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1. Panama

a. Robles, it seems, has been elected.

b. However, his margin has been whittled down in late count to a slim 10,000 out of a total vote of around 300,000.

c. The final tally is not in, and there are conflicting predictions about the results in the few remaining precincts.

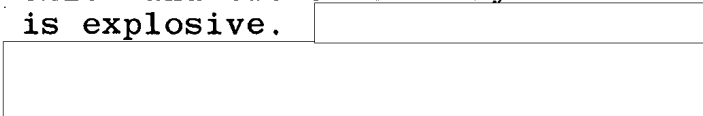
d. So far there has been little evidence of extensive vote rigging on behalf of Robles.

e. The unpredictable Arias, who has said that he could be beaten only by fraud, still has the potential to cause trouble. Some of his followers, however, seem to have been intimidated by the way the National Guard has handled the election thus far.

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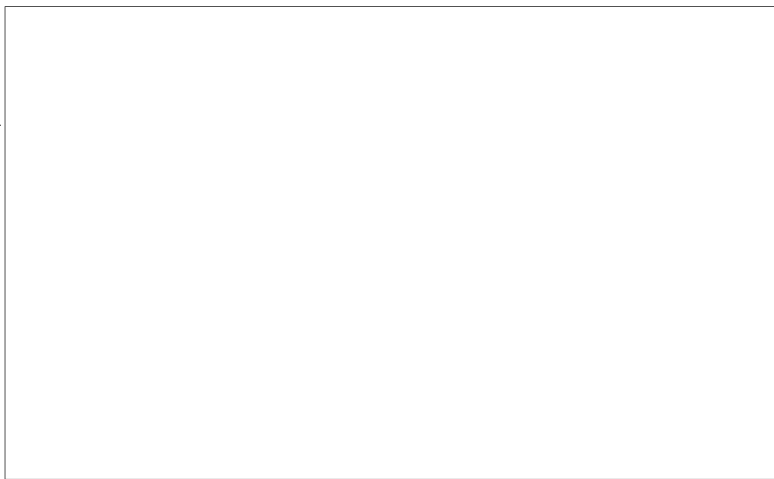
2. Cyprus

a. UN troops have managed so far to keep the lid on in Famagusta, but the atmosphere following yesterday's killing of the son of the Nicosia police chief and two Greek army officers is explosive.



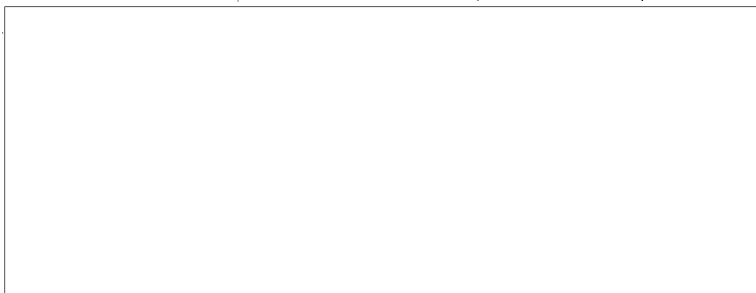
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b. In the Kyrenia pass area, the UN force has been tripled in size in hopes of enforcing the ceasefire there.



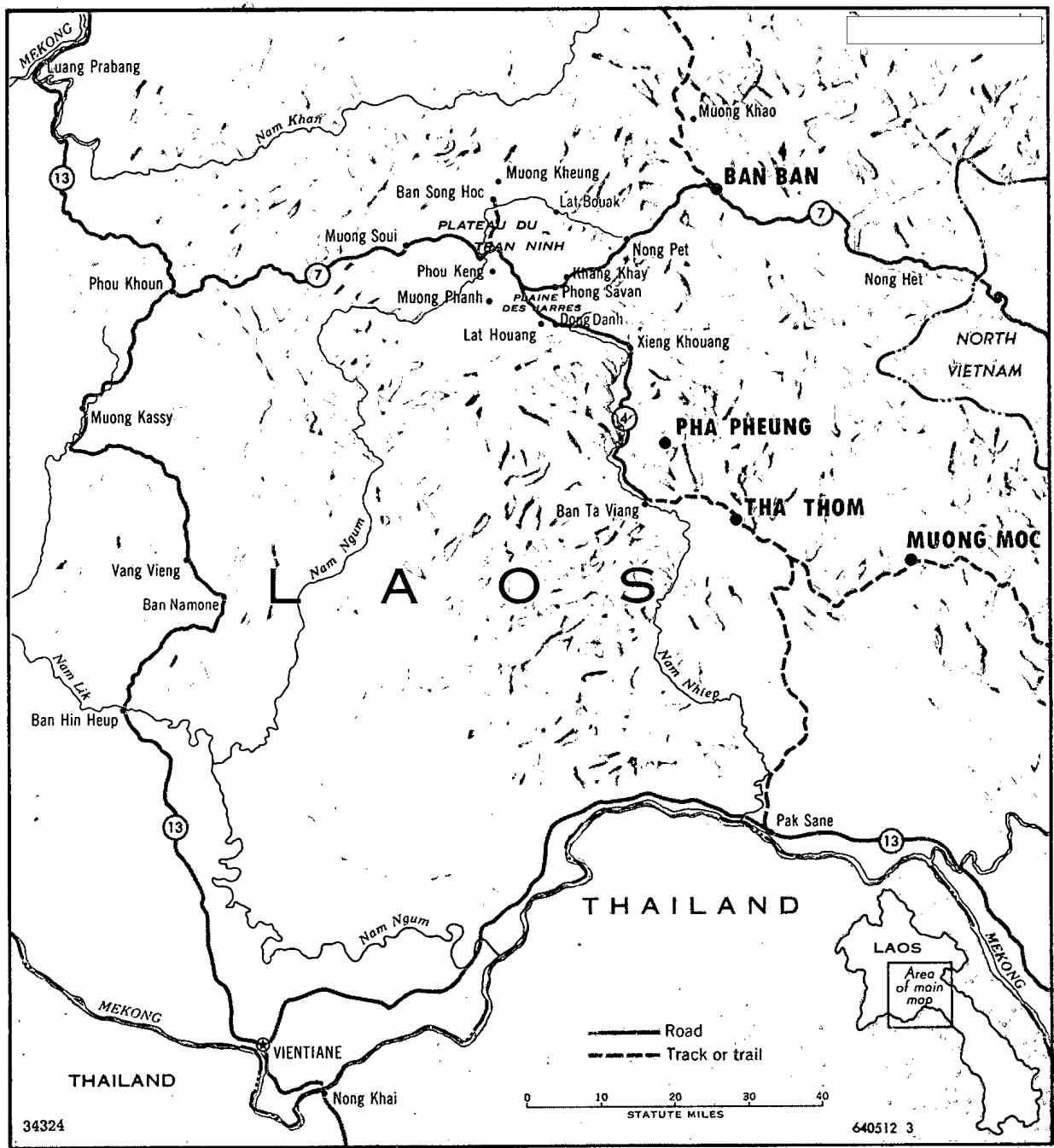
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3. Cuba-USSR



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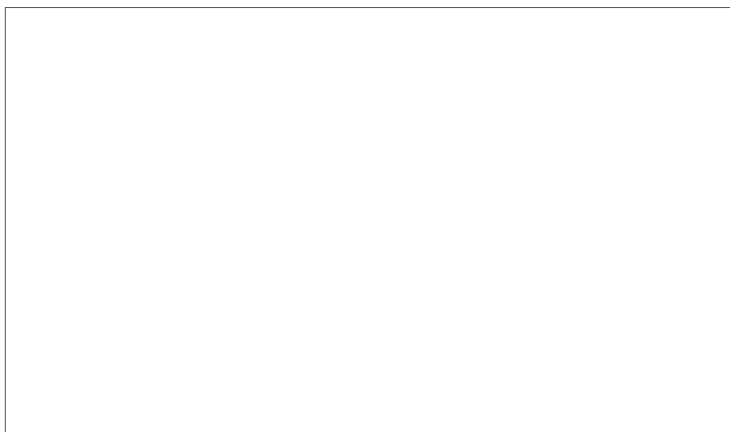
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Havana's concern over an upsurge in counterrevolutionary activities in central Cuba. There have been numerous small-scale clashes involving government forces in the past three weeks.

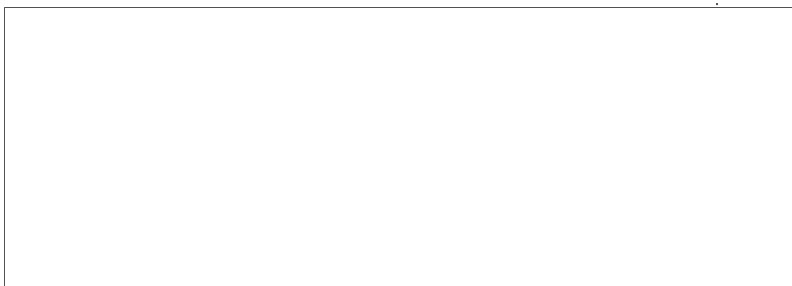


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4. Laos

a. The political situation remains confused with a good deal of tension under the surface.

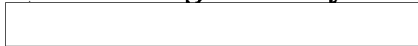
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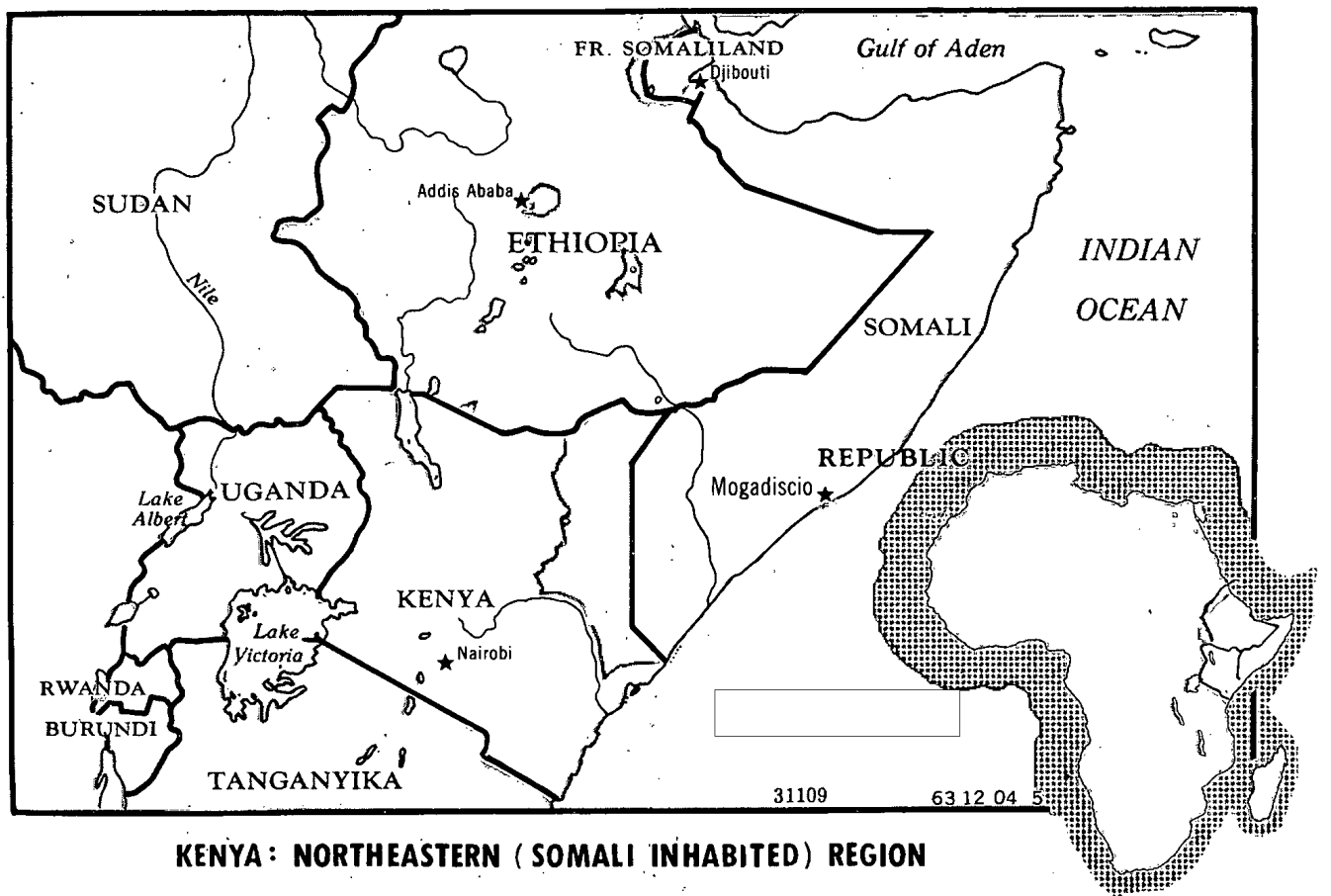
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c. The Pathet Lao and dissident leftists, meanwhile, continue to push rightist troops southward away from the Plaine des Jarres. Rightist Meo guerrilla forces have also been under pressure in this area and have lost several key mountain positions.

d. The leftists are now in a position to threaten Tha Thom, and this would be a serious loss to the government. The town controls the northern approaches to the Mekong Valley.



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NOTES

- A. South Korea - Japan Newly installed Prime Minister Chong Il-kwon plans to send one of his ministers to Japan next week to resume the fishery talks. In a talk yesterday with Ambassador Berger, Chong was brimming over with ideas for a more vigorous administration in Seoul.
- B. Kenya-Somalia Kenya's security forces seem to be fighting a losing battle to control the large Northeastern Region inhabited by Somali nomads. Armed raiders supported by Somalia, which covets the disaffected region, are extending their operations and stretching Nairobi's forces to the limit. Somali broadcasts now dub the terrorists a "National Liberation Army."
- C. Communist China - Canada The Chinese Communists have contracted to buy an additional 1.1 million tons of wheat from Canada at a cost of some \$84 million (25% down and balance over 18 months). This contract brings Chinese purchases of Western grain this year to about 5 million tons. Last year they bought close to 6 million tons.
- D. Cuba - UN Trade Conference With Che Guevara at their head, the Cubans went into the UN's Conference on Trade and Development in Geneva with careful preparation and high expectations.

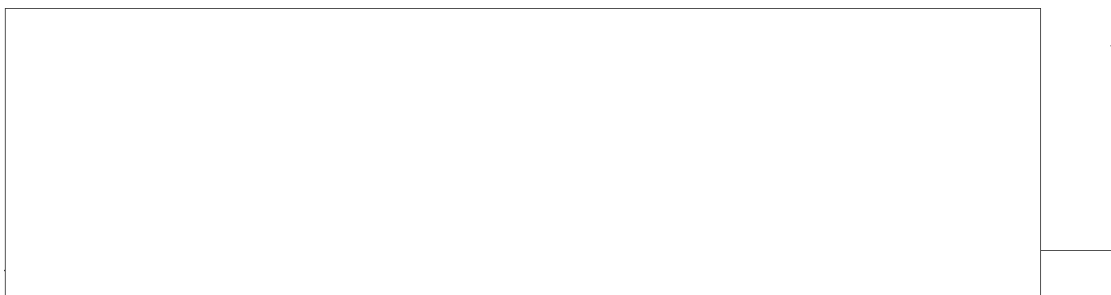
however, that they gained little from the conference and that Guevara returned to Havana disgusted with the delegation's failure to play the conference to Cuba's advantage.

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- E. Cuba - Sugar Production For the past several weeks, Havana has been releasing spurious reports of its sugar production and harvest prospects in an attempt to influence the market. We expect the harvest this year to be at least equal to last year's 3.8 million metric tons. Production seems to be keeping pace with last year. Transportation and labor shortages are, as usual, their major problem.
- F. Japan - Communist China The Japanese Foreign Ministry has turned down a proposed deal to exchange newsmen with Communist China. The proposed exchange of newsmen, of course, turned out to be a one-sided deal whereby Japanese reporters would be pretty much confined to Peiping.



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