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DAILY BRIEF
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1. Arab States -
Israel

Egypt's sudden call for an urgent Security Council meeting is an effort to break the continuing deadlock over an acceptable resolution. The Arabs probably still do not have sufficient support for the Indian resolution they favor. Neither does the US resolution seem yet to have the backing of the necessary nine Council members. The Japanese have now complicated the picture with a proposed resolution of their own.

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2. Algeria

Boumediene may be in serious trouble. Army chief of staff Z'Biri, long considered his chief rival, has fled Algiers for the eastern part of the country



Z'Biri's chances will depend on which way other regional military commanders jump.

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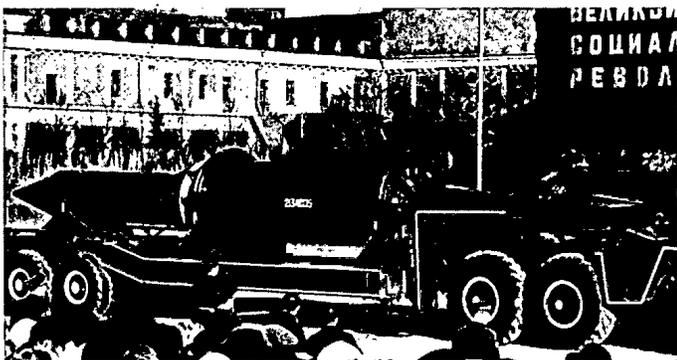
3. Congo

Mobutu thinks most of the mercenaries who invaded Katanga last week have now slipped back into Angola. He may be right. What their next move might be, however, is anyone's guess.

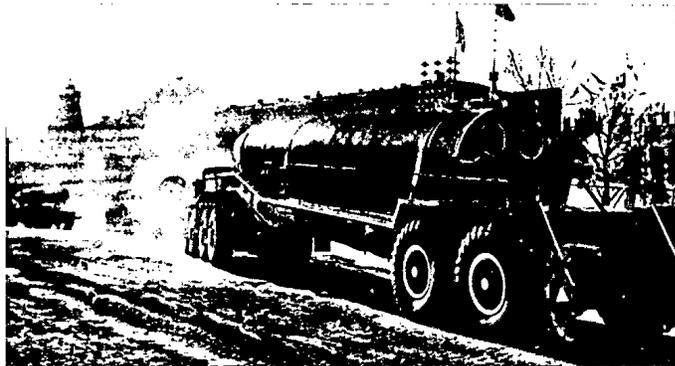
Continuing efforts to arrange the evacuation from Rwanda of both the Katangans and the white mercenaries are making but slow progress.

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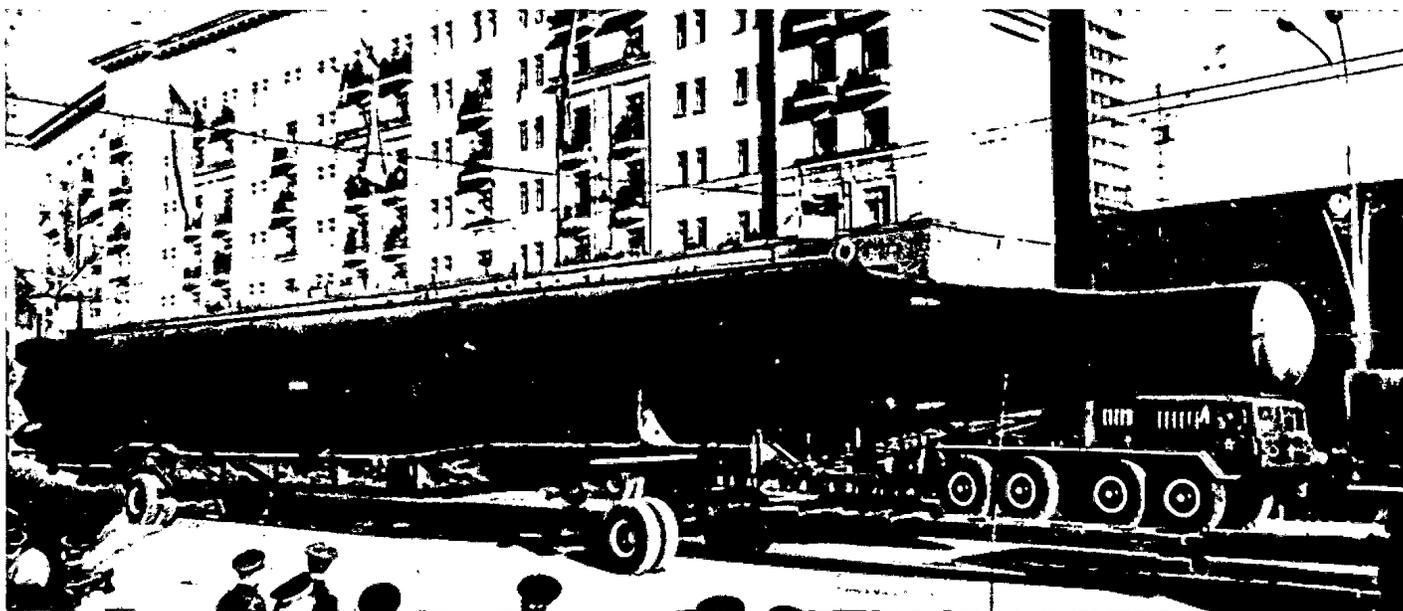
Soviet Weapons Systems Unveiled in 7 November Parade



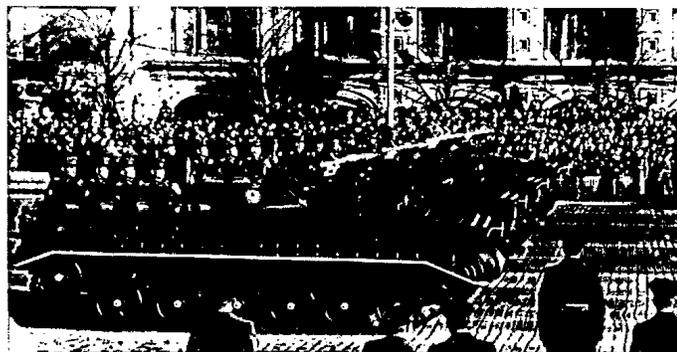
2-STAGE MRBM/IRBM



NAVAL MISSILE



ICBM



COMBAT VEHICLE



TRACKED AA MISSILE

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4. Soviet Union

The big Moscow parade yesterday gave us our first close-up look at some Soviet missile hardware. Analysis of the pictures will give us much new information on weapons being deployed in the Soviet Union.

The intercontinental ballistic missile in the parade was probably the widely deployed SS-9. Another weapon was said by the commentator to be a naval missile for underwater launching. It is too big to be sent up from a submarine, however, and we are not yet sure what the truth of the matter is.

Other missile systems in the parade included a two-stage medium or intermediate-range missile and a short-range one, possibly the SS-12 which has a range of 450 miles. A tracked vehicle carrying three antiaircraft missiles was also shown, as was a combat vehicle mounted with an antitank missile.

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there was no new antiballistic missile hardware shown off yesterday. 50X1

5. South Arabia

Events have moved rapidly in the past two days. British authorities in Aden now believe the way is open for peaceful turnover to an independent government before the end of the month. The change came when the local army, abandoning all pretense of neutrality, declared its support for the bigger of the two rival nationalist factions. It thereupon clobbered the other faction, leveling its headquarters with artillery fire.

The only remaining area of opposition strength is in the Crater District of Aden where the remaining British troops are holed up. There may have been some trouble there late yesterday.

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6. Sweden

Relations with the US are likely to continue sliding downhill. The main reason is the government's exploitation of popular aversion to the Vietnam war for its own political gain.

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I. NOTES ON THE SITUATION

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Viet Cong Claims US Troops are Disobeying Orders: The Communists have issued one of their periodic statements about the insubordination of US military units in South Vietnam. A clandestine Liberation Front broadcast on 4 November said that an "antiwar movement" against orders to move troops to the northern provinces was spreading among US units. The broadcast also reported that many US units stationed at various points throughout the I Corps area had violently participated in the antiwar movement and that "US Negro troops sharply struggled against orders" thereby "throwing their commanders into a confused state."

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Le Duan on Communist Unity: North Vietnam has issued a lengthy article in praise of the Bolshevik Revolution and its lessons for today's struggle against the US. The article was written by Party First Secretary Le Duan, now in Moscow as head of

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Hanoi's delegation to the anniversary celebrations, and was published in the party daily Nhan Dan. It is much broader and more pointed than the pro forma items by Ho Chi Minh and Defense Minister Giap which appeared recently in the Soviet press.

Le Duan comes down hard on the need for Communist unity in pursuing the struggle in Vietnam. He employs more specific language on this point than any Vietnamese Communist spokesman has recently used. Today's "urgent problem," he says, "is to consolidate and strengthen the unity of the socialist camp," and the "unity of the international Communist movement" in order to continue the "common struggle for socialist revolution." Le Duan calls for the "establishment of a world united front" against the United States similar to that used by the USSR in the 1930's against Nazi Germany. He asserts that setting up such a front is one of the "most basic problems" facing the Communist movement.

While his call for Communist unity doubtless will please Soviet leaders, Le Duan also reaffirms North Vietnam's insistence on revolutionary violence as an indispensable ingredient of national liberation movements. He emphasizes the responsibility of all Communist countries to support these movements wherever they exist, but makes it clear that the present task is focused on the struggle in Vietnam. The "world revolution," he reminds his audience, will surely enter a new phase "provided the socialist camp and other revolutionary forces in the world prove resolute" in further promoting the "offensive spirit of the October Revolution and follow the revolutionary line of Marxism-Leninism."

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II. NORTH VIETNAMESE REFLECTIONS OF US POLITICAL ATTITUDES ON THE WAR

Hanoi Appeals to US Negro Troops: A recent broadcast in English to American servicemen in South Vietnam--purporting to be "especially designed for the Negro GI"--claimed that the "colored" troops in the South are becoming increasingly conscious of the fact that the war is "not their war." The broadcast cited a number of examples of injustices by the military against the Negroes and concluded that "many colored GI's in South Vietnam are wondering for whom they are fighting and dying," and that Stokely Carmichael, "well-known leader of colored Americans," will "deal with the matter."

A similar broadcast presents an appeal by Carmichael to Negro troops. Carmichael's tirade contains assertions that the Vietnam war is the "white man's war" and that Negroes should not fight in it.

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