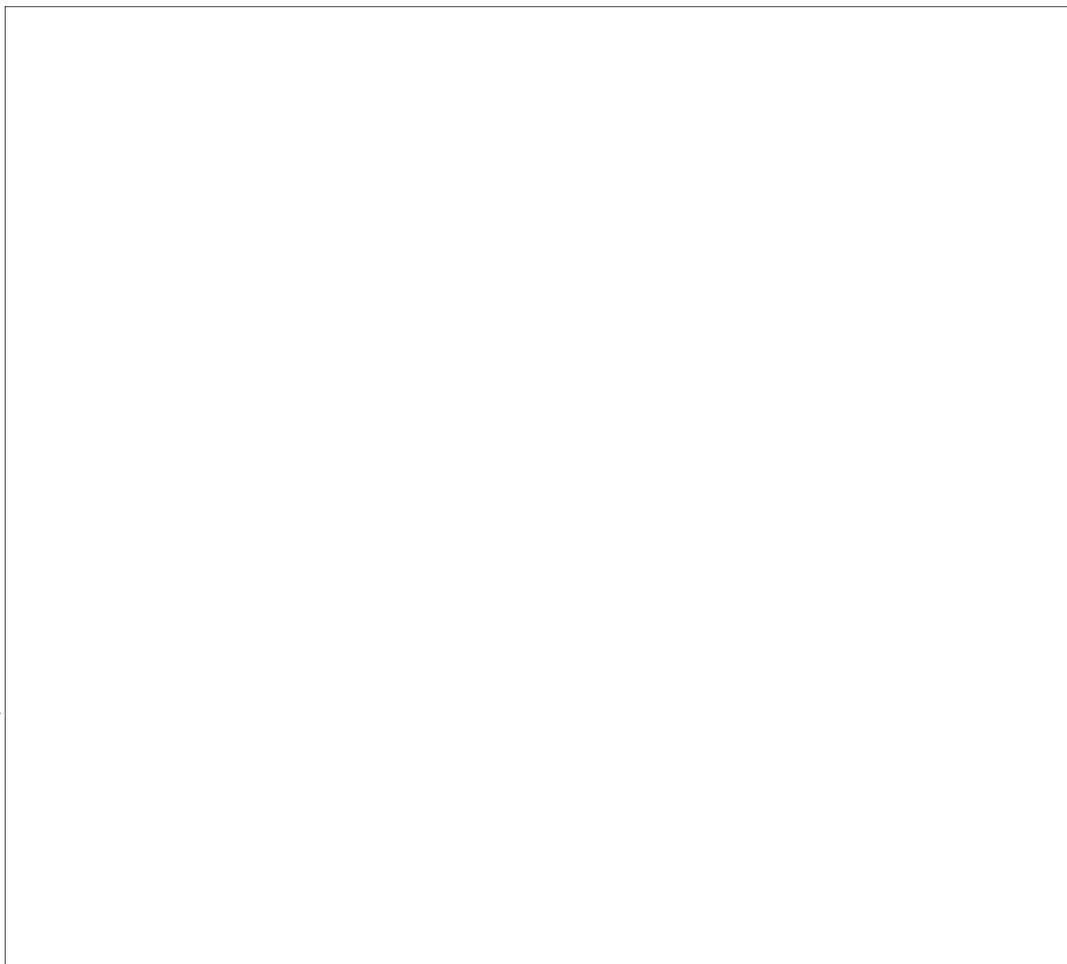
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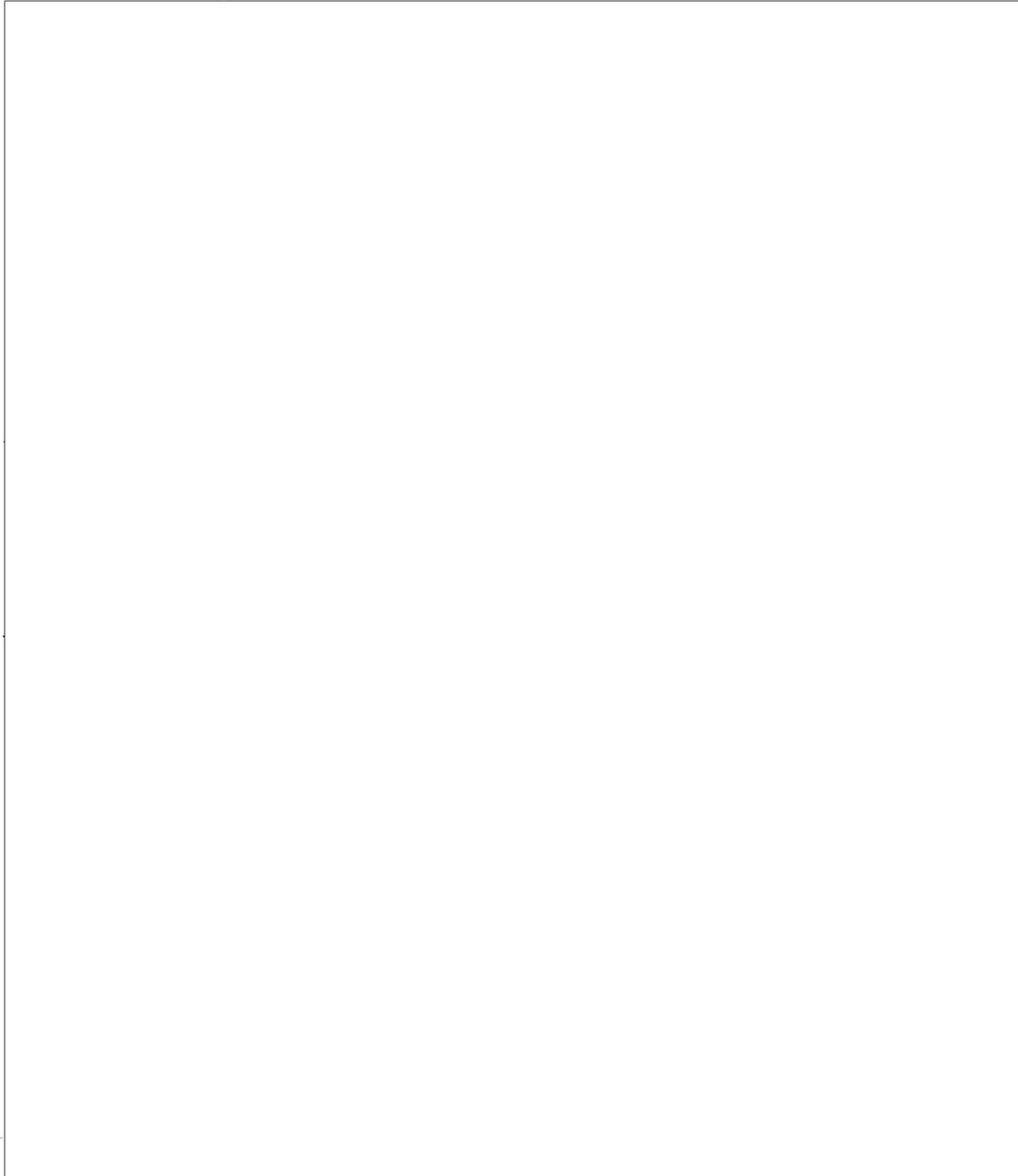
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Hanoi Comment on President's Address: First reaction to the Friday night address came today in a radio broadcast quoting an editorial from Hanoi's official daily newspaper. The President's address was dismissed as "basically one and the same" as recent speeches by Secretary Rusk and Ambassador Goldberg. It contained "nothing new," Hanoi maintained.



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