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1. Communist China

Bloody fighting--at an unprecedented level--has recently broken out in Canton. Travelers say a fierce fight there lasted from Sunday to Tuesday and all rail traffic in the area was shut down during that time.

In the Wuhan area, late--but still unconfirmed--reports say that the central authorities are now beginning to use paratroopers and other regulars against the dissident forces.

2. Soviet Union -Mongolia

The Russians are continuing to build up their forces in Mongolia.

All told, there may well be as many as 10,000 Soviet military personnel now in Mongolia.

3. Nigeria

The federal government's campaign against the East seems to be moving along reasonably well.

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4. France

France is likely to establish some sort of official commercial representation in East Germany "very soon." If it comes off, the East German regime will certainly view this as a major breakthrough in its drive for international acceptance. Paris will represent it as a move forwarding detente, but Bonn will be upset and claim that De Gaulle is supporting a separate East Germany.

5. Cuba

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