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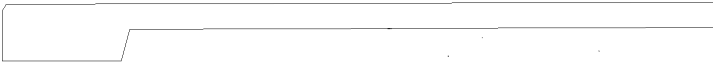
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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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Allende has reversed himself and now plans to ne-
gotiate democratic guarantees with the Christian
Democrats. *(Page 3)*

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MIDDLE EAST

The Jordan cease-fire is being respected by both the fedayeen and the Jordanian Army.

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Progress continues to be made in restoring communications and services in the capital, and private cars and buses were allowed back on the road Saturday morning.

The fedayeen remain in control of three key sectors of Amman, including the area where the US Embassy is located. Jordan south of Amman is in the hands of the army. In the north, the fedayeen apparently remain in control of Ramtha, Irbid, and, with Iraqi assistance, Mafraq.

The Arab Supervisory Committee has directed that the cease-fire agreement, including demilitarization of the cities, be completed by 1200 Monday. The compliance of the fedayeen in the north, however, remains in doubt. This area is the stronghold of the more extreme fedayeen organizations which so far have refused to endorse the cease-fire agreement negotiated by Arafat.

Public security forces and customs officials at Ramtha have been ordered to return to work. This will clear the way for the formal reopening of the Syrian-Jordanian border, which will allow thousands of Jordanians who fled to Syria during the fighting to return home.

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Calm has returned to Cairo, but a heavy police and military guard is being maintained throughout the city. Yesterday at least 15 different student demonstrations took place in the capital but the authorities did not appear to be unduly perturbed.

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CAMBODIA

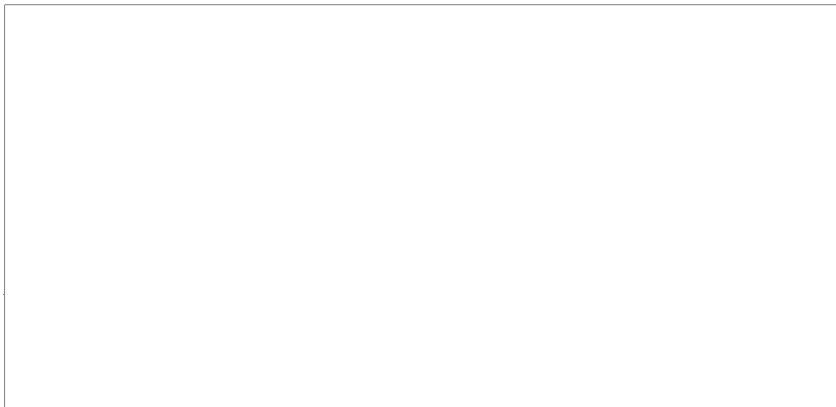
Lon Nol has told Ambassador Swank that Cambodia will be proclaimed a republic this week. For reasons which are not entirely clear, Lon Nol appeared to be somewhat defensive about the step: he explained that there was considerable pressure for a republic and that he feared "some troops might lay down their arms" unless the move was taken soon. Lon Nol added that the proclamation of a republic would make it more difficult for Sihanouk to return to Cambodia. Swank believes the government may also hope that the conversion to a republic will revive some of the elan of the heady days immediately following Sihanouk's ouster.

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The military situation continues to be quiet.

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Chile: In a change of tactics, Allende has agreed to negotiate with the Christian Democratic Party (PDC) on its demands for the inclusion of democratic guarantees in the constitution. Ambassador Korry reports that Allende's concession eliminates "any possibility" that the PDC convention this weekend will adopt an anti-Allende position. Allende only needs about 20 of the 75 PDC votes to be confirmed as president-elect in the congressional runoff later this month.

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