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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

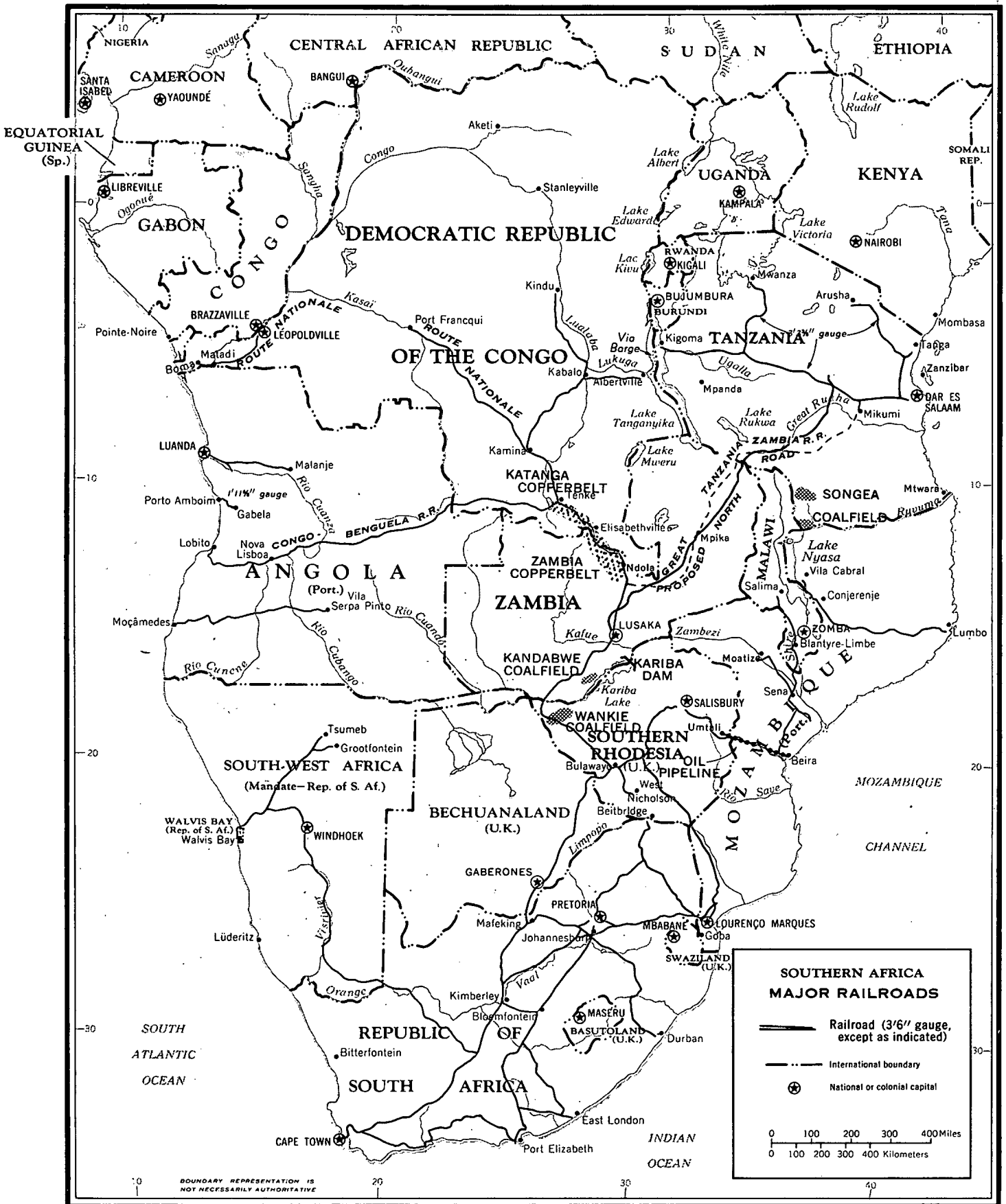


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1. Rhodesia

Smith moved today to neutralize Governor Gibbs, who refuses to recognize Rhodesian independence.

Smith named Deputy Prime Minister Dupont to replace Gibbs and announced that the regime was stripping from Gibbs the "last trappings of office"--including guards and telephone for his official residence. The Union Jack still flies there, however.

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Although there was trouble today involving African nationalists in the Bulawayo industrial area in the south, Smith's security forces still seem to have the situation easily in hand.

Radical African leaders, as expected, are in full cry. A number of them have offered to send token contingents to Zambia, probably in the hopes that this will stir the British to stronger efforts to unseat Smith.

2. Pakistan

There are further signs that Ayub is working around toward an effort to improve his relations with the US.

A reliable Pakistani told Ambassador McConaughy that Ayub recently chastised Foreign Minister Bhutto for "rashness and cockiness" and for his role in disrupting relations with Washington.

Bhutto, the source says, was badly shaken and is now fighting for his political life. Another Pakistani official predicts that Bhutto's upcoming trip to Moscow may well lead to a further weakening of his position. The official thinks that Bhutto will get little but trouble out of the Kremlin.

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3. Indonesia

The pace of the struggle between Sukarno and the generals is quickening. The latter seem to have the edge for the moment.

The army insists that it retains emergency powers in Djakarta despite Sukarno's lifting of martial law there last week. The army has also managed to frustrate Sukarno's efforts to bridle the press and radio.

Further demonstrations have been staged to demand the banning of the Communists, and delegations from the generals have waited upon Sukarno to demand that Subandrio and air force General Dani be removed.

Since his strong speech last week Sukarno has been silent, but he is far from vanquished.

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In the outlying provinces, the drive against the Communists goes on. In fact, it may be near to getting out of hand in northern Sumatra.

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4. North Vietnam

According to the French representative in North Vietnam, Premier Pham Van Dong seems to be obsessed with the notion that American "lassitude" will create in the US conditions like those in France in 1954, and that this will eventually force the US to accept North Vietnam's conditions for negotiations.

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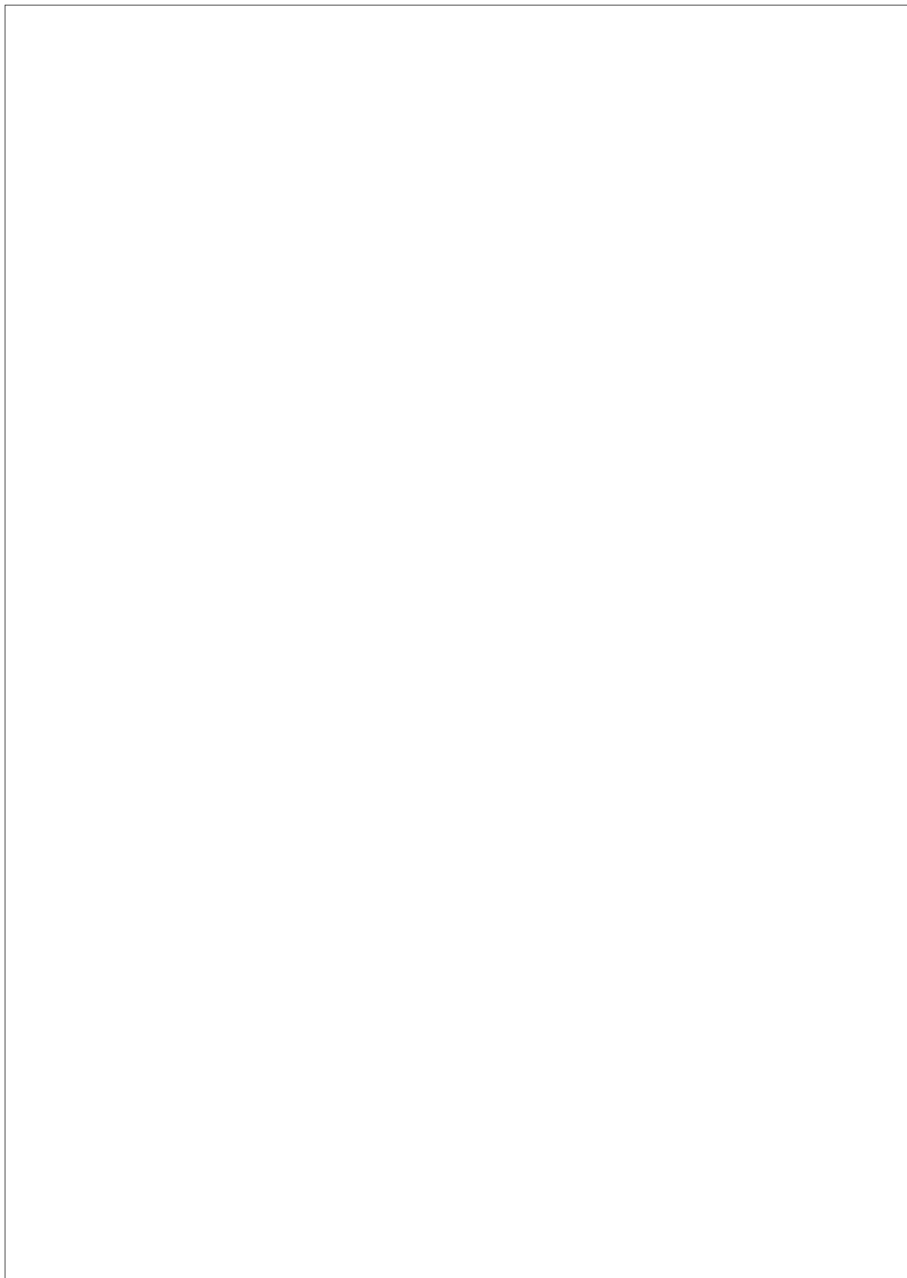
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5. Communist China

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6. Soviet Union

An outbreak of hoof and mouth disease may be reaching epidemic proportions. The authorities have instituted widespread measures to control its further spread. Even so, the outbreak may reduce meat and milk output next year.

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7. Chile

Violence erupted yesterday in the strike-bound copper mines of northern Chile. The government has put the affected areas in a state of emergency

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Chile's important copper mines have been shut down since 25 October by a general strike against legislation to implement a recent agreement between the Chileans and US companies. The union involved is led by a combination of Communists and radical socialists.

8. Dominican Republic

Santo Domingo continues to be full of rumors of coup plotting by right-wing forces.

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However, US officials in Santo Domingo think that Garcia Godoy's recent moves to rectify some of his early mistakes have gained for him the confidence of many moderates and reduced the potential for rightist-extremist action.

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There are other mildly hopeful signs. The president is making slow progress toward stabilization and is turning his attention to basic economic and social development plans. He has put Finance Minister Mendez Nunez in charge of coordinating economic programs, and the two are moving to encourage investment.

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