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1. South Vietnam



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**2. Czechoslovakia -
Soviet Union**

The Czechoslovak Central Committee plenum is now set for Thursday, and one leading liberal told his associates it will be the occasion for major personnel shifts and "disillusionment for the nation."

The strength of the conservatives depends almost entirely on the amount of muscle Moscow is willing to put behind them, and this is still not clear. At the very least, however, it seems certain that the many unrepentant liberals in the media will be in for a rough time.

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3. Soviet Union -
Cuba

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Moscow has offered to liberalize the terms of its economic aid program to Cuba [redacted]. The Soviets are also willing to provide new military equipment. The Cubans regard these proposals as the most favorable to come out of Moscow in years. Fidel Castro's qualified endorsement of the invasion of Czechoslovakia probably has something to do with the Soviet largesse.

4. Pakistan

The shots which rang out in Ayub's presence Sunday apparently were fired into the air by a 17-year-old student who merely wanted to disrupt the meeting Ayub was about to address. This was one of several displays of student discontent over the past few days. The unrest seems to be on the decline at the moment.

5. Okinawa

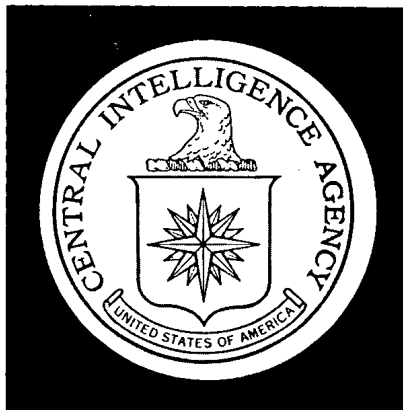
The victor in Okinawa's first election for chief executive is a political-ly inexperienced leftist, Chobyu Yara. Yara, a respected figure but one with no power base of his own, will have to look for support to the three-party opposition coalition. He himself seems to be a moderate on US-Okinawa issues, but the coalition contains radical socialists and Communists who are not.

Conservatives still control the Okinawa legislature.

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