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1. Vietnam

Other than the Viet Cong offensive of the past few days, we have detected no significant changes in the Communist military posture elsewhere in the Far East.

The propaganda outcry from Hanoi and Peiping is, however, shrill. In a wild-swinging editorial against President Johnson, Peiping today declares that air strikes against North Vietnam will only cause the Viet Cong to redouble their efforts. Hanoi is similarly vituperative, but, like Peiping, is carefully vague as to what it will do. The only firm commitment Peiping makes is a promise to counter an invasion of North Vietnam.

Soviet Premier Kosygin is overnight in Peiping where he met what initially appears to have been another rather cool reception.

His statements prior to leaving Hanoi suggest that he refrained from making any extensive new commitments to the Vietnamese. In Moscow Soviet officials continue to make relatively conciliatory noises toward the US.

In Saigon prospects for a new government brightened today. Former interior minister Vien, a relative who does not get on too well with Khanh, says he has accepted the post of prime minister. He hopes to have a cabinet for presentation to the Armed Forces Council tomorrow or Friday.

2. Ghana

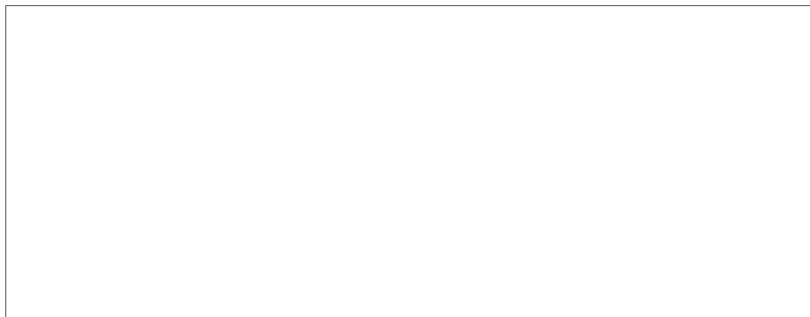
plotting is actively under way to oust Nkrumah "in the very near future." Plans are incomplete, and this, like previous plots, may collapse before execution. However, with the atmosphere in Accra after the death in prison of a venerated opposition leader, this one may have a better chance of success.

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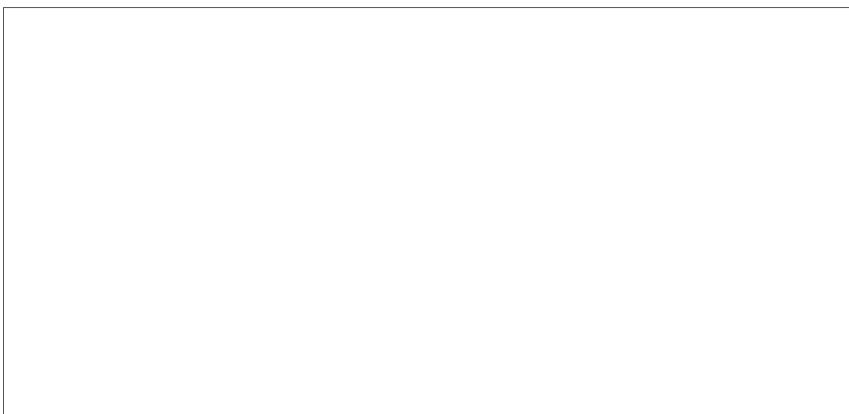
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3. Israel



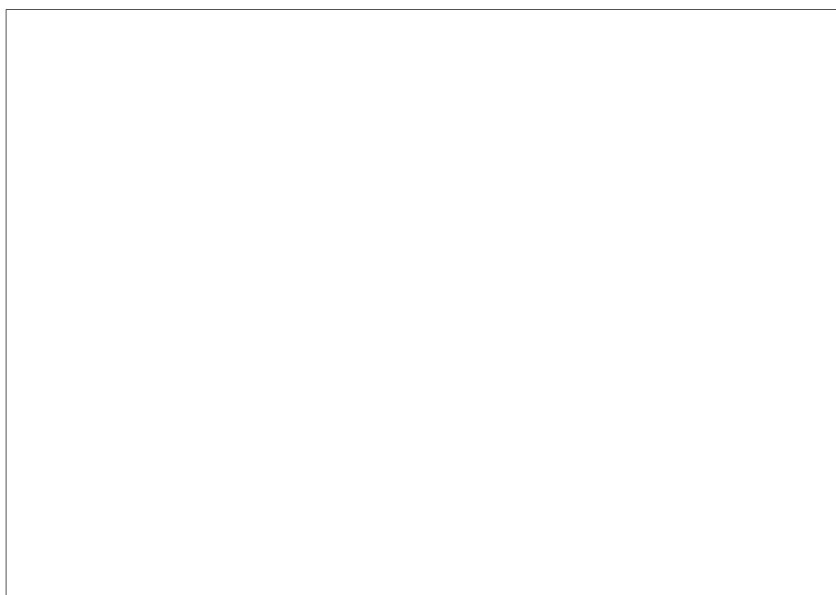
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4. Cyprus



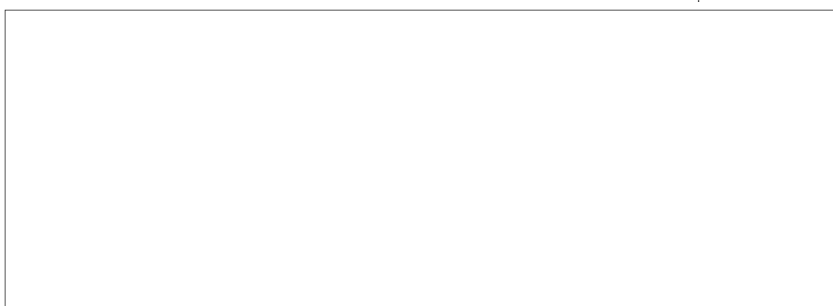
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5. Malaysia



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6. Japan



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