

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Algeria

The OAS may finally be running out of steam. It has extended its "truce" until midnight tomorrow and is bound to be affected by a final dramatic appeal from Gen. Jouhaud calling on it to give up the fight. Jouhaud was to have been put to death last night; we have no word yet as to whether De Gaulle succumbed to the strong pressures on him to commute the sentence to life imprisonment.

2. Congo

The Tshombé-Adoula talks continue-- in a desultory way--with a few procedural questions agreed, but nothing substantive. Adoula has spoken favorably of Tshombé for the first time, but is convinced he will not sign a meaningful final communiqué. An important form of pressure on Tshombé to do so went by the boards last week when Union Minière decided to raise dividends, to resume payments to the Katangan Government, and not to make any payments in escrow or otherwise to the central government.

3. Soviet Bloc
conclave

Tirana has issued an official statement complaining that Albania was not invited to the top-drawer Bloc economic council meeting which got under way today in Moscow. China, North Korea and North Vietnam have apparently not sent observers, as they have normally done in the past. Delegations from Eastern Europe are heavily larded with top economic planning and foreign trade officials. There are no defense or foreign affairs personnel present.

4. Mao Tse-tung

We have been watching for some time signs of Mao Tse-tung's declining energies and competence. He has not yet assumed the sinecure position of "honorary chairman" of the party created for him in 1956; he probably feels that to do so at the present low point in his party's fortunes would entail too serious a loss of face. Nevertheless his own references to weakening powers, his generally unimpressive (and increasingly rare) public performances

[redacted] suggest that for practical purposes the 68-year-old leader is already out of the picture.

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NOTES

- A. The three princes meeting gets under way tomorrow with fair prospects for agreement on several major issues. Phoumi may prove tractable at the outset hoping Souphannouvong will snarl things up.
- B. The French National Assembly today defeated by a wide margin a motion to censure the Pompidou government for its Algerian policy. It was promoted by rightwing and Algerian deputies who had hoped for support from those dissatisfied with De Gaulle's European policies.
- C. Heavy publicity being given recent incidents between South Koreans and US troops has whipped up popular feeling against the US and has resulted in new pressure from Seoul for early negotiations on a status of forces agreement.
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- E. A gastroenteritis epidemic in Honduras, apparently from contaminated milk, has already claimed the lives of over 65 children and threatens to reach even more disastrous proportions. Ambassador Burrows has asked for urgent US Navy and AID assistance.
- F. Our embassy in Moscow reports that the Soviet government has now made teletype lines available on a rental basis to all Western news agencies having Moscow bureaus. Soviet telecommunications officials, meanwhile, have hinted that Moscow would welcome discussions with us in diplomatic channels concerning VOA broadcasts and the problem of Soviet jamming.

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