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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

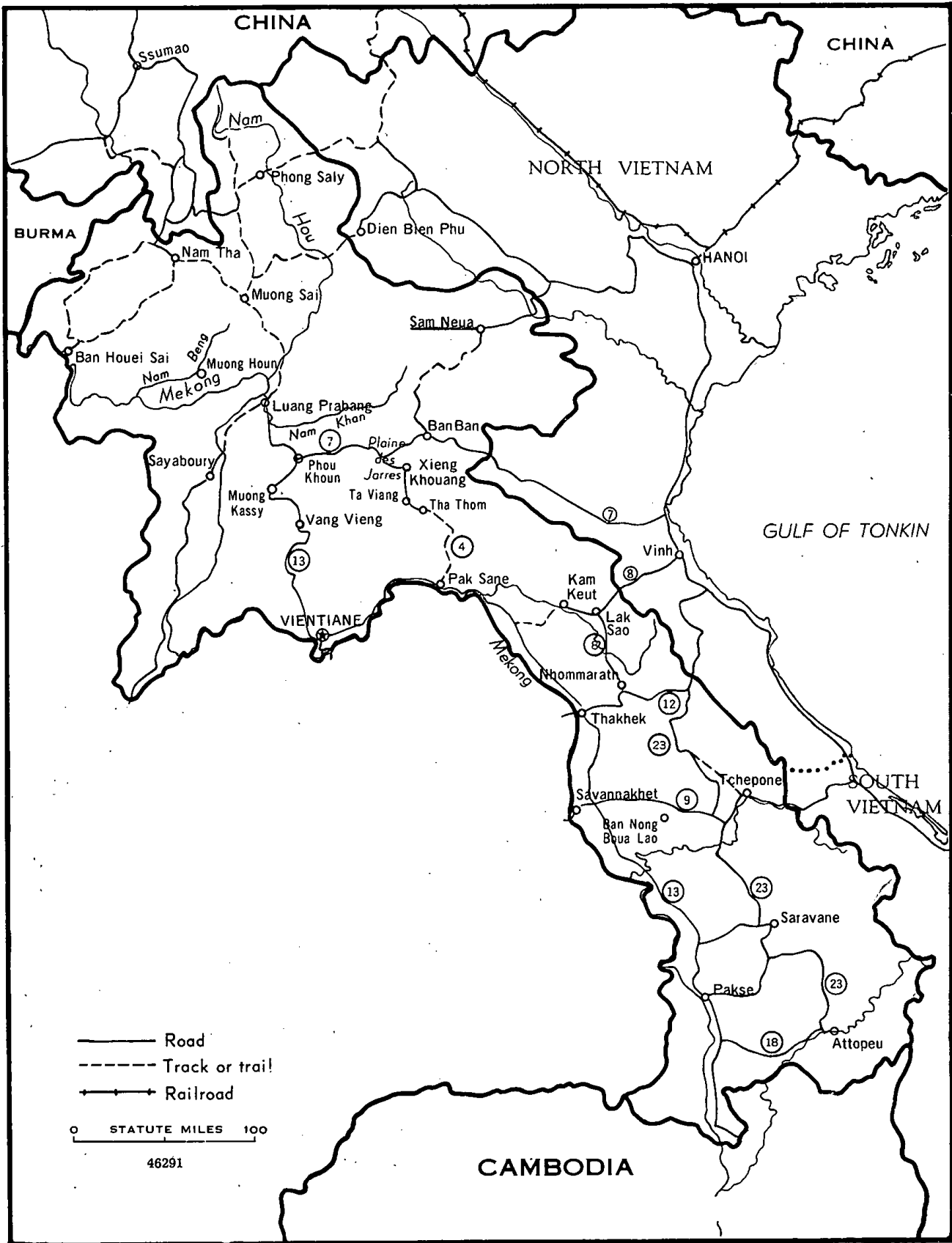


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1. South Vietnam

Buddhist leader Tri Quang says that today's demonstration outside the US Embassy--in which several Vietnamese were injured--is "only the beginning." There may be more Buddhist demonstrations tomorrow in Saigon and elsewhere. Tri Quang hopes to spark another military coup in order to oust Premier Huong.

2. Colombia

The unions are calling for a general strike on Monday. Troops have been moved into position to control disturbances.

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3. Laos

A Communist attack of some intensity has developed in the past few days near Sam Neua, and may turn into a major action. Press reports of a large enemy force are probably exaggerated, but the 700-odd friendly troops in the vicinity appear to be falling back under the weight of the attack. (See map.)

4. West Germany

Erhard's talk with De Gaulle developed little that was new. Erhard apparently feels that relations have genuinely improved.

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5. South Korea

The political ruckus over the proposed 2,000-man force for South Vietnam may be subsiding. The opposition now says they had not realized the original suggestion came from President Johnson.

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7. Indonesia

Tension is mounting between the two main organized forces in the country: the Communists and the army. Army leaders say that the Communist Party plans to overthrow the government, and they have alerted their forces. This may be no more than political maneuvering, Indonesian style. At the least, it bespeaks active concern within the army over growing Communist influence and pressure.

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