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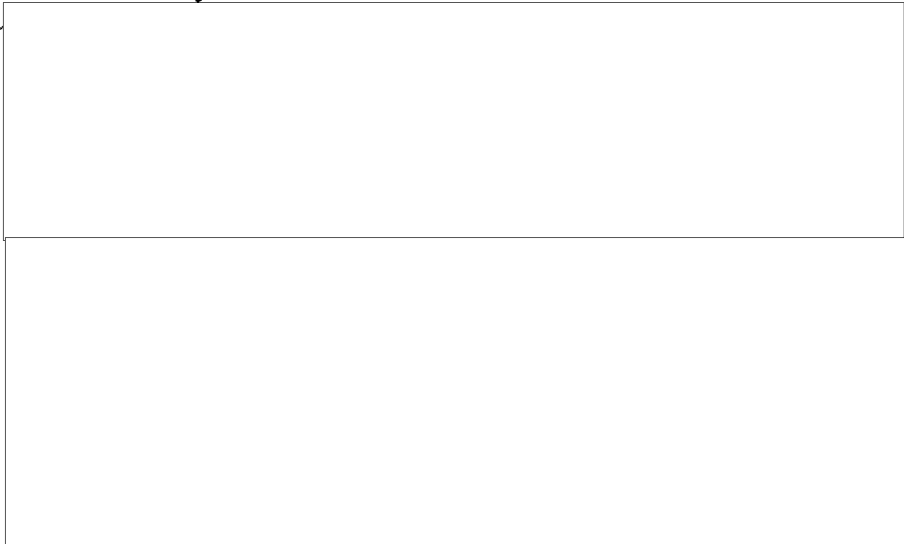
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1. India-Pakistan

Yesterday's breaches of the cease-fire appear to have been brought under control.

Ambassador Bowles believes that Indian Prime Minister Shastri is seriously considering a trip to the United Nations sometime before 15 October, and that Shastri may well hope to see President Johnson.

Ayub meanwhile has turned down with thanks the Soviet proposal that he meet with Shastri and has urged the Russians to use their influence in the Security Council.



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2. Panama

The Panamanian public's initial reaction to the Canal treaty announcement is reported to be generally favorable. Opinion may take two or three days to jell, however.

President Robles' opponents are critical of the lack of detail in the announcement, and the Communists have taken special note of the fact that US bases are to stay.

Among Canal Zone residents, the reaction so far is at best unenthusiastic, although some say they are relieved because they believe the announcement guarantees the presence of US troops in the Zone.



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3. Dominican Republic

Juan Bosch returned to Santo Domingo this morning.

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Much will depend now on the tone Bosch takes. If, as moderates and conservatives fear, Bosch comes out strongly in support of the rebel cause, there almost certainly will be a sharp reaction from the military, who are already deeply disturbed by the provisional government's policy of appeasement of the rebels.

In still another instance of this policy, the provisional government yesterday confirmed the appointment of the leftists' candidate to head the government-owned sugar corporation and has accepted the resignation of the previous manager who had been under attack by striking employees.

4. Venezuela

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5. Rhodesia

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6. Greece

Stephanopoulos got his confidence vote last night, 152-148. A margin this narrow, however, spells trouble for the future. Leaders of the three major parties are already talking about holding demonstrations in Athens on Monday.

7. South Vietnam

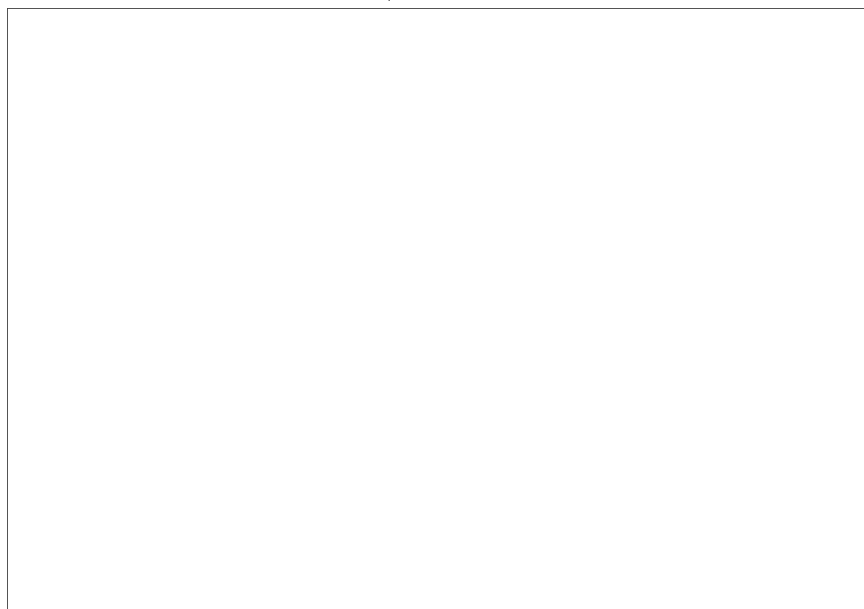
More anti-government demonstrations in northern South Vietnam may be in the offing.

Buddhist leaders claim that at least 2,000 of their followers from Hué and Quang Tri will demonstrate in the latter city tomorrow. The Buddhists say that they will be protesting the "oppressive policies" in Quang Tri Province.

US officials in the area believe that this could be the first sign of open opposition by the Buddhists to the controversial I Corps commander, Nguyen Chanh Thi.

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8. Jordan



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