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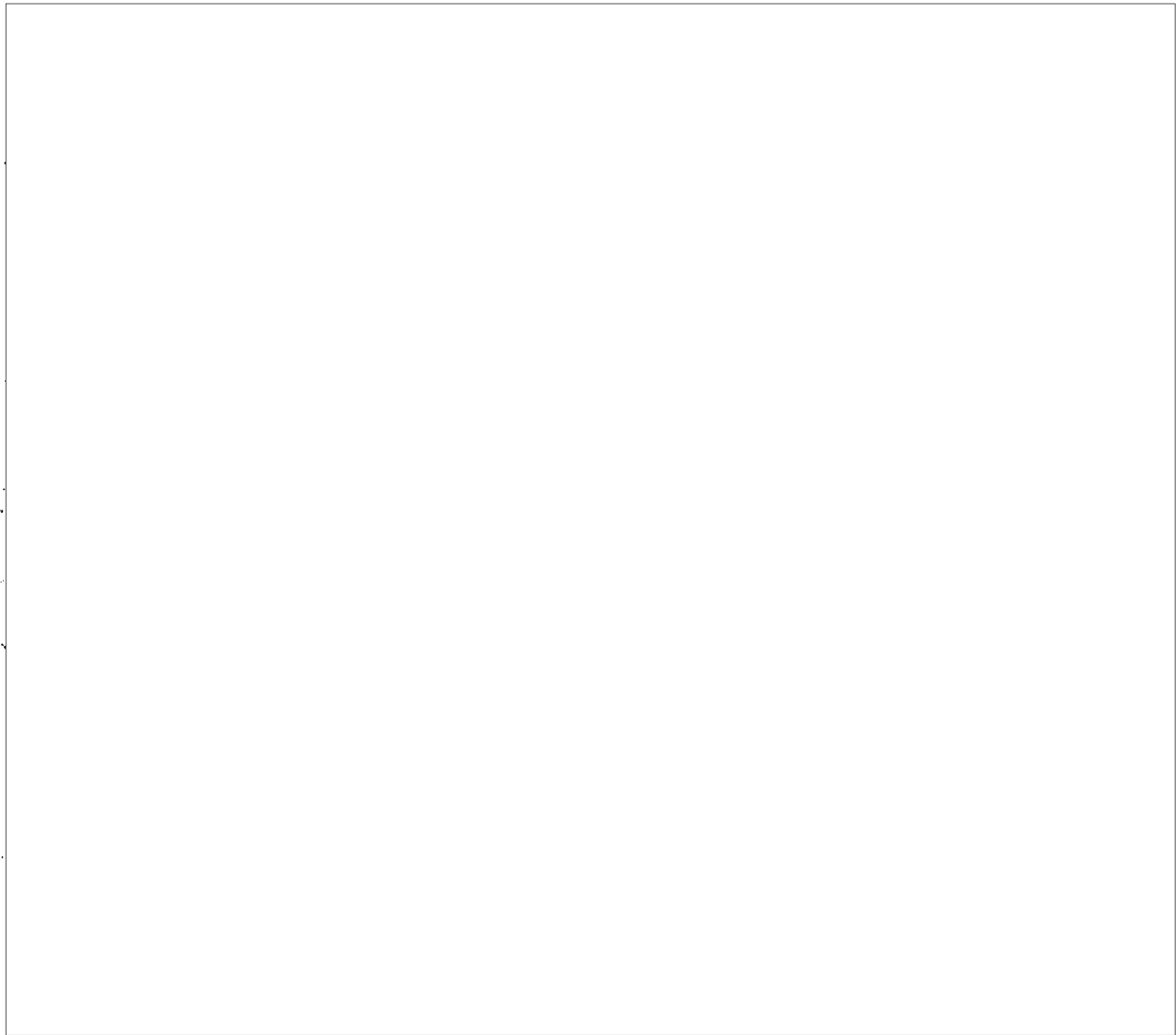
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1. Uganda



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2. USSR

Yesterday's Brief reported Kosygin's acceptance of a West German invitation. According to a later report, Kosygin thanked the West Germans for their invitation and said he must consult his colleagues. However, as matters now stand, there seems no reason to think he will not go this summer or autumn.

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3. USSR

Soviet leaders are apparently going ahead with the long-talked-of 1 March meeting of 26 Communist parties, originally scheduled for last December as preparatory to a world Communist conference. Foreign delegates are now arriving in Moscow, but seats for Peiping's supporters as well as the Rumanians will probably stay empty. So far there are no signs that anything substantial will emerge.

It will serve, however, as another platform for condemnation of US policy in Vietnam.

Peiping has consistently blasted this conclave and may now be calling its own meeting of Communist factions supporting the Chinese line.

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4. Ghana

Nkrumah's troubles are deepening. His regime's attempts to cope with Ghana's economic deterioration are ineffectual, and he has been subject to increasing criticism at home and abroad for his treatment of domestic opposition. Most recently, according to the US Embassy, coup rumors are circulating to an unprecedented degree.

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5. Communist China

The Chinese are selling sterling, apparently as a hedge against possible devaluation of the pound. In the last month, they have exchanged sterling for about \$20 million worth of gold and \$42 million in other West European currencies.

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6. Malaysia

Sukarno is already changing the signals on talks with the Malaysians. He now says he wants a "summit" meeting including Macapagal of the Philippines. This would reduce the already slim chance for any real settlement.

7. Vietnam

There is so far no confirmation of the press story that in Binh Dinh Province, the Viet Cong massacred 90 bus passengers explicitly in retaliation for bombing raids on North Vietnam. The Viet Cong have been making large gains in the northern and central provinces, including Binh Dinh, interdicting lines of communication and limiting the government's control to the main towns. (See map.)

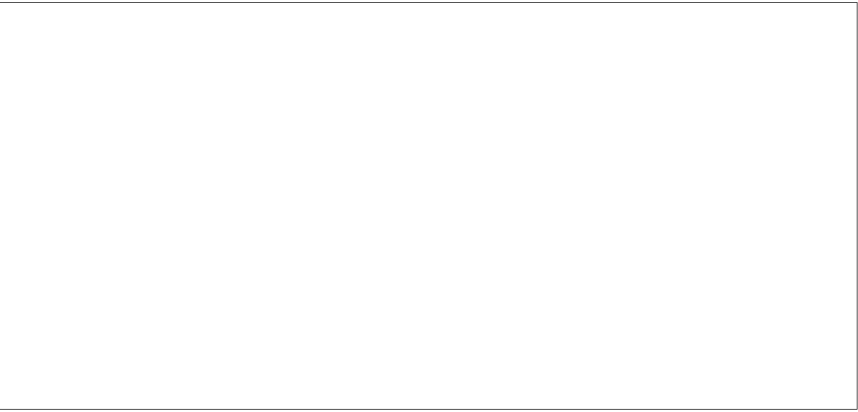


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There is more, still rather vague, talk of war weariness in Saigon and of a desire for an end to the fighting. So far, however, press reporting on statements by government and Buddhist leaders have overemphasized this.

Soviet diplomats appear to be putting on a concerted campaign urging the US to refrain from further action against North Vietnam and to consider some form of negotiation. Hanoi and Peiping statements, however, continue to demand US withdrawal.

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