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## TRANSFER FOR AFRICA'S TRANSITION

Transition magazine, the intellectual and political forum for English-speaking blacks across the African continent until its young publisher, Rajat Neogy, was jailed two years ago for offending the Ugandan Government, is starting up again, this time in Ghana—with Neogy back on the job. Transition is financed by the International Association for Cultural Freedom, which in turn is funded by the Ford Foundation.

## THAILAND: GUERRILLA THREAT GROWS

While Thailand sends troops to neighboring Cambodia, Communist insurgency in Thailand's own northern districts is becoming bolder. Last week, a guerrilla ambush in the Pua district killed ten policemen out of thirteen who were attacked at a highway checkpoint. A month earlier, more than 100 guerrillas had staged a raid in the north—one of the biggest attacks in years.

## U.S. DEFENSE, EIGHT YEARS HENCE

In the light of the Nixon doctrine, the Joint Chiefs of Staff have painstakingly overhauled and updated their projection of U.S. global strategy as of about eight years from now. This projection, known as the JSOP (Joint Strategic Objectives Plan) calls for sharp cuts in conventional forces such as Army divisions and naval ships, while maintaining a strong nuclear deterrent. The cost: an annual \$70 billion, compared to \$80 billion at the height of the Vietnam war.

## THE HIGH COST OF BEING RECOGNIZED

Ceylon is expected to become the 24th country to recognize East Germany now that Mrs. Sirinavo Bandaranaike has returned to power. Recognition of the Pankow regime was one of her campaign promises. The question is: can East Germany afford it? According to reliable reports in Bonn, when Algeria recognized East Germany earlier this year, the Algerians were promised a 100-million-mark (\$27 million) loan.