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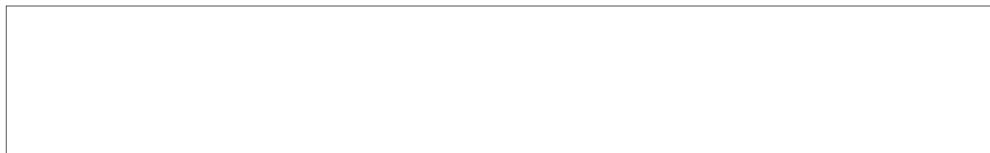


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1. Cyprus: The Turkish intervention threat has apparently passed for the moment, but the long-run danger is still with us.



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Turkish military forces are still in high gear and Turkish Cypriots could still launch an attack designed to force the military to come to their assistance.

2. South Korea: Kim Chong-pil's resignation from the chairmanship of Pak's Democratic Republican Party has at least temporarily calmed the students. They have dispersed in the various provinces and the army is still keeping the lid on in Seoul.

Kim has said he will serve only as a plain party member. He will probably keep his hand in party affairs behind the scenes, however, trying to maintain a party faction loyal to him.

Pak requested the resignation only after heavy pressure from the minister of national defense, the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, and the army chief of staff. The military are now back on the political stage more prominently than at any time since Pak re-established civilian government last December.

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Pak has now agreed to meet with opposition party leaders in a search for other means to ease the crisis. Drastic reforms are called for.

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3. Laos: Moscow has announced acceptance of the Polish plan for a six-nation conference and has proposed an early meeting in Switzerland. Reuters reported on the afternoon of 5 June that "informed sources" in London claimed Britain was "sympathetically" considering the Polish plan and studying the Soviet proposal.

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Despite the rains, trucks are still moving from North Vietnam to the Plaine des Jarres.

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4. South Vietnam: Khanh's release of the former junta leaders has caused a flurry of speculation and a good deal of confusion.

[redacted] the move has weakened the regime, and the US Embassy fears the generals may now be better able to work against Khanh.

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The government communiqué on the release failed to indicate whether or not the generals had been found guilty of conniving with the French, as charged by Khanh when he took over. Some Vietnamese consider the omission to mean that the regime is itself now inclined toward a neutralist solution.

There has been no large-scale Viet Cong attack for more than two weeks. In both 1962 and 1963, a similar letdown took place during May and June.

[redacted] the decline in government troop strength may have been halted. This was not expected until later. Desertion rates are still high, however, and must be brought down before overall strength can rise.

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5. Congo: Members of the Congo's ruling clique are working on the ouster of Adoula. Defense Minister Anany, who is willing, appears to be the most likely replacement.

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6. Cuba-USSR: Preparations for the Cuban take-over of the SAM system are further along.

Cubans now control the radar system in at least one of the three air defense sectors. Trainees in the eastern sector [redacted] [redacted] the SAM equipment there is being readied for transfer from Soviet hands.

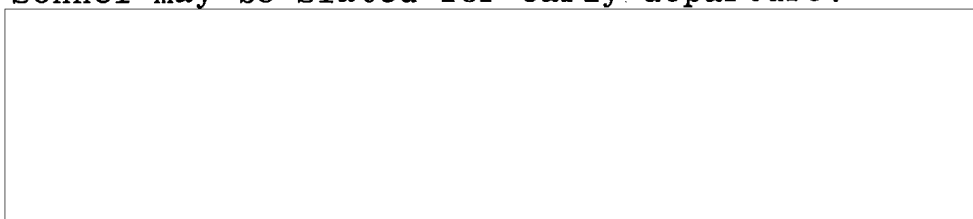
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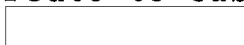
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Most of the remaining Soviet naval personnel may be slated for early departure.



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Four ships have taken out about 1,000 Soviet military and four more--with a total normal capacity of 2,000--are now in or en route to Cuban waters.



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7. Cuba-Sweden: The Swedish Government says it will not interfere with SKF's deal to sell the Cubans \$900,000 worth of ball bearings. Stockholm's argument is that it does not consider bearings strategic and that its trade with Cuba is in any case handled on a strictly nonpolitical basis.

8. USSR-Space: The Soviets are testing two new space vehicle systems. An unsuccessful launch attempt on 4 June--and a similar failure last November--



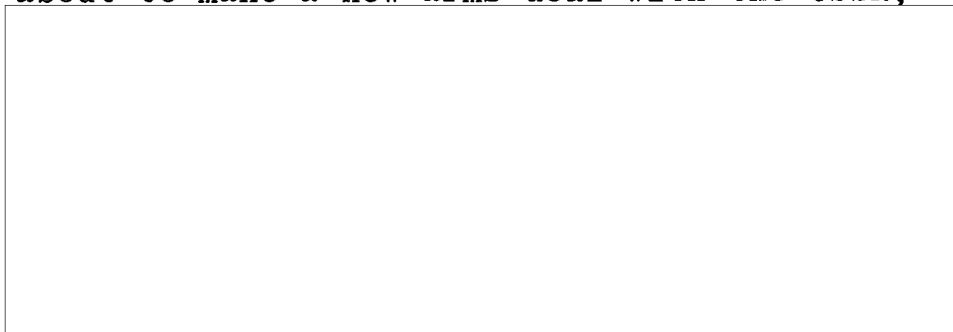
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9. Southeast Asia: Sukarno, summit or no, is off for a two-day visit to Manila starting Friday, followed by a five-day stay in Tokyo as Ikeda's guest. His onward plans are indefinite as the more Indonesia explains its most recent statements on Malaysia the less likely a summit becomes.



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10. Yugoslavia-USSR: The Yugoslavs, who want more aircraft and air defense equipment, are about to make a new arms deal with the USSR,



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11. Italy-China: Vittorelli, the Nenni socialists' top foreign affairs expert now in China for an "exploratory" visit, was received by Mao Tse-tung on Tuesday. We do not know just what is up, but Vittorelli was accompanied to Peiping by the Italian Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong, which gives an official flavor to the visit.