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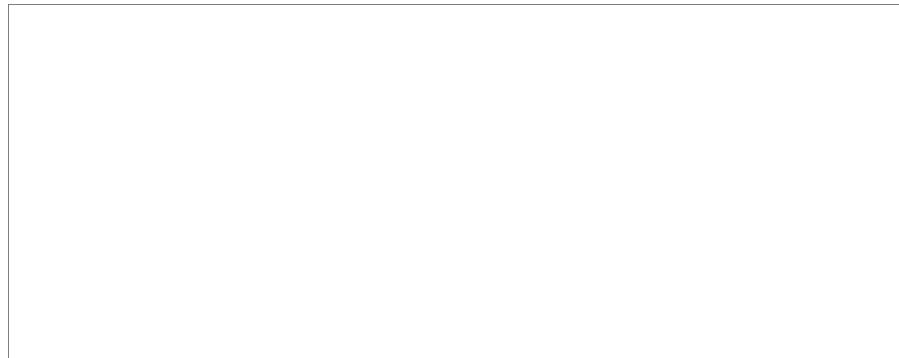
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I. MAJOR PROBLEMS

VIETNAM



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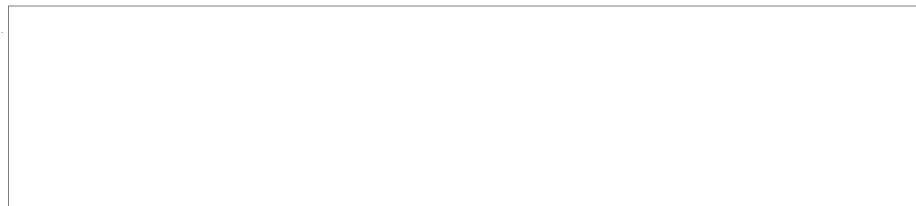


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SOVIET AFFAIRS

Soviet space support ships in the Atlantic and Pacific are moving toward stations which would indicate another un-manned lunar mission within the next week or so.

EUROPE



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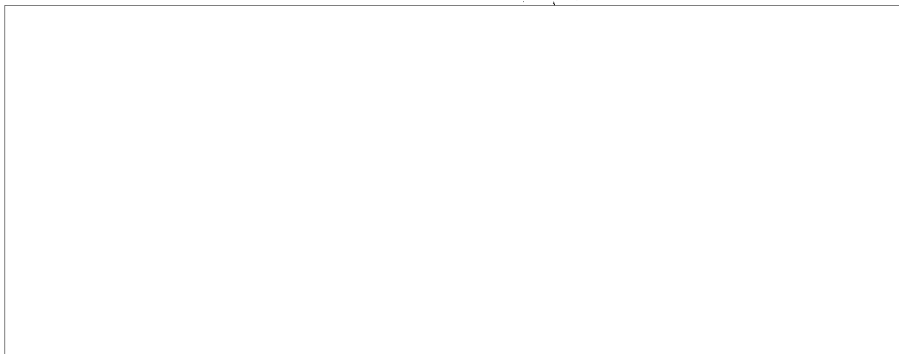
II. OTHER IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS

LAOS

There has been no major fighting since government forces failed in their attempt to retake Muong Soui some two weeks ago. Heavy air strikes may be helping to prevent the enemy from following up tactical advantages.



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CAMBODIA

Sihanouk, who has good reason for worry about his country's economy, is in another of his periodic slumps. His threat on Tuesday to resign as chief of state--not by any means the first--apparently was meant to set the stage for a major governmental shake-up, as well as to remind his domestic critics that there is no palatable alternative to his rule. Sihanouk gave no hint of what steps any new government might take to ease the country's malaise. He did, however, make it clear he has no intention of relinquishing his control of Cambodian affairs, even if he does step down.

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INDONESIA

There has been an unexpected spin-off in Indonesia from the flight of Apollo 11. Conservative Muslim leaders, who were convinced in advance that the mission was not in accord with the Koran, have lost face. More liberal followers of Islam, as well as non-Muslims, view the moon shot's success as a welcome assist in lessening the hold of traditional Muslim leaders on the people.

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