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1. South Vietnam

General Khanh says that a military-civilian council will be appointed in about a week and charged with setting up a new government. Khanh said that the election of an assembly might be postponed.

Khanh maintains that he has satisfied the Buddhists, but this remains to be proved. The Buddhists have at least calmed down for the present. Order is being maintained in the major cities, and there was no Buddhist reaction to this morning's execution of a terrorist.

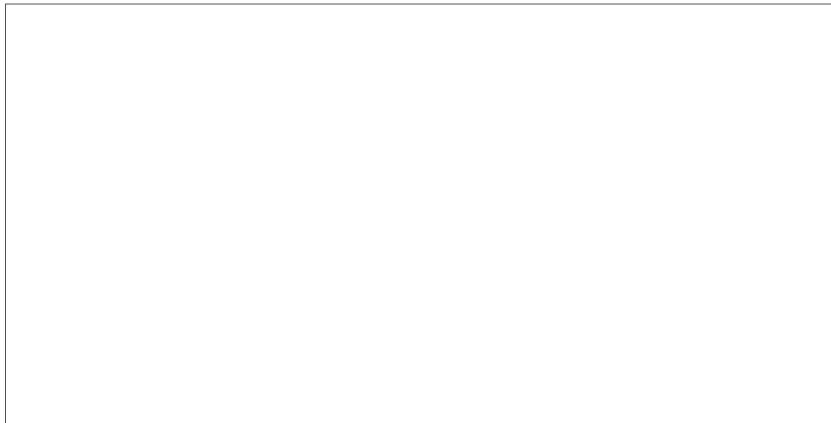
Buddhist leader Tri Quang, in a conciliatory conversation with a US Embassy officer yesterday, said he was returning to his home in Hué for a "long stay." Today he issued a press statement denying that the Buddhists are anti-American.

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2. USSR-China



3. USSR



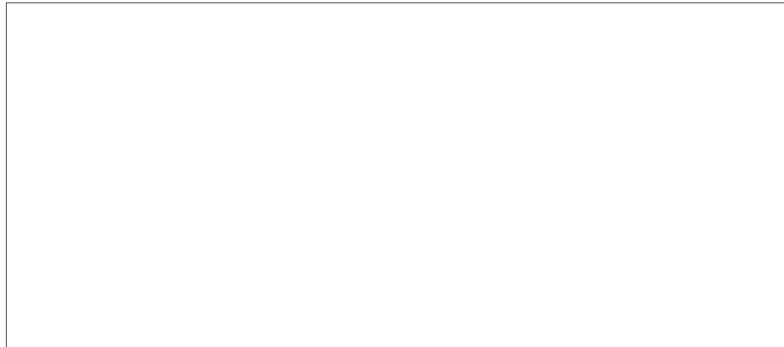
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4. Soviet Bloc

Economic differences within the Soviet bloc may be widened during the current Prague meeting of CEMA, the bloc's economic organization. Controversy is expected over responses to President Johnson's "bridge-building" concept. There also will be a ruckus over the drafting of a coordinated economic program for 1965.

5. Ghana



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6. Congo

Tshombé is still receiving aid from Portugal and South Africa. The Portuguese in Angola recently airlifted ammunition and other supplies to Leopoldville; more flights are scheduled. Also, [redacted]

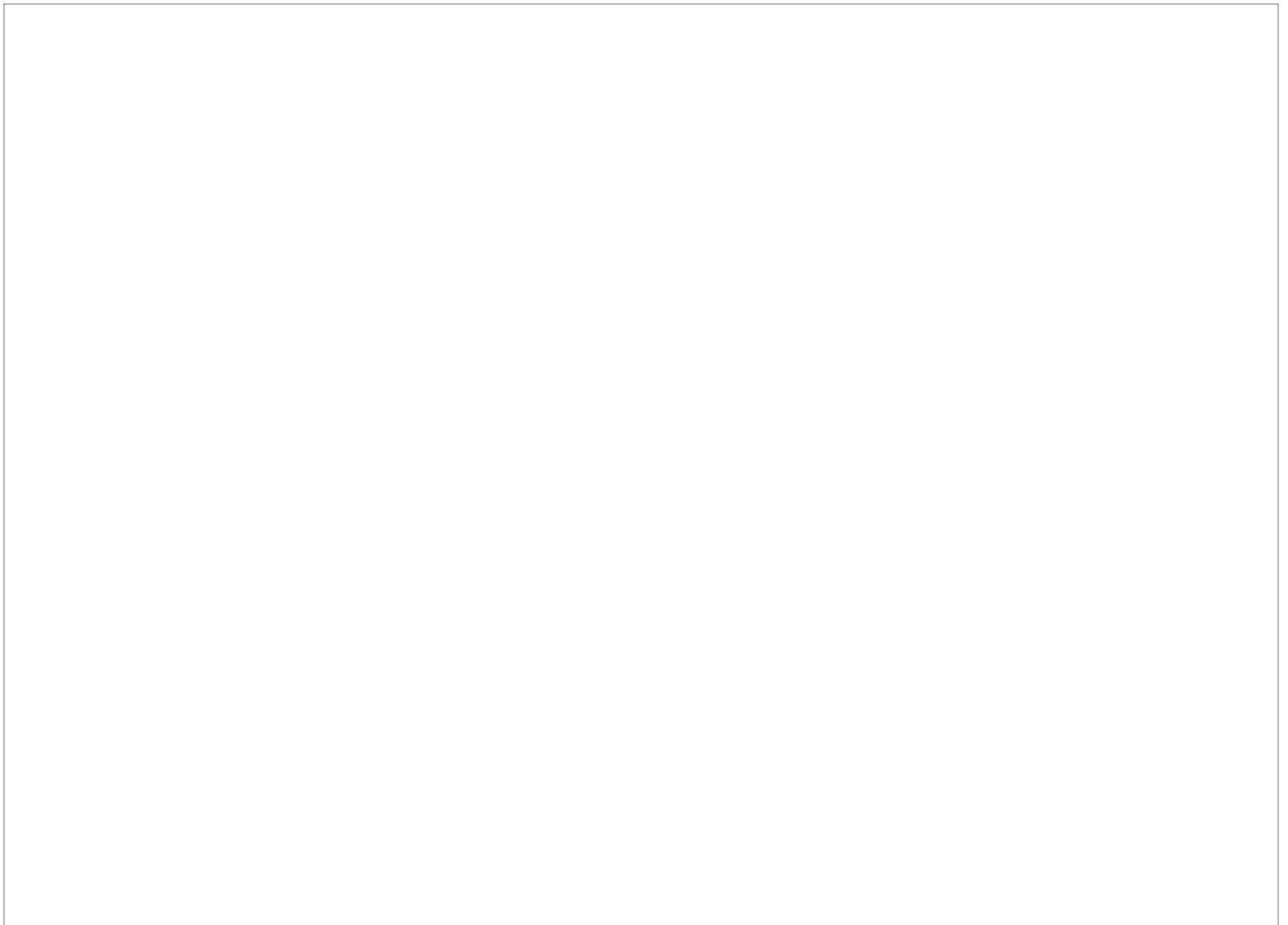
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[redacted] some 350 South African mercenaries are going to the Congo soon, and many of these will be South African Army regulars on leave status.

Tshombé's receipt of aid from these sources is a red flag to nationalistic Africans.

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