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1. North Vietnam   [   ] the second--and less   50X1
interesting--half of politburo member
Le Duc Tho's article on North Vietnam-
ese party problems[   ]   50X1
[   ] says that party
cadres, faced with the new wartime
situation, are slower and more unimag-
inative than ever in the performance
of their duties.

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2. South Vietnam   Premier Ky is making plans to visit   50X1
Japan. [   ]

3. Soviet Union   50X1

Aleksandr Shelepin took over the job of
supervising party personnel matters in
the high-level shifts of last December.   50X1
                              Shelepin is indeed a   50X1
comer.   50X1
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        The personnel job has traditionally
come within the purview of the number two
man in the party. [   ]   50X1
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4. Dominican Republic   There is no sign that the Domini-
can left will be mollified by the de-
parture last night of former defense
minister Rivera Caminero.

Garcia Godoy has presented the
departure and the shift in police chiefs
as resolving the latest crisis "in its
essential points." Bosch and his fellow
leftists apparently disagree. Bosch
has now come out in open support of the
general strike, which paralyzed life
in the capital yesterday.

He would like to see it resumed
after the weekend and continued until
all the military chiefs and other offi-
cers mentioned in Garcia Godoy's ouster
order of 6 January have left the coun-
try. He also wants those responsible
for Thursday's shooting at the palace
turned over to the courts for punish-
ment.

Garcia Godoy is under intense
pressure to meet these demands. It is
even possible that the new defense
minister may be willing to see the army
and air force commanders go, and he
may have advised the President to take
them on one at a time.

5. Costa Rica
Figueres has ⬜ calmed   50X1
down and promises to restrict any pro-   50X1
test about the election to the politi-
cal arena. Candidate Oduber says he
has now accepted his defeat. This should
ease matters for the time being; how-
ever, if the official recount reverses
Trejos' victory there could still be
trouble.

6. France   The French satellite did not get off
the pad at Hammaguir this morning because
of technical difficulties. The range has
shut down for the day and the countdown
may be resumed tomorrow.

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7. France

There are signs that De Gaulle may stretch his timetable for dealing with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. He may in fact be modifying his whole approach to the dismemberment of that organization.

On Thursday he intimated to Ambassador Bohlen that, while he would be suggesting changes in the organizational structure of NATO, he would not propose any changes in the treaty itself. The general was quite vague as to timing, saying he was in "no hurry."

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An official at the Quai comments that if this represents the real De Gaulle view then he has reversed his field on NATO. The official thinks De Gaulle may have been influenced both by the elections and by a recent foreign office paper which made the point that without NATO France would be stripped of its right to keep troops in Germany.

8. Japan

This week Japan announced that it is inviting ten Southeast Asian countries to Tokyo in April for talks on area-wide economic development. The conference may well prove a major step in the developing Japanese campaign, under the vigorous stewardship of Prime Minister Sato, to widen Japan's diplomatic horizons and win a more meaningful role in affairs of the region.

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9. Uganda

The dangers of a coup attempt have receded. The principal mover in any try would have been former chief of staff Amin, but the latter has been so tarred by scandal that his supporters are deserting him en masse, leaving him with little chance of success.

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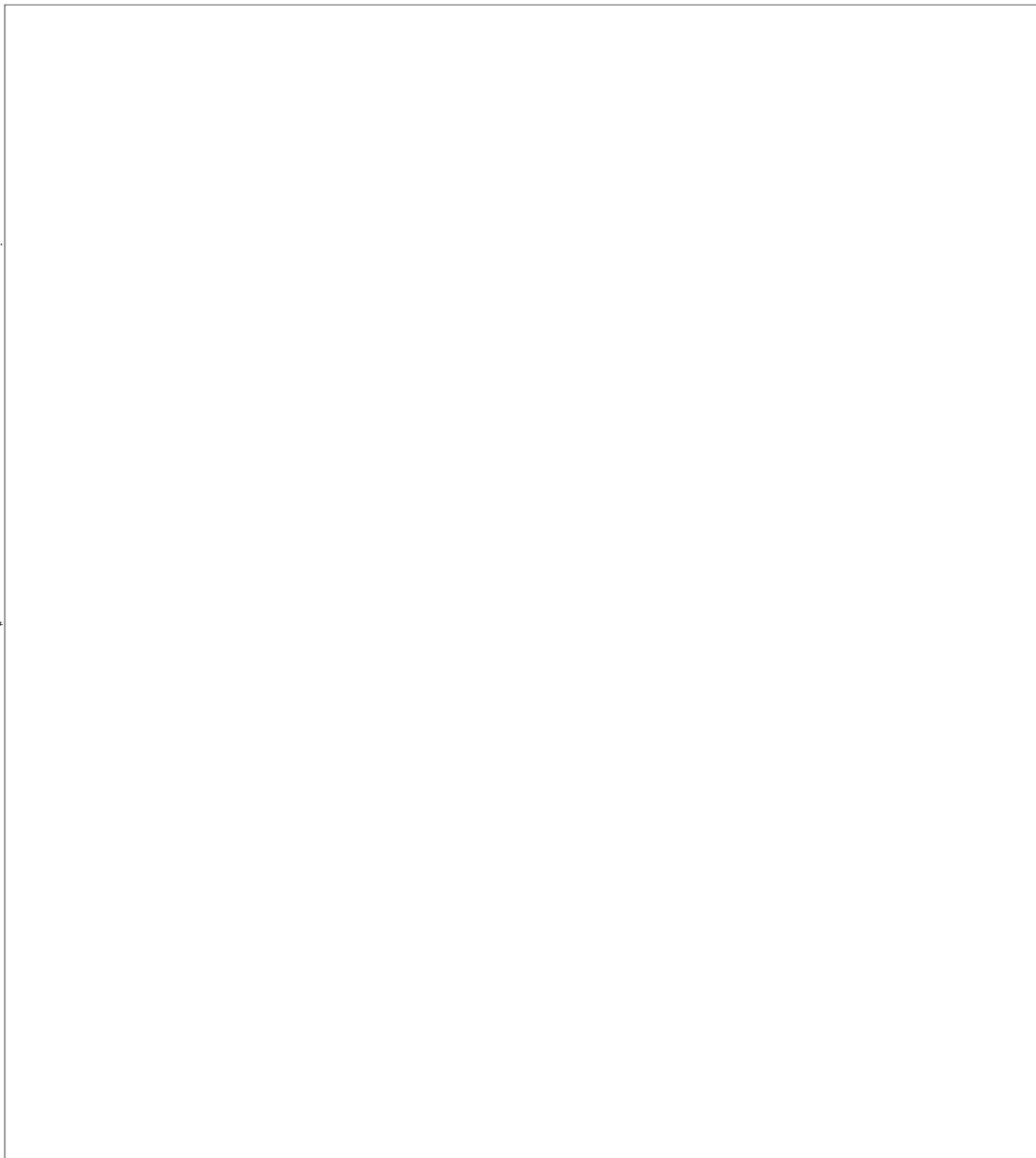
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