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1. Vietnam

Substantial numbers of trucks continue to move south in the Laos panhandle. Last week one of our roadwatch teams counted over 100 trucks southbound past its observation point.

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2. North Vietnam

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3. Communist China

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4. Soviet Union

Two US military attachés and their wives were subjected to "rough physical treatment" while on a trip this week to Yaroslavl, a town about 150 miles north-east of Moscow. The attachés report that the incident had all the appearances of being staged. Two rolls of unexposed film were stolen from one of the attachés' bags.

This is the first known instance in recent years in which wives of US diplomatic personnel have been involved in such an incident. A ban of six weeks' standing on military attaché travel outside of Moscow was lifted early this month.

5. Indonesia

There has been little movement in the power game between Sukarno and the army leaders. Sukarno seems to believe that the longer he delays his "political solution," the better his chances of undercutting the army become. The army leaders are also playing a waiting game, trying to rein in their civilian supporters.

The leftist-backed "Sukarno front" hung anti-US banners in the streets of Djakarta this week, but the banners came down yesterday after the embassy protested. An army spokesman admitted that it was government policy to put up the banners, but said this was a "minority" policy with which the army and people did not agree. The spokesman clearly meant that the inspiration came from Sukarno and Foreign Minister Subandrio.

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6. Dominican Republic

A lull in open political activity has set in while the Dominican military officers continue to debate the question of their chiefs' obeying Garcia Godoy's orders to leave the country. Latent tensions may well be stirred by the government's failure to meet this month's military payroll, which was due yesterday but did not come through.

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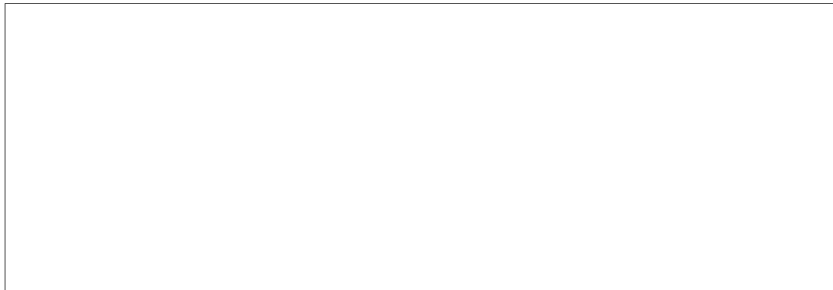
At the moment, the military seem to have adopted a defensive posture, waiting for Garcia Godoy to make a new move.

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Neither the chiefs nor Garcia Godoy has yet taken completely inflexible positions, however. The chiefs evidently still want to avoid a crisis if they can do so "with honor."

7. Haiti



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8. Pakistan

Our embassy in Rawalpindi reports that President Ayub is still under fire for signing the Tashkent declaration.

Sporadic demonstrations continue to occur, and schools are still closed. Miss Fatima Jinnah, sister of Pakistan's founding father, has come out with a strong attack on Tashkent as a "throw-away."

The Ayub administration added to its woes this week by maladroitly issuing contradictory announcements on the timing of the end of Ramadan, the holiest month of the Muslim year.

The embassy does not believe that Ayub is in immediate peril. He is clearly a more vulnerable target for his critics, however, than he has been in some time.

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