

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST



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LATE ITEM

Berlin As of 1 p.m. Berlin time (8 a.m. here), the Soviets had not yet tested our move to limit their access to West Berlin by bus or armored carrier to either the Brandenburg gate or the Sandkrug Bridge in the British sector. So far they have only sent an automobile to reconnoitre the Sandkrug bridge route.

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1. Congo

a. Tshombé yesterday publicly accepted the UN's plan for federation, specifically agreeing to a 50-50 split in Katangan revenues and to allowing a disinterested agency to handle foreign currency earnings. He set no conditions, but did imply the UN and government forces would have to pull out of Katanga first.

b. Katangan officials were furious at the news (which came on the heels of Tshombé's announcement) that the UN had landed Central Government forces at Kamina. This action is likely to give the Katangans the excuse they may be counting on for not going beyond issuance of well-meaning words.

c. Gardiner, UN Chief in the Congo, considers Tshombé's response pretty ambiguous but says the UN there is prepared to "grasp the little that is good" if Tshombé means business. There has been no reaction yet from Adoula, who is likely to be both skeptical and uncooperative. Spaak feels encouraged and the British are "gratified."

d. We understand both Union Minière and Rhodesia's Welensky have been urging Tshombé to be forthcoming; Tshombé has been busy the past weekend selling the idea to reluctant tribal bosses in the south.

2. Bolivia

a. President Paz told Ambassador Stephansky yesterday that he will have to "postpone indefinitely" his visit to the US because we have not given him assurances of measures to ameliorate the effects on Bolivia of US tin sales. A press statement to this effect was subsequently issued in La Paz.

b. Bolivia also has "suspended" its participation in the OAS, in protest over failure of the Council to act on its complaint against Chile in the Lauca River dispute.

3. Cambodia

Sihanouk told the press yesterday he is not satisfied with letters from the Western powers recognizing Cambodia's territorial integrity. He wants specific guarantees. Then came the oft repeated, though never carried out, threat to turn to the Communist Chinese. Though aware of Western opposition, he still seems to favor the idea of an international conference.

4. USSR

The eighth nuclear test in the current series occurred over Novaya Zemlya on Sunday. All have been air-drops.



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5. Cuba

a. The joint Soviet-Cuban communiqué issued on Sunday does not bring the USSR any closer to a commitment to come to the military defense of Cuba. It sounds like an effort to justify continued large-scale military shipments in the face of evidence that the US is becoming increasingly concerned over the situation.

b. Probably over half of the 16 Soviet dry cargo ships now en route to Cuba are carrying military equipment of one sort or another. Their arrival will bring to 69 the number of Bloc dry cargo ships to have made this trip since the current influx began six weeks ago.

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NOTES

- A. Algeria Clashes continued this morning amid extraordinary pacifist demonstrations by the population as Ben Bella forces advance toward Algiers. The showdown is likely to come today and will probably be relatively peaceful as, at latest report, rebellious Wilaya IV troops have been ordered to cease fire and return to their barracks.
- B. Brazil The resignation yesterday of Finance Minister Moreira Salles may precipitate both an economic and political crisis in Brazil. He was the only generally conservative member in the cabinet.

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- D. Indonesia The Soviet light cruiser promised Indonesia last year is apparently about to depart the Black Sea. It is the first of its class to be transferred to another country by the USSR and follows four smaller warships which departed for Indonesia last week.

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- E. Malaya So far at least, the Communists and sympathizers in Singapore are taking their defeat in Sunday's referendum on federation lying down.

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