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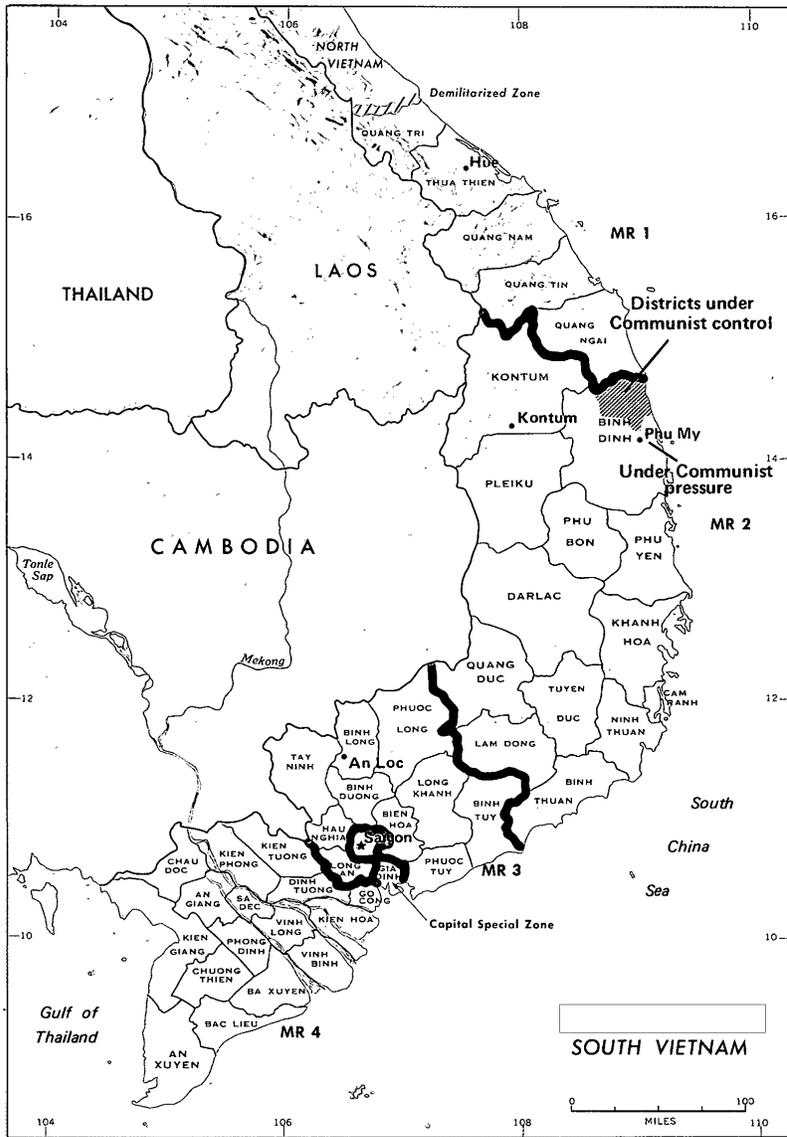
PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

In South Vietnam, government troops have eliminated most enemy resistance in Kontum City and launched another drive to open Route 13 south of An Loc. (Page 1)

On Page 2 we discuss the prospects for President Tito's five-day visit to Moscow beginning today.

Romania is the only Warsaw Pact government to be represented at the conference on the environment opening today in Stockholm. (Page 3)

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SOUTH VIETNAM

The situation on the three major battlefields is essentially unchanged. Enemy forces are still maneuvering for position north and west of Hue. At Kontum City, government troops have eliminated most of the pockets of enemy resistance in the city itself, but a few Communists are still holding on near the airfield. There has been no significant Communist pressure at An Loc, and the government has expanded its defensive perimeter. Saigon's forces have launched another drive to open Route 13 south of An Loc. At last report the operation was encountering little resistance.

In Binh Dinh Province, where the Communists already control the three northern districts, the enemy on Saturday attacked Phu My, the northernmost district town still in government hands. Saigon's forces have turned back the attacks so far, but the Communists are preparing for further assaults.

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YUGOSLAVIA-USSR

President Tito has arrived in Moscow for five days of talks with Soviet leaders.

*Tito, of course, will seek further details on the US-Soviet summit talks, particularly the SALT agreements and the implications of a coming period of European detente. Tito will attempt to assess the impact on Yugoslavia's nonaligned course. He is already trying to rally nonaligned leaders in the Mediterranean area to convene a conference to promote their joint interests in European security talks. This effort is not appreciated by Moscow, which sees it as an unwelcome complication. Tito will also want to discuss the Middle East. He has long feared that the interests of small states like Yugoslavia would be ignored in any great power confrontation in the area.*

*On the bilateral plane, the visit should further strengthen the agreement to downplay political differences that was reached during Brezhnev's visit to Belgrade last fall. Since then, Moscow has cleared the atmosphere by granting sizable credits to help bolster the troubled Yugoslav economy and has generally avoided raising contentious issues. The tenor of the visit was presaged by Moscow's lavish praise of Tito on his 80th birthday last month. Moscow seems to have concluded that a cooperative policy with Belgrade serves Soviet interests more effectively than the strong-arm tactics it has used in the past.*

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NOTES

Romania: The only Warsaw Pact government to be represented at the Stockholm conference on the environment opening today will be Romania. Bucharest announced it would attend on Thursday, after it had become clear that the USSR and its other Eastern European allies would boycott the meeting in protest against the exclusion of East Germany. Although they may have preferred not to go it alone, the Romanians presumably believed their participation would provide a relatively innocuous demonstration of their independence.

Cambodia: Voting was heavy in the presidential election yesterday. There were no reports of significant Communist military actions aimed at disrupting the balloting. Provisional results announced by the Information Ministry today give President Lon Nol 57 percent of the votes cast.

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