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LATE ITEM

Dominican Republic

Loyalist forces are trying to clear the rebels out of Santo Domingo's northern industrial area.

Yesterday the loyalists gave their plans for clearing the area to the Organization of American States commission, which made no objection. This morning heavy firing was reported, but the progress of the loyalist effort is as yet unclear.

The rebel radio went off the air again yesterday afternoon, apparently following a loyalist attack. The radio has not been heard as of 11:00 AM, EDT, but its return to the air cannot be ruled out at this time.

The US Embassy expects the arrival of U Thant's advance team to complicate the situation in Santo Domingo. The Organization of American States' team is said to be shocked and dejected by the UN presence.

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1. North Vietnam

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Hanoi and Peiping have publicly attacked both President Johnson's renewed call for unconditional talks and Indian President Radhakrishnan's plan for a negotiated settlement. Peiping's ambassador in Paris turned quite red in the face when questioned last week about the prospect for talks. "There is absolutely no possibility for any negotiations," he insisted.

Neither Moscow nor Hanoi referred to President Johnson's remarks about China's standing in the way of talks. The South Vietnamese liberation front called the remarks a "cowardly attempt" to "sow discord" and declared the front needed no pressure from Peiping to convince it to fight on.

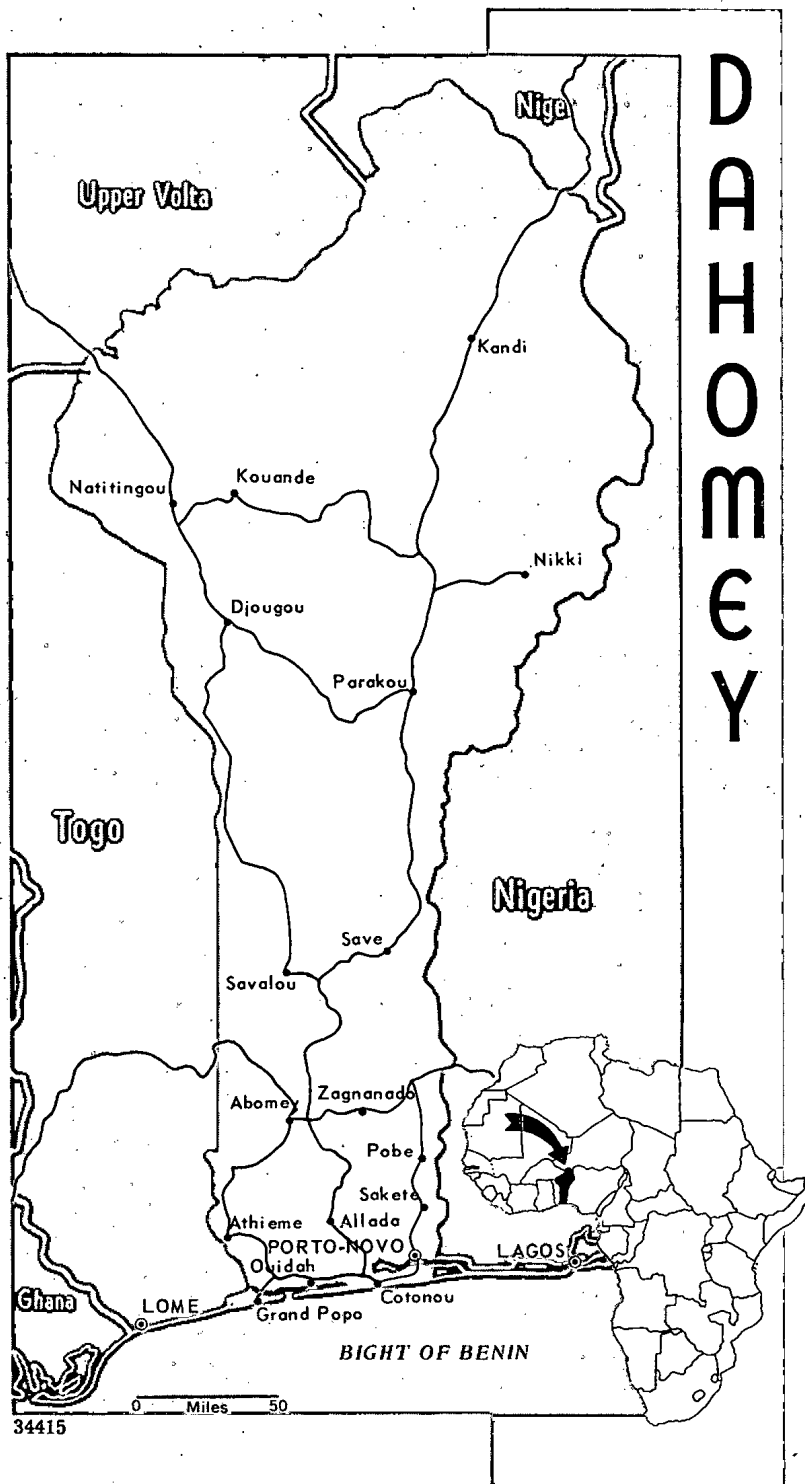
2. South Vietnam

Buddhist leader Tri Quang believes that the psychological lift provided by the air strikes against North Vietnam is beginning to wear off.

He says that he is now being criticized for not taking a stronger "peace" line. He expects pressures along these lines to grow and bring with them the risk of more violent expressions of anti-American feeling.

Ambassador Taylor comments that Quang's statements could foreshadow a new upsurge of Buddhist unrest and political activity.

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3. Soviet Union

Moscow is stepping up its watch on China as Sino-Soviet relations continue strained.

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The Soviets are also keenly interested in Peiping's nuclear weapons program. They have moved at least five sampling aircraft to the Far East and obviously plan a much more extensive debris collection effort than they carried out on China's initial test.

4. South Korea

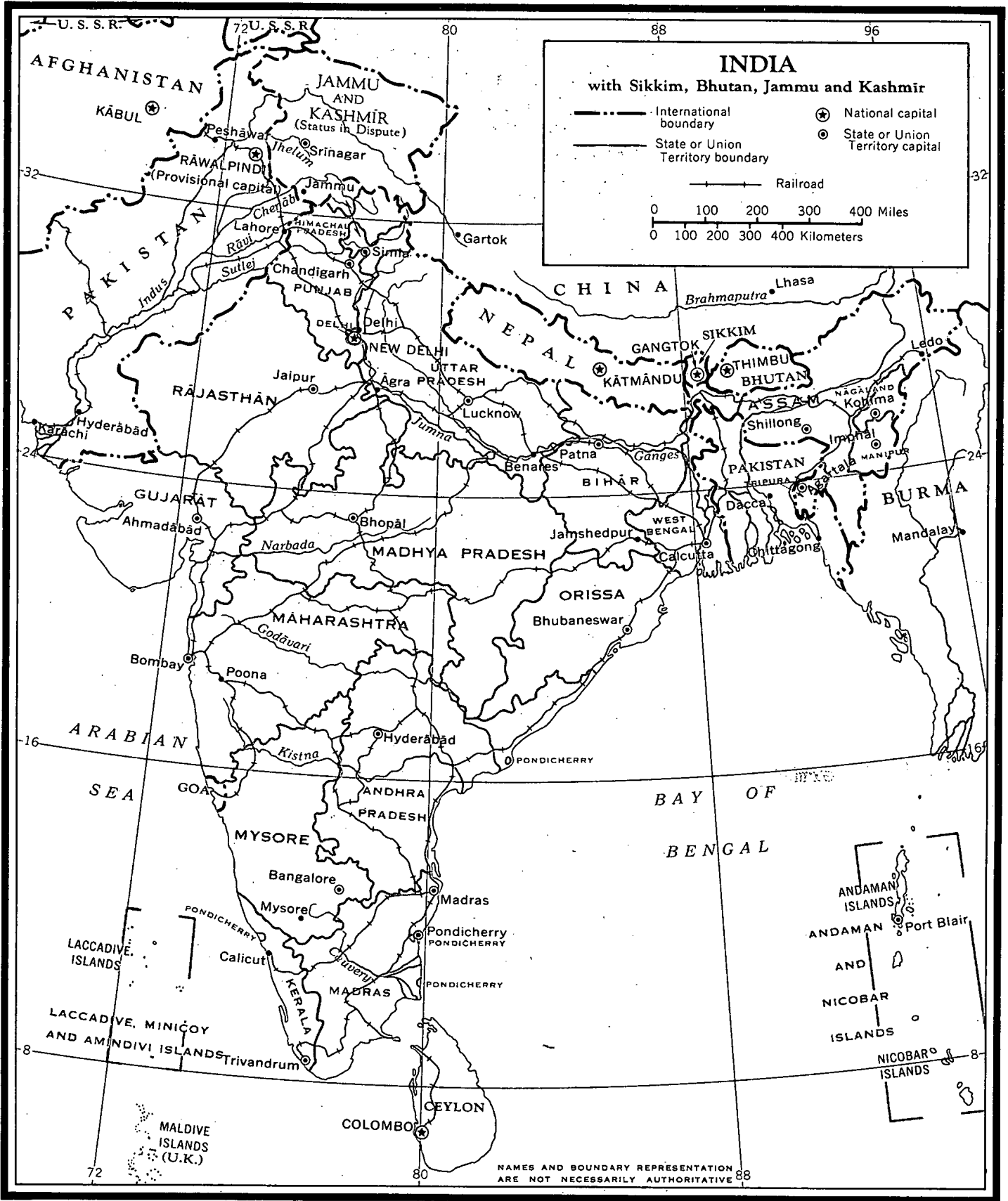
President Pak Chong-Hui is looking forward to his 17-18 May visit to Washington as an opportunity to strengthen his position at home. Korean politicians have been seeking his overthrow, using popular opposition to his policy of rapprochement with Japan as a weapon.

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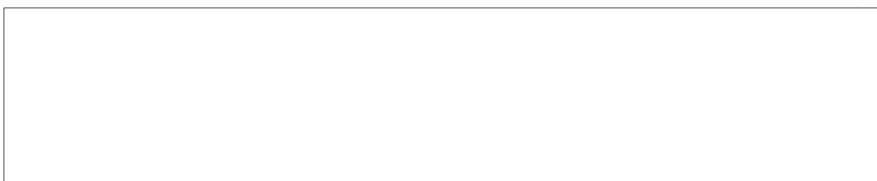
6. Pakistan

The Pakistanis tell us that they have on several recent occasions refrained from shooting down Indian reconnaissance aircraft over Pakistan. They say they did not wish to jeopardize efforts to nail down a formal ceasefire with India.

On the most recent occasion last Wednesday, the Pakistan Air Force had jet fighters in position to bring an Indian plane down over Lahore. (See map.) President Ayub personally issued a restraining order. Both sides have built up their border forces in the area around Lahore following the clashes in the Rann of Kutch.

7. Ecuador

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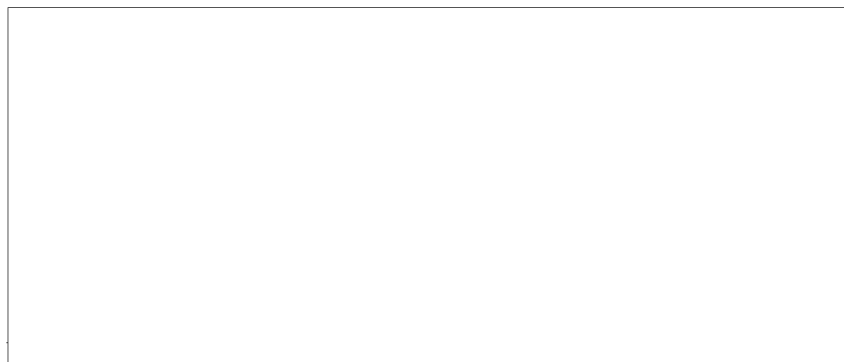
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terday, reinforced troops and police had to make liberal use of tear gas to keep order in the city's streets.

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So far the armed forces have stood with the junta. If this cohesion is maintained, the junta may well pull through this latest threat to its authority.

8. West Germany

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