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DAILY BRIEF

I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

SIRAB Czechoslovakia-India: Czechoslovakia, the second bloc country to commit itself to aid for India's Third Five-Year Plan (1961-66), on 24 November extended a \$46,000,000 credit for the construction of heavy industrial projects. The USSR agreed in July to provide an initial credit of \$375,000,000 for the third plan. Bloc credits to India since 1955 now total almost \$750,000,000, less than \$175,000,000 of which has been delivered. Most of the aid projects agreed on earlier will be implemented after the start of the third plan.

II. ASIA-AFRICA

Yemen: (The Imam has armed and alerted at least 2,000 loyal tribesmen after learning of a plot aimed at his overthrow. The leader of the plot, according to a 24 November message from the Imam to Crown Prince Badr, is the sheik of the () Hashid tribe of northern Yemen. The sheik, resenting the Imam's orders to return a subsidy granted him by Badr last summer, apparently has planned an assassination attempt. He may also be in league with the tribal group which earlier this month sought British support for a revolt against the Imam.)

Tunisia: Tunisian foreign policy may be moving toward a more neutral position. The government, which a few weeks ago claimed it would not accept a resident Czechoslovak ambassador, apparently now will accept the Czech nominee and also name a Tunisian ambassador to Prague. Tunisia has also agreed to the establishment of diplomatic relations with Poland, and Bourguiba has declared his intention of "normalizing relations" with the USSR early in 1960.

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Japan: Prospects for the development of an effective anti-Communist Japanese Democratic Socialist party have improved with the defection on 25 November of twelve more Diet members from the leftist-dominated Japan Socialist party. The twelve immediately moved with the moderate Socialist group to organize the preparatory committee for the new party, which is to be officially established in January. The Diet strength of the moderate Socialist group now totals 45--about one fifth of the Socialists' strength in the Diet. The new party's staying power will depend not only on attracting additional Diet members but also on developing local support organizations.

III. THE WEST

<u>Cuba-USSR-Mexico</u> Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan may be invited to visit Cuba by pro-Communist Cuban leader "Che" Guevara. Guevara reportedly will attend a dinner to be given on 26 November in Mexico City by Mikoyan. Mikoyan on 19 November said he had no plans to go to Havana;

Mexican press reaction to Mikoyan's visit to Mexico to inaugurate the Soviet cultural and industrial exhibition has been predominantly critical to date. Criticism has centered on Mikoyan's propaganda attacks against the United States.

France: A considerable númber of French deputies, irked over the Debré government's high-handed treatment of the National Assembly, are using the politically popular issue of veterans' pensions to press the first vote of censure under a provision of the new constitution. While there is broad sentiment in favor of the Socialist-sponsored censure motion which comes to a vote on 27 November, the majority of the deputies are probably not ready to risk the dissolution of the assembly which De Gaulle has threatened if the cabinet is censured by the assembly.

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