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1. South Vietnam

Hué, Da Nang, and Saigon were all outwardly calm today, but there is no indication that the Buddhist "struggle" against the government is abating.

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agitators in Hué have sent Ky a telegram demanding that he come to Hué tomorrow, or be declared a "traitor." On the other hand, the mayor of Da Nang today told the US consul there would be no more strikes there, as they "hurt the people."

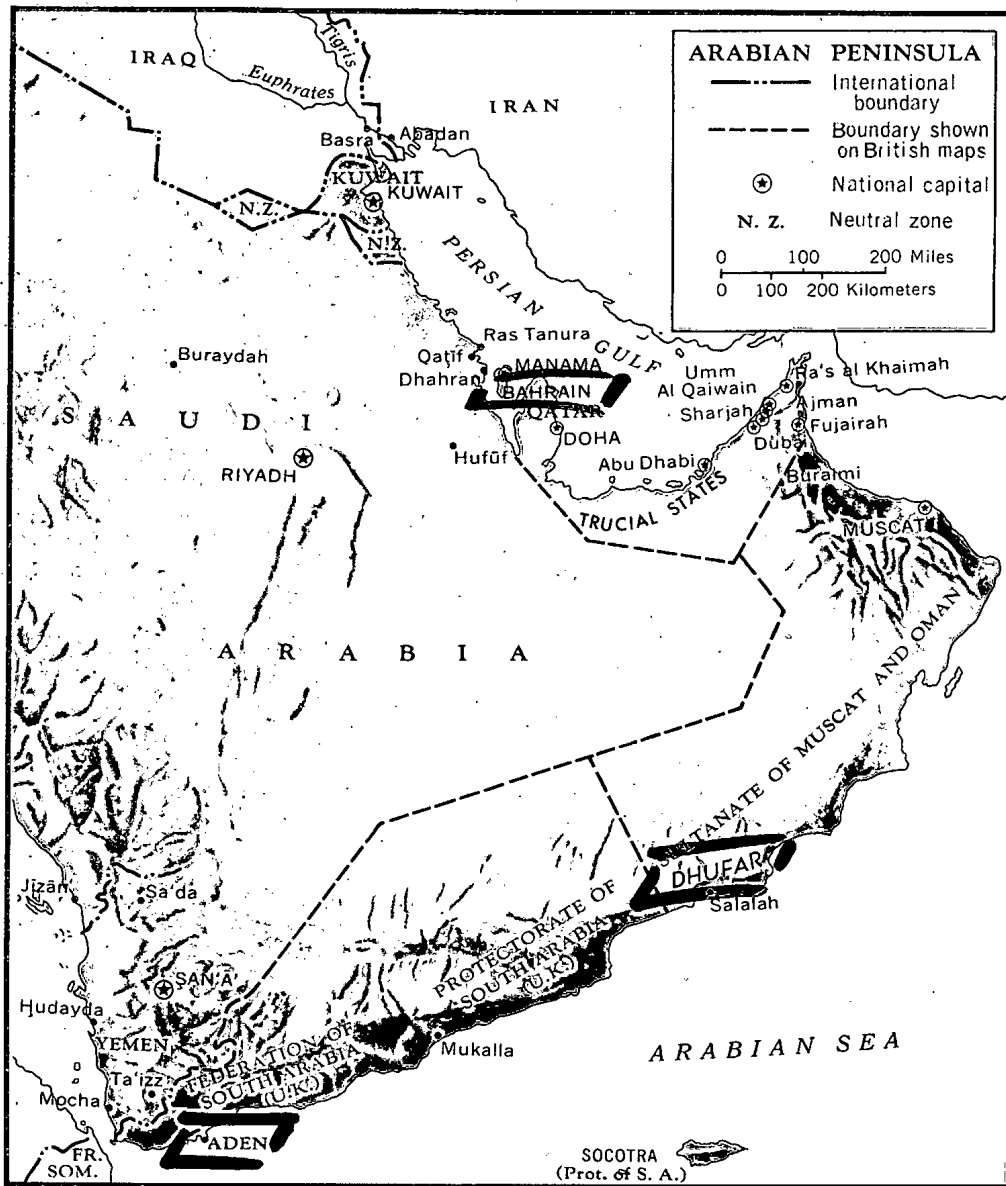
Broadcasts from Hué continue to have anti-American overtones, alleging that the military government is an American puppet. Students at Saigon University are said to be more "sensitive" to contacts with Americans, and claim they are under Buddhist pressure to demonstrate.

2. Indonesia

The generals leaned on Sukarno a little harder today. They announced that responsibility for the safety of Sukarno and his family was being transferred from his hand-picked palace guard to the army. The guard was once commanded by Colonel Untung, who spearheaded the abortive coup attempt last September.

The generals are also chipping away at the Sukarno legend in other ways. They have sanctioned the publication of a series of lurid accounts [redacted] 50X6

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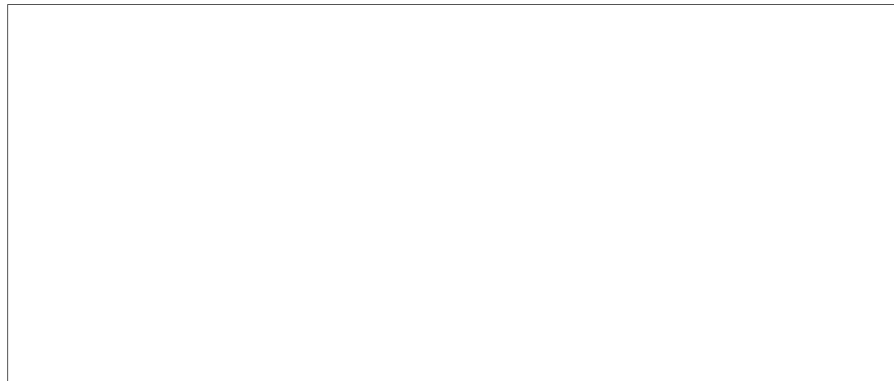
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3. Ecuador

Today's confused developments in Guayaquil and Quito promise to usher in a period of acute instability.

Mobs roamed in the streets of Guayaquil this morning. Scattered gunfire was heard, and a US-owned utility company was attacked briefly.

The first reaction of the ruling junta was to send in army troops and clamp martial law plus a dawn-to-dusk curfew on the city. At this point it looked as if the junta would stand fast in the face of the demands that it step down right now.



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4. Arabia

Arab nationalists [redacted] are broadening their campaign to force the British from the Arabian peninsula.

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Arab terrorism, which has long plagued British officials in Aden, has now spread to Bahrain. Bahrain is slated to become British military headquarters in the area after Aden is evacuated in 1968.

Rebel gangs [redacted] are stepping up their activities in the Dhufar area. [redacted]

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5. Soviet Union

Conditions will be favorable for another Soviet lunar probe late this week. Thursday will be the best day.

We expect Moscow to take advantage of the opening since by all evidence its lunar program continues to enjoy a high priority.

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6. Soviet Union

Soviet leaders are spending much of their time today at the airport welcoming a series of high-powered delegations to their 23rd party congress which opens tomorrow. The East European parties are all represented by their top luminaries, while the Yugoslavs, the North Vietnamese, and the North Koreans have sent their number two men. A Viet Cong delegation has also showed up. Peking was only able to prevail upon the Albanian, Japanese, and New Zealand parties to join in its boycott of the congress.

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