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1. Cuba-US: There is little doubt in our minds that Castro deliberately sent his fishing boats into our territorial waters.

Although it is by no means certain that the provocation was designed to provide a pretext for shutting off the water supply to Guantanamo, circumstances suggest this may have been Castro's intention.

In addition to testimony of the two defected fishermen who said they were being sent on "a historic mission," Havana radio on Sunday, before the boats were taken to Key West, launched a new program series called "Cuba and the Guantanamo Base."

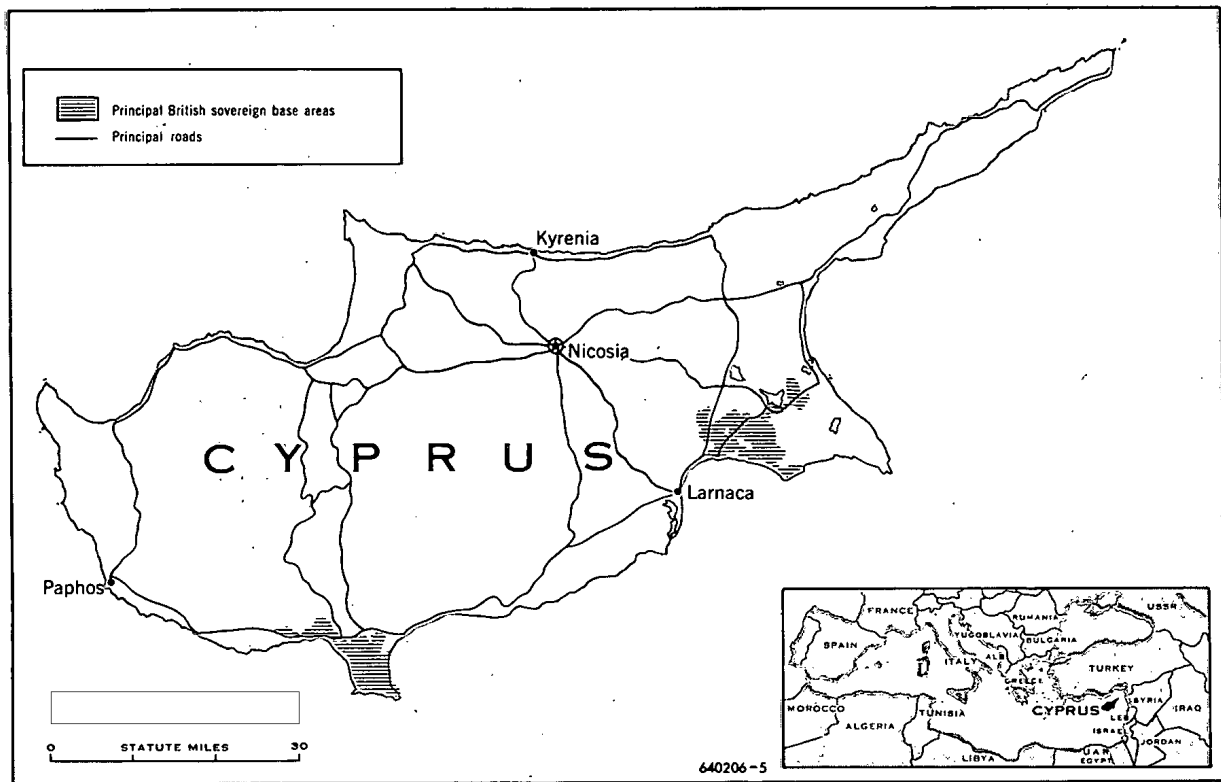
The first broadcast declared developments in Panama had raised again the question of US rights to the base.

The alacrity with which Moscow has picked up the issue suggests to us the possibility of Soviet foreknowledge.

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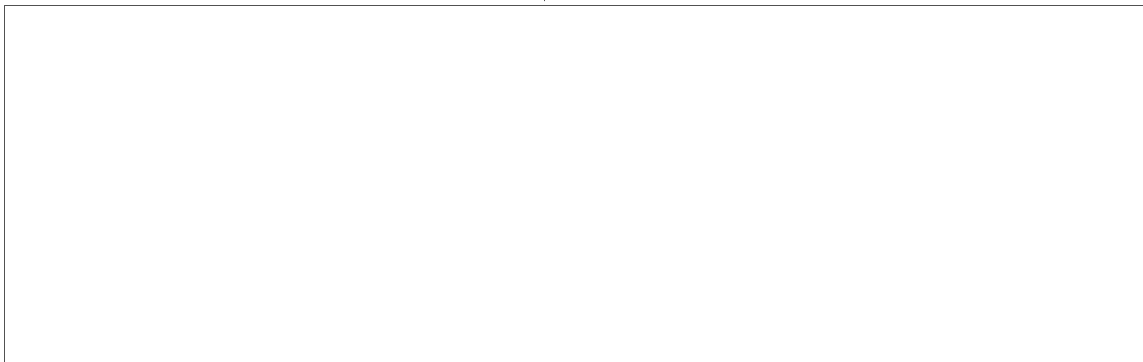
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2. Cyprus: The Greek and Turkish Cypriots are at each other's throat again.

Instances of violence are growing in number and severity.

Armed irregulars have begun appearing on the streets in Nicosia, and Americans are advised to stay indoors.



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Meantime, the search for a mutually acceptable formula on a force goes on. It is difficult to find common ground between Makarios' demands and the minimum Turkish position.

Makarios, with some support from the Greeks, is sticking to his demand for Security Council approval.

Press reports have it that he will come to New York next week if negotiations in London do not get anywhere by then.

The Turks are telling us in so many words that they will make no further concessions.

Inonu, however, is said to believe that the time for Turkish military intervention is past and he is determined to stick to the negotiations route as long as possible. We are convinced that this view is not accepted throughout the Turkish armed forces, nor could it be sustained by the government if the Turkish Cypriots begin to get the worst of it.

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Ambassador Wilkins has expressed his concern over the charged, anti-American atmosphere among the Greek Cypriots and has again recommended against including US troops in a peacekeeping force.

3. South Vietnam: By the strength and boldness of their recent attacks, the Viet Cong appear to be making a major effort to discredit the new regime in Saigon.

The tempo of Viet Cong activity had been rising gradually during the three weeks prior to the coup, but it has accelerated notably since 30 January in nearly all regions of the country.

The delta provinces south of Saigon are so far bearing the brunt of this.

Major General Khanh, meanwhile, has been moving rapidly to consolidate his control.

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He intends momentarily to announce a "government of national union" to succeed the civilian cabinet of Prime Minister Tho which has continued in a caretaker status.

According to Ambassador Lodge, General "Big" Minh will become titular Chief of State. Khanh will be Prime Minister and Chairman of the Revolutionary Military Council.

There will be three deputy prime ministers in charge of all of the working ministries.

Khanh is fully confident of broad military support, but there is still some talk of a countercoup and there remains some disquiet among Buddhists and students.

The appointment of "Big" Minh as Chief of State may ease this situation somewhat.

4. Greece: With the national elections coming up a week from Sunday, coup talk is again being heard in Greek military circles.

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This sort of thing accompanies nearly every election campaign, but is more urgent just now since this is the first election in more than a decade which the military's long-standing political partner, the right-of-center National Radical Union, is not expected to win.





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5. Panama: The upcoming carnival weekend could bring a renewal of anti-American violence.

The main student leaders have scheduled a mass meeting Sunday in Panama City to pay tribute to last month's "martyrs" and "defeat the Yankees." Many radio stations and newspapers are pumping out inflammatory material.

Agitators should find rich pickings amongst the crowds of idlers which will be larger than usual since the government banned a number of traditional carnival events.

Chiari is getting worried about the political repercussions of a deteriorating economy.



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After voting itself into an organ of consultation on Tuesday, the OAS turned to trying to set up an investigative peace commission. As nobody wanted to serve on it, it was finally decided on Thursday that everybody would.



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6. OAS-Cuba: The prospect of strong OAS action against Cuba over the Venezuelan arms cache issue is waning.

A Venezuelan briefing team has been making the rounds in hopes of drumming up support by laying out the facts. They did manage to impress Chile; even so, the Chileans will probably not vote for strong action.

The team did not seem to get very far with the Argentines, and will not even try Mexico which Caracas feels is a lost cause.

Brazil has been working hard to counter Betancourt's effort.

7. Ghana: Anti-American propaganda has been intensified as Nkrumah, seeing enemies behind every bush, lashes out against us in the hope of diverting the populace from the inadequacies of his own regime.

Events are moving very fast, Ambassador Mahoney reports, and more demonstrations are in prospect. He says the population at large seems generally unimpressed and aware it is all being stage-managed by Nkrumah's party agitators.

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Premier [redacted]
at the heavily guarded castle where he has holed up
since the assassination attempt last month. [redacted]

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The officer corps is more disturbed than ever over Nkrumah's recent behavior.

Mahoney, who returned here yesterday for consultation after Nkrumah refused to see him, feels the possibility of an early coup attempt by the army has increased.

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8. Congo: The Congo seems destined for another extended crisis.

Expanding terrorist excesses in Kwilu are bringing the unstable country close to anarchy.

The Congolese Army is undisciplined, its loyalties transitory, and the authority of the Leopoldville government still extends little beyond the city's limits.

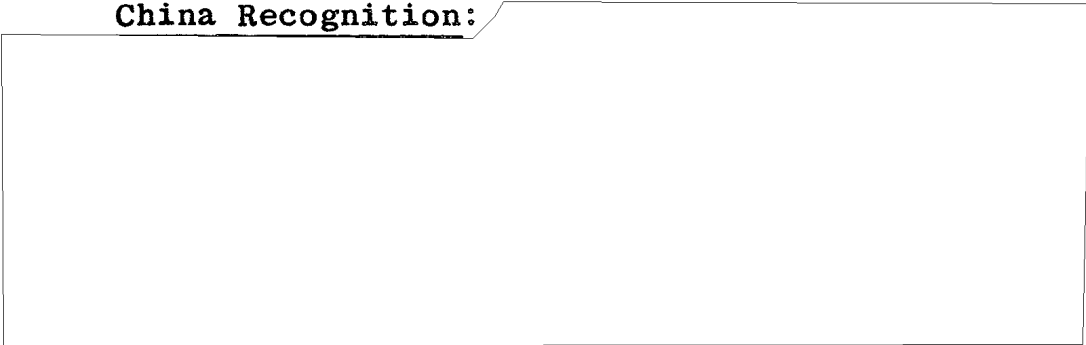
Despite this, U Thant remains determined to close out the UN's costly military operations by 1 July.

Meanwhile, efforts to form a government party and devise an acceptable constitution are faltering. Elections set for mid-year will probably have to be delayed.

Time is running out on the drifting Adoula regime. It commands scant backing

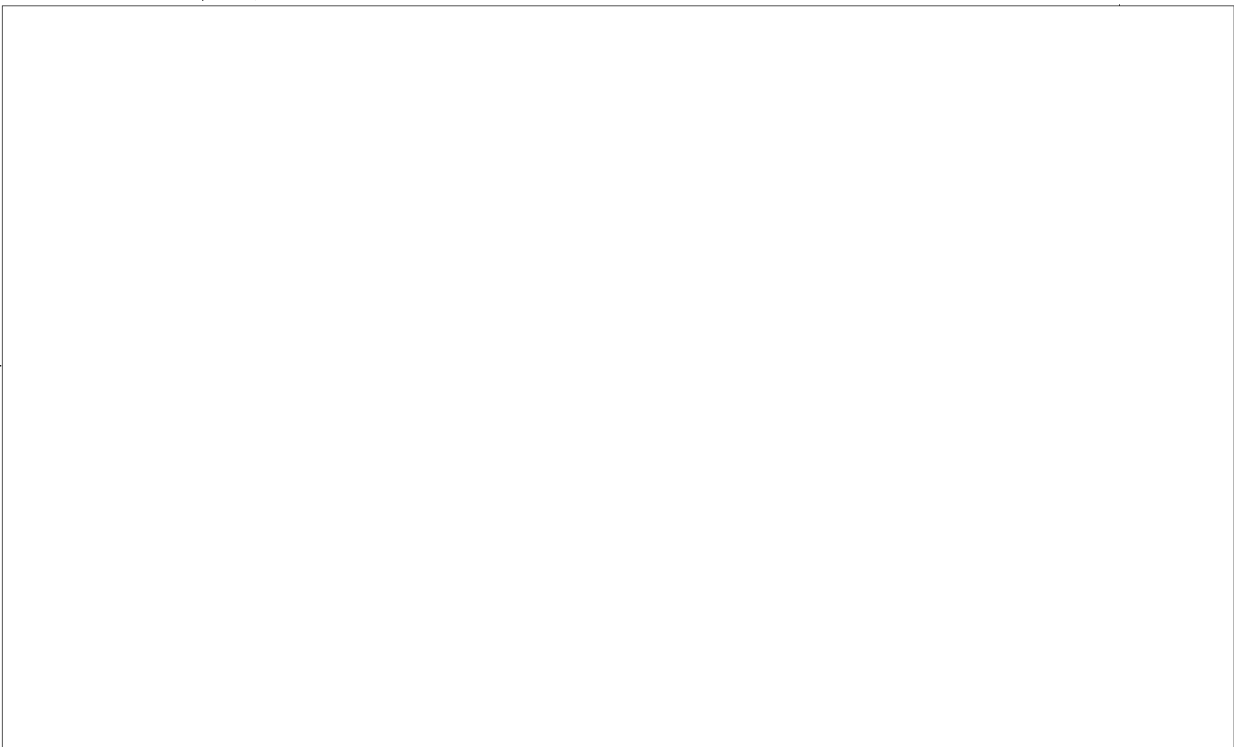
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9. China Recognition:



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Paris is now telling the world that if the Nationalists do not get the hint soon and pull out, France will go ahead and break relations.



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12. Sino-Soviet Relations: Peiping and Moscow in the last week were back to exchanging unpleasantries. This time most of the thunder came from the Chinese side.

They charged that Khrushchev has all but joined with the imperialist leaders and was no fit man to lead the Communist revolution.

The intemperance of their language suggests to us that they are not only willing to see the world Communist movement split wide-open, but they may be trying to provoke the Soviets into doing just that.

13. USSR-India: Moscow has told the Indians it is willing to sell them the equipment for 14 additional SAM sites.

This will boost Indian SAM purchases to 22 sites.

Some equipment has arrived, and the first training site will be set up within three months; the first operational site has been delayed until late in the year.

14. Syria: Factionalism within the Syrian Baath Party is endangering Baath control of the government. Former Premier Bitar, a long-time party leader, has been ousted from the party for indiscipline and a move appears to be under way to remove party founder Aflaq.

A similar situation prevailed in Iraq last November when the Baath split into warring factions and the army took over.

15. UAR - Yemen - Saudi Arabia: Nasir continues to send troops to Yemen. [redacted]

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16. Spain-USSR: [redacted] Spain and the USSR will resume diplomatic relations by 1 April.

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17. Cuba-USSR: Cuban trainees, now active at all SAM sites on the island, [redacted]

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These are further indications of a Soviet intent to transfer the system to Cuban control, possibly as early as April. [redacted]

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19. British Guiana: The week-long trek through the Guiana hinterland by a tiny band of youthful supporters failed to drum up much enthusiasm for Jagan's cause.

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