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The anticipated upsurge of military action in the central highlands may have begun. Saigon announced on February 9 that a sharp clash has broken out 14 miles southwest of Pleiku City, only a few miles from a site where the government is scheduled to return some prisoners to the Communists next week. According to the government announcement, Communist troops shelled a government position and then mounted an infantry attack. Government troops supported by armor reportedly killed 54 Communists.

Fighting remains light elsewhere.

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