

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Geneva conference developments



Ambassador Harriman thinks that the problem of reaching agreement with Moscow now boils down to two critical issues: voting procedures in the ICC and Laos' association with SEATO. He feels that settlement of these points would put us on the verge of a significant breakthrough. Soviet representative Pushkin indicated that his return to Moscow had been cancelled by Gromyko as a result of the latter's meeting with the President. 

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2. Top Communists trooping into Moscow for Congress



As many as 70 foreign parties-- Bloc and non-bloc--will be on hand for the opening session on Tuesday morning. The Yugoslavs have been excluded and  the Albanians may not be there either. The meeting may last as long as two weeks, with Khrushchev scheduled to make two major speeches. 

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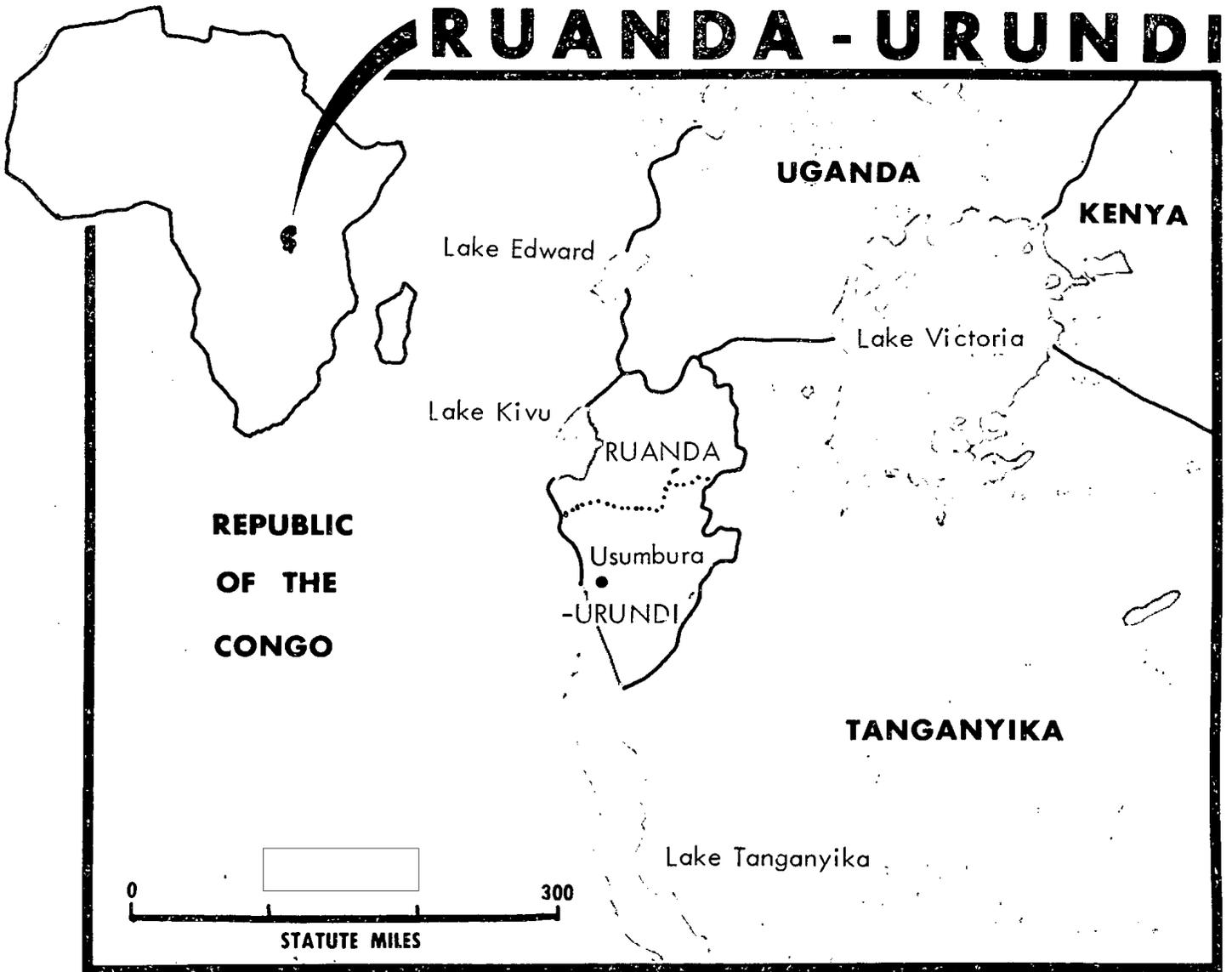
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3. Urundi tense following prime minister's assassination



The Belgian trust territory is described as a "tinder box" following the assassination of moderate prime minister Rwagasore on Saturday. Africans are blaming his death on the Belgians. Pressures for the early end of the Belgian trusteeship will increase, the door may open to more radical elements in the dominant nationalist party, and clashes between traditionally hostile tribal groups may occur.

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4. Nasir's position



Many Egyptians think he handled the Syrian situation sensibly and he has regained some prestige internally. His aura of invincibility has been cracked, however.

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his setback has stimulated elements which would like to unseat him. Our embassy in Cairo feels that failures in his domestic program, which has not been going too well, could make his position shaky or tempt him into some foreign adventure.

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A. The USSR fired another missile into the Central Pacific area yesterday, the ninth in the current series in which there have been 5 successes, 3 failures in flight and 1 overshoot.

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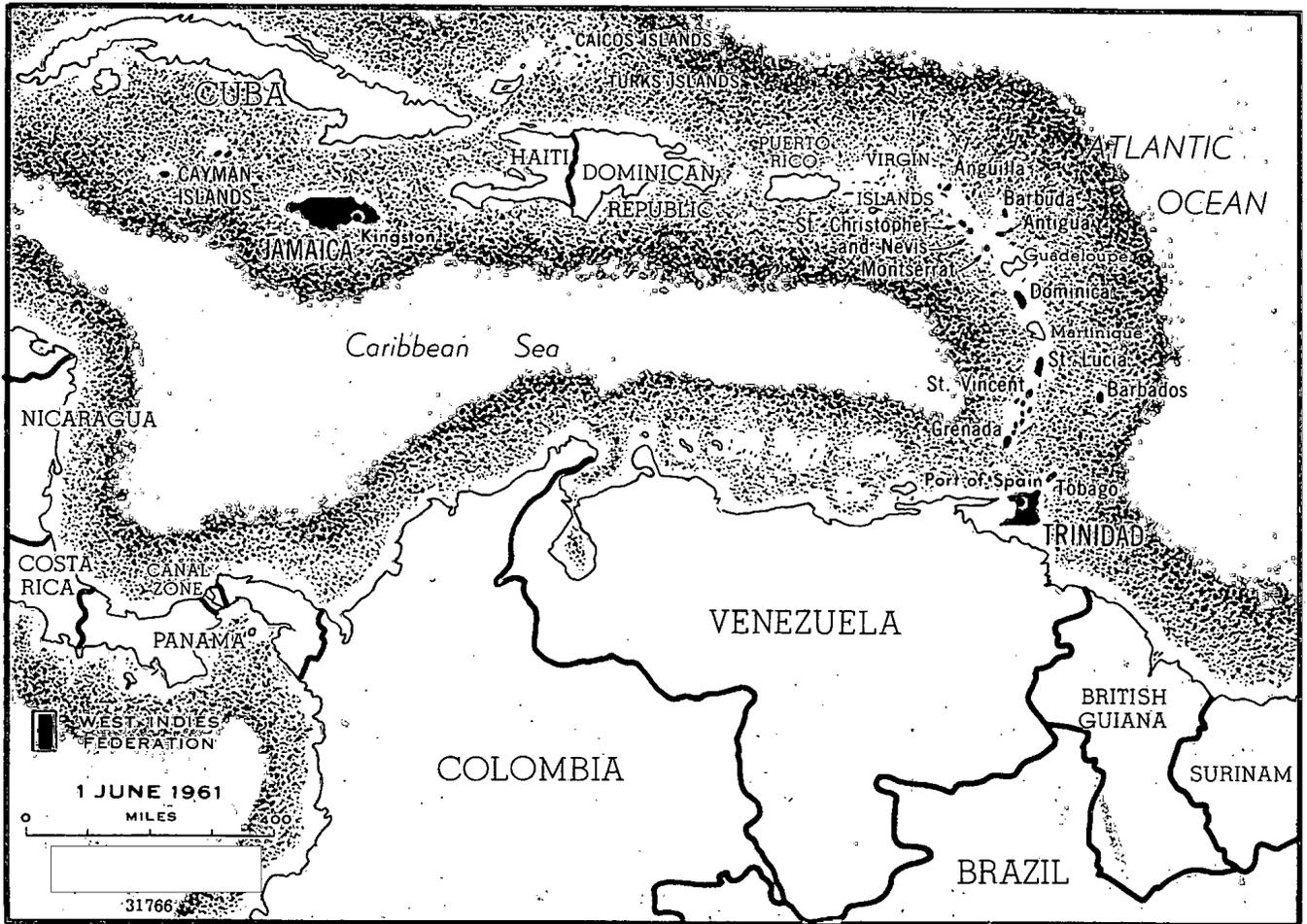
B. On the basis of incomplete returns Turkey's Justice Party, which has made a vigorous campaign aimed at attracting supporters of ex-premier Menderes, appears to be running nearly even with the well established Republican Peoples Party--favored by the military junta. The Turks have had no experience with a coalition government, which appears to be the likely result of the elections, and an unstable situation is likely to develop.

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D. There is growing concern in Brazil over a worsening financial position.

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F. Trinidad's premier Williams, facing re-election, has threatened to repudiate the West Indies base agreement with the US. In addition, St. Lucia and Antigua, where there are important US missile-tracking and space research facilities, will face serious problems from Jamaica's impending withdrawal from the Federation, and pressure will thus increase for renegotiating agreements for these bases as well.

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G. The general strike in Ecuador has been interrupted by a temporary truce. The military, fearing a leftist alternative, are urging President Velasco to dig in and to check the flow of Communist funds, agitators, and propaganda into the country.

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