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1. South Vietnam

Prospects for more progress in stabilizing the political situation may also be improved by Buddhist leader Tri Quang's decision today to call off his one-man hunger strike in protest against the Huong government.

Meanwhile, the Viet Cong are stepping up pressure against certain densely populated areas. Fourteen district capitals south of Saigon were shelled by Communist mortars during the past week.

2. Congo

Spaak is trying to persuade Tshombé to reconsider the cancellation of his Brussels visit. Tshombé is fearful that the Belgians may be politicking with the rebels behind his back. Government heads of Kenya and Tanzania are meeting with Ugandan leaders to map strategy against Tshombé.

3. Colombia

Colombia's financial crisis is deepening. Also, there is concern over the general strike threatened for 25 January and the implications of last week's successful attack on a provincial town by Cuban-trained guerrillas. President Valencia's Defense Minister, General Ruiz Nuovo, often mentioned as a potential coup leader, discreetly sought to learn from the US chargé yesterday what the US attitude would be toward a military takeover.

4. Indonesia

Apparently seeking now to offset a recent emphasis on military build-up, Sukarno stated today that he would accept a UN or Afro-Asian role in helping to negotiate his dispute with Malaysia. Similar moves in the past have failed because of Sukarno's refusal to accept Malaysia's demand that he first withdraw Indonesian guerrillas from Malaysian Borneo. There is no evidence yet that Sukarno now intends to relax military operations directed at Borneo and the Malaysian mainland.