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1. Vietnam

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Initially, it appears that one of the two newly located missile sites west of Hanoi shot down the drone. One or the other probably accounted for the F-4C lost on Saturday.

However, it is likely that all the missile sites in the Hanoi area are now operational. There are indications that more missile guidance and control radars are operating. It is not yet clear whether all the constructed sites are being utilized or whether equipment is deployed on a mobile basis.

Hanoi's propaganda is playing up the F-4C shot down on Saturday as the 400th US aircraft (as opposed to about 60) downed, but it has not alluded to the use of missiles.

2. Communist China

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3. Greece

Former deputy premier Stephan Stephanopoulos has announced his availability as premier, thus reducing Novas' chances of getting a vote of confidence when parliament reconvenes later in the week. A showdown could come earlier in a caucus of the Center Union Party, now split into at least three factions supporting Papandreou, Stephanopoulos, and Novas. No clear favorite has yet emerged, but the Papandreou forces evidently plan to keep up public pressures this week through demonstrations and strikes.

4. Israel

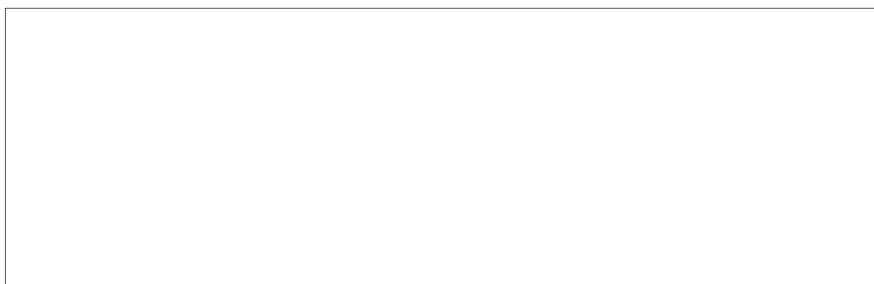
The Israelis are showing signs of impatience that diplomatic and public pressures on Lebanon have failed to slow down preparations for diverting the Jordan headwaters.

Officials in Tel Aviv say that, on the contrary, the work inside Lebanon has been sped up. They add that Israel "cannot wait" until the work is finished.

The Lebanese respond that they will not be moved by Israeli threats.

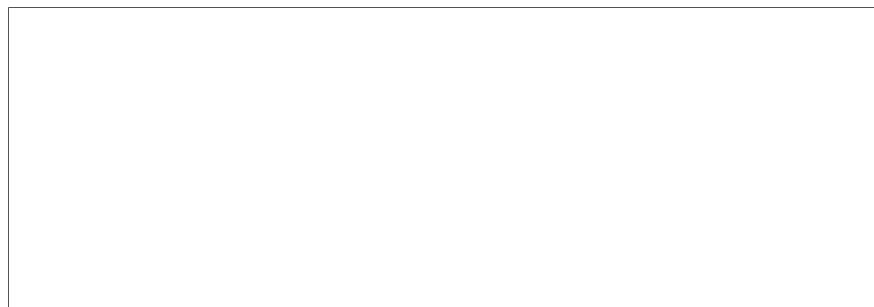
The British ambassador in Tel Aviv thinks a clash between Israel and Lebanon is "almost inevitable."

5. Algeria



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6. Libya



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7. Congo

President Kasavubu and Premier Tshombé continue on their collision course.

Kasavubu has brushed aside the premier's offer of support for his re-election with a declaration he has little faith in Tshombé's promises.

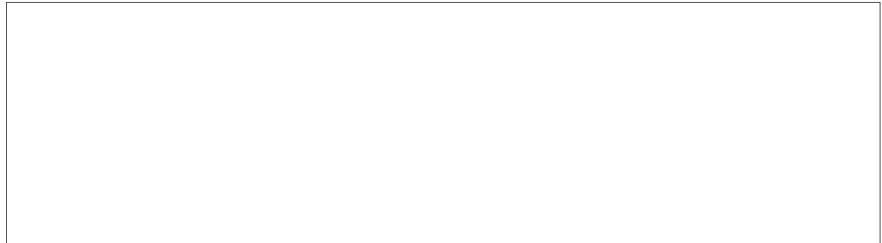
Tshombé, on the defensive for the moment, is trying in various ways to line up support in both political and military circles.

He is also holding the threat of a possible return to Katanga over the heads of Kasavubu and his supporters.

Colonel Hoare, leader of the mercenary force which helped defeat the rebels, is preparing to set up shop in Katanga against the possibility of an actual Kasavubu-Tshombé break.

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8. Pakistan



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9. Dominican Republic

Labor leaders are lending their weight to the drive for an early solution. They plan to join business and professional figures in pressuring the Imbert group to take a less obstructionist attitude.

The push toward settlement got a setback when Eduardo Read announced he would not take the vice president's job in a provisional government. This is not too serious a blow since the Bunker committee thinks it has a better man for the job.



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