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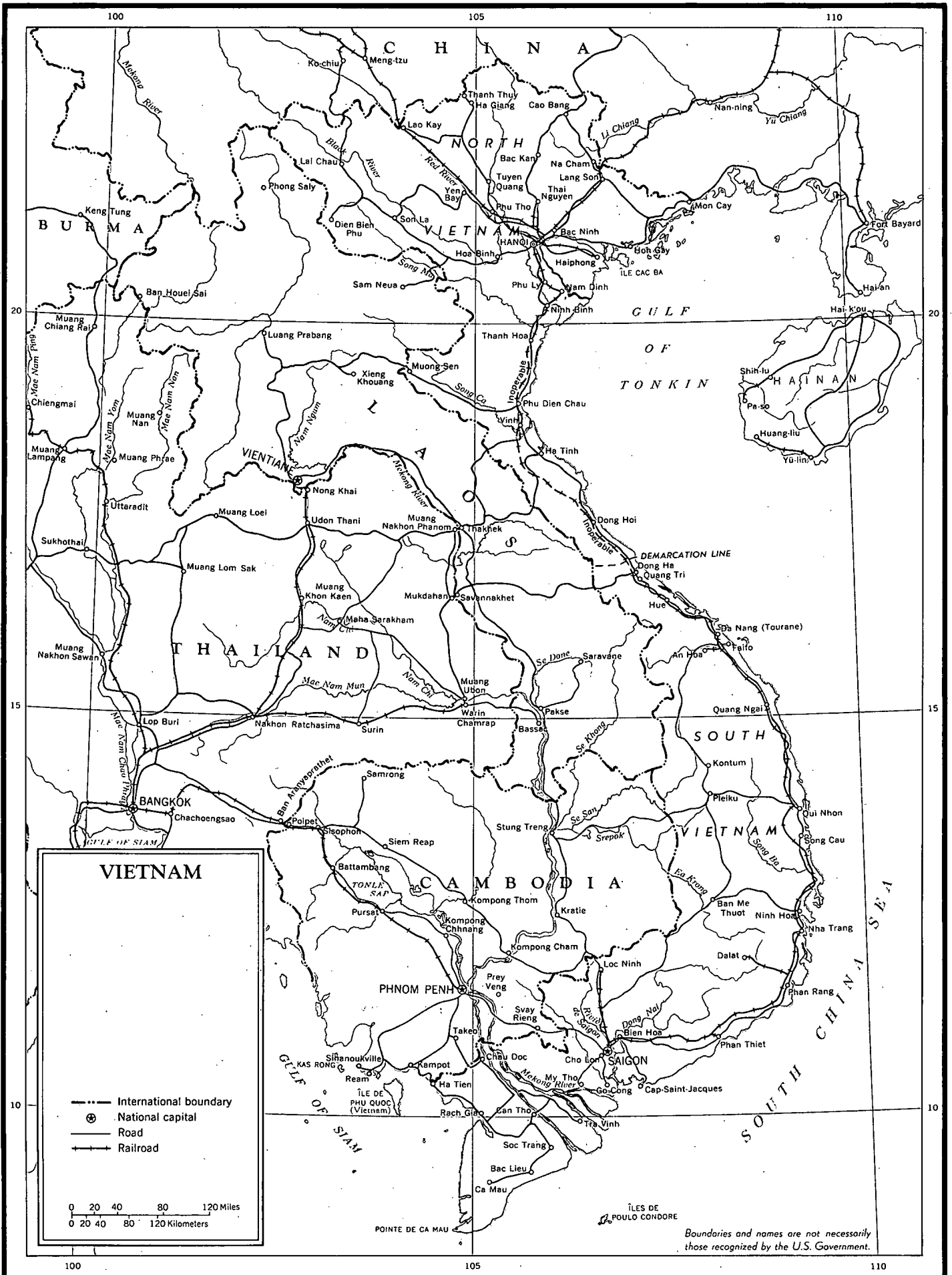
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1. Vietnam

General Thi's efforts to consolidate his newly won authority are making most of the other generals nervous. Some of them are trying to get him back to his corps command in the north.

Students in Saigon today mounted a small demonstration which called for an end to the war and the withdrawal of "foreign elements." They may have been members of a new "Struggle for Peace Force," which is said to be fast gaining members. On the other side, a high Viet Cong official has just declared that the Viet Cong stand ready to fight until "the last foreign aggressor has been wiped from our territory."

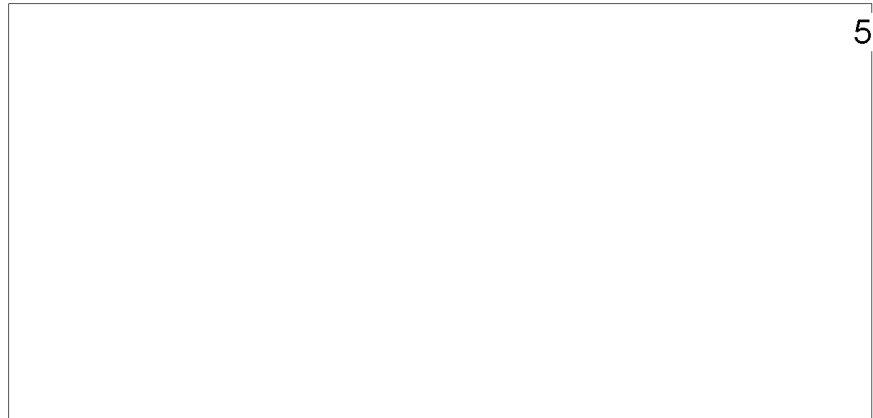
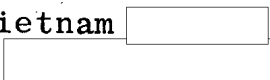
Aerial photography taken 14 February shows a new air field in the early stages of construction about 25 miles west of Hanoi. (See map.) Two similar fields are being built in South China.

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2. Vietnam



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Kosygin in his TV report to the nation made no direct call for negotiations. He said that US "aggression" against North Vietnam must end in order "to create conditions for the exploration of avenues leading to the normalization of the situation in Indochina."

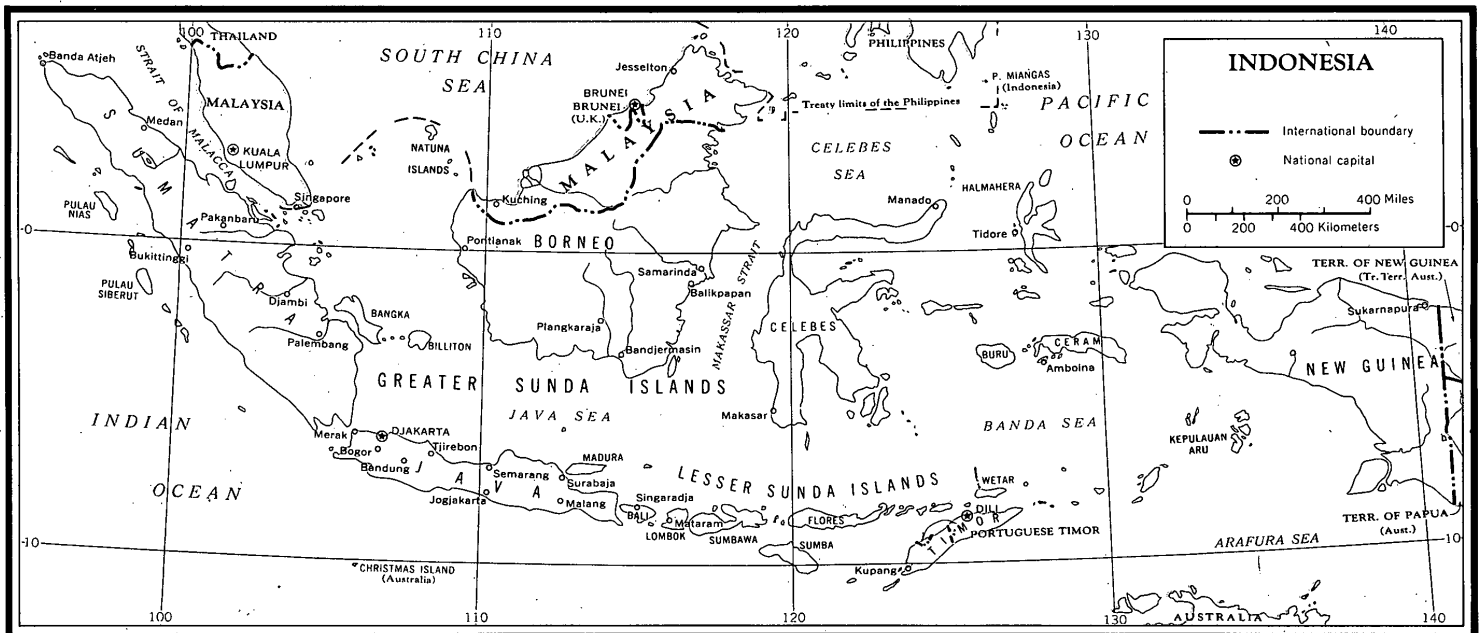
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The French say Peiping might drop a US pullout as a precondition, but this is doubtful.



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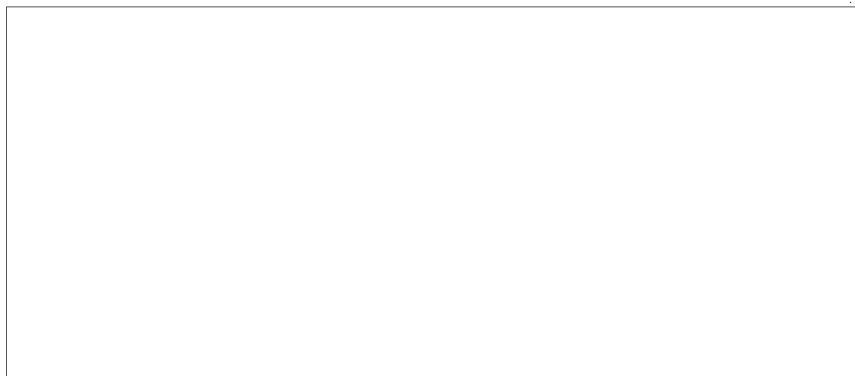
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3. South Korea

Pak plans to shuffle top army commanders soon so as to consolidate his own control. The President probably foresees considerable unrest growing out of opposition attacks on his efforts to reach a settlement with Japan. Pak has indicated he would impose martial law if need be.

4. Indonesia

The Indonesians, despite assurances to the contrary, have now officially taken over the management of US rubber estates on Sumatra.



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Meanwhile, Sukarno is scheduled to arrive Monday on another state visit to Cambodia. From there, he may proceed to Europe.

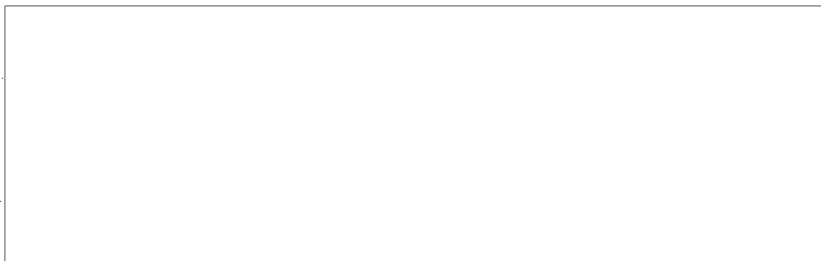


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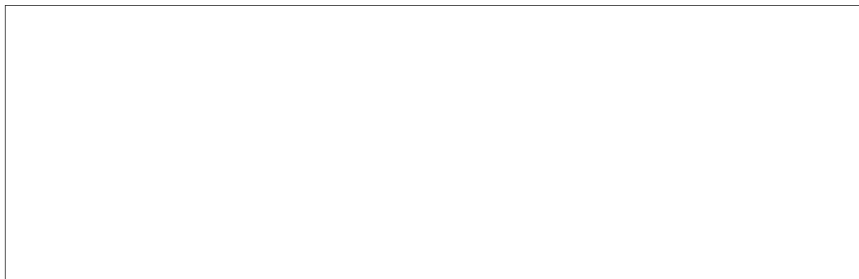
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5. Laos



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6. Lebanon



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7. Congo

The OAU foreign ministers meet today in Nairobi, with the divisive Congo issue high on the agenda. A bitter clash could develop between radical and moderate Africans, especially if the latter go through with plans to support Tshombé.

Tshombé plans to fly to the sessions tomorrow, although his growing difficulties with President Kasavubu could keep him in Leopoldville. There have been signs recently that Kasavubu may be alarmed at the premier's recent moves to advance his political fortunes.

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8. Cambodia

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