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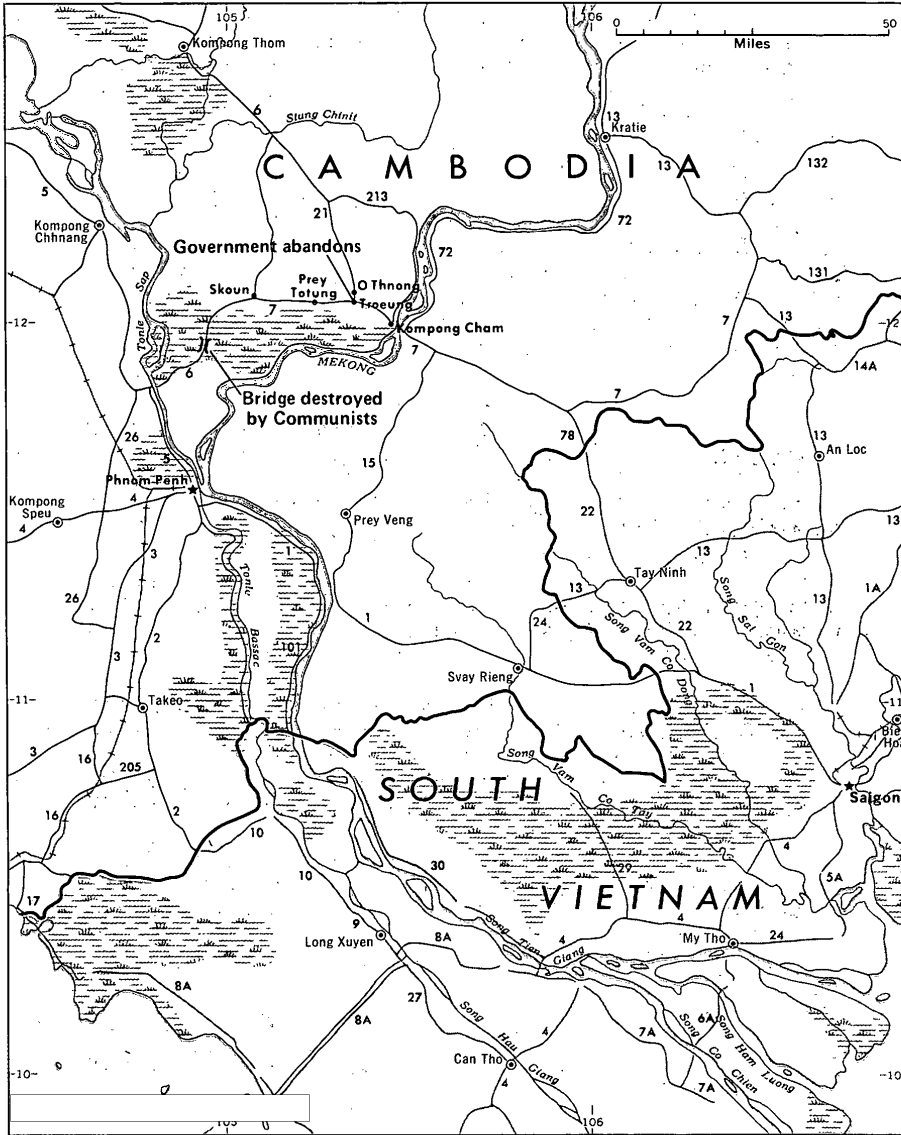
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Cambodia: Current Situation



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CAMBODIA

The government has decided to use seven battalions from the "Chenla" column on Route 6 to clear enemy forces from their positions along Route 7, between Skoun and Kompong Cham city, and along Route 6, west and south of Skoun. The Communists destroyed a key bridge some 15 miles south of Skoun yesterday, preventing the planned movement of government reinforcements from Phnom Penh to Kompong Cham.

The brunt of the enemy's effort appears to be directed against government positions at Prey Totung and Troeung, on Route 7, and against O Thnong, north of Troeung on Route 21. Intense Communist ground fire has thus far prevented the aerial resupply of the Khmer Krom battalion defending Prey Totung. Troeung was abandoned to the enemy on 9 November. O Thnong apparently is still surrounded by the Communists. Government troops there were preparing yesterday to withdraw to the west because they had run out of ammunition and food.

The Communists appear to be trying to forestall possible Cambodian advances north and east of Route 6. The need to divert seven battalions from the "Chenla" column to meet the attacks in Kompong Cham may cause the government to postpone plans to push beyond current positions on Route 6, and to reconsider the size of the force it can commit to this operation.

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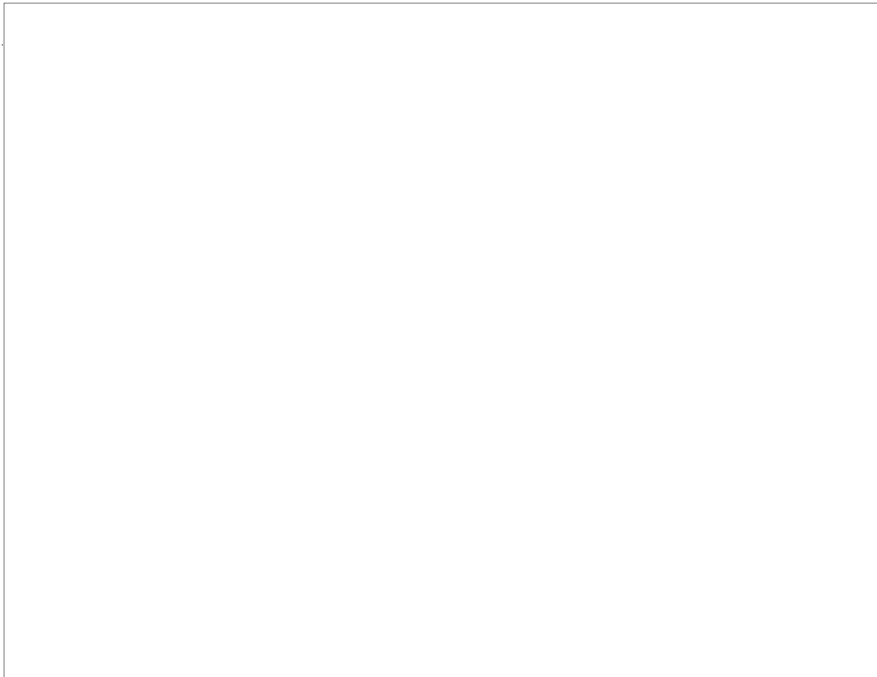
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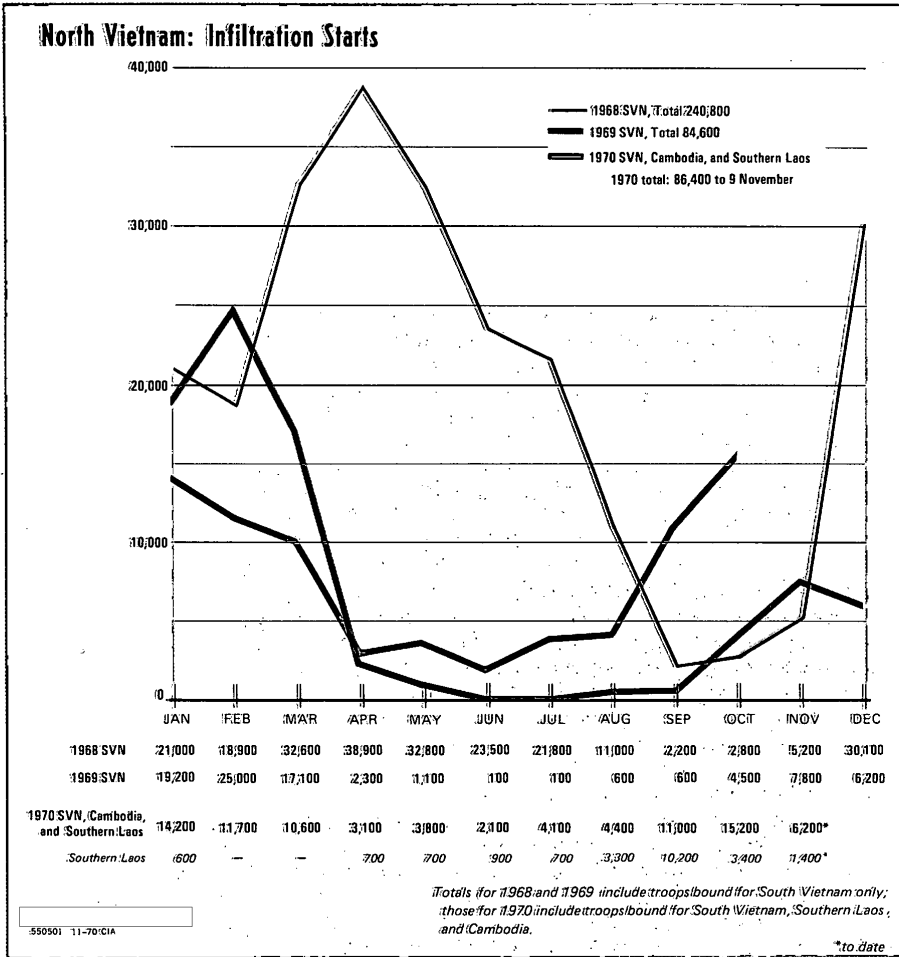
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So far in November about 6,200 infiltrators have been detected heading south. More than half are headed for the COSVN area covering southern South Vietnam and Cambodia. Only about 500 troops are clearly earmarked for the northern part of South Vietnam. The destinations of the other 2,200 are not yet clear, but about 1,400 of them seem to be part of a regiment and are bearing designators similar to those used by the two North Vietnamese regiments that were moving toward southern Laos in September and October.

Infiltration is moving at about the same pace as in October, when approximately 6,000 troops were detected starting south during the first two weeks. The total since 1 October is now about 21,400. Last fall, when dry-season infiltration got under way somewhat later, about one-third this number had entered the pipeline by mid-November.

Most of the troops heading for COSVN are expected to go to Cambodia. The buildup of combat troops in southern Laos and Cambodia reflects Hanoi's primary concern at this point--the protection of its lines of communication through the Laotian panhandle and Cambodia and the rebuilding of the logistic facilities and troop units which it needs to sustain the war.

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Soviet Rocket Launcher Seen Near Cairo



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-FROG short range surface-to-surface missile and transporter-erector-launcher, seen here in a Soviet parade.

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EGYPT-USSR

The latest satellite photography shows six Frog-7 surface-to-surface rocket launchers near Cairo.

This is the first time that Frog-7 launchers have been seen in Egypt, although the system was ordered from the USSR in 1966. Whether the launchers are manned by Egyptians or Soviets is not known. Some Egyptians were trained after Egypt first ordered the system.

The Frog is not accurate enough to attack the heavy bunkers of Israel's Bar Lev Line. It could be effective in a counterartillery role, however, with a cluster bomb warhead. The Frog has a range of about 40 nm with a CEP of 500 meters at maximum range.

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CHILE

A committee of economists and technicians working for Allende has recommended procedures for the nationalization of foreign mining companies. Negotiations would be conducted under a new mining code to be presented to Congress before the end of this year. By the same date, teams would be appointed to negotiate complete nationalization of the US-developed copper and iron mines.

Despite the relatively moderate pace the committee suggests for Allende's nationalization program its proposals would raise problems on the compensation to be paid the US companies. The committee bases its proposals on an evaluation of US holdings at \$242 million, with payment to be made in 20 to 30-year bonds bearing four percent interest. US copper mining investments carry a book value of more than \$400 million, however, which is insured under a US Government program.



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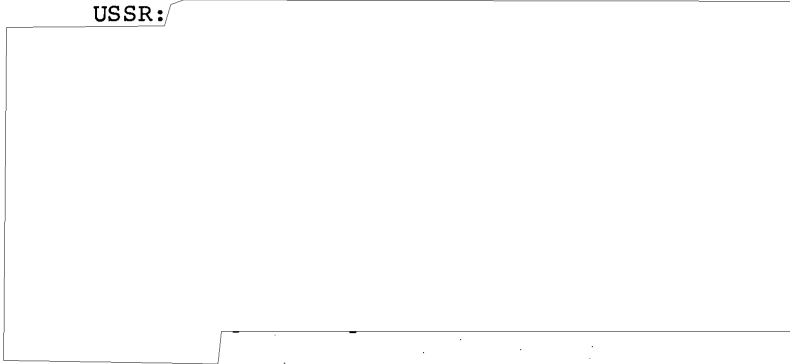
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NOTES

USSR:



USSR: Luna 17, launched from Tyuratam aboard an SL-12 space booster yesterday, is expected to orbit the moon before attempting a soft landing. We do not know whether the probe will be returned to earth as was Luna 16, which brought back a soil sample in September. The launch marks the third consecutive success of the SL-12 booster and the ninth in 22 firings.

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