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1. South Vietnam

The government continues to gain in its drive to dominate the dissidents. Except for the Viet Cong hit-and-run attack near Hué today, the city has returned to something approaching normality. Many residents are clearly relieved over the restoration of law and order. There was a flare-up of violence in Da Nang today, but the authorities apparently gained the upper hand rather quickly.

Saigon was quiet again today, and the Buddhist Institute remains tightly sealed off.

Tam Chau has received formal support for his firm stand against the Buddhist militants from representatives of Buddhists of Cambodian origin, who are numerous in South Vietnam's delta region.

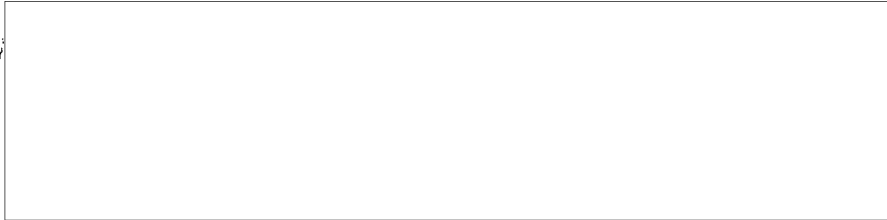
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2. North Vietnam

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3. Soviet Union

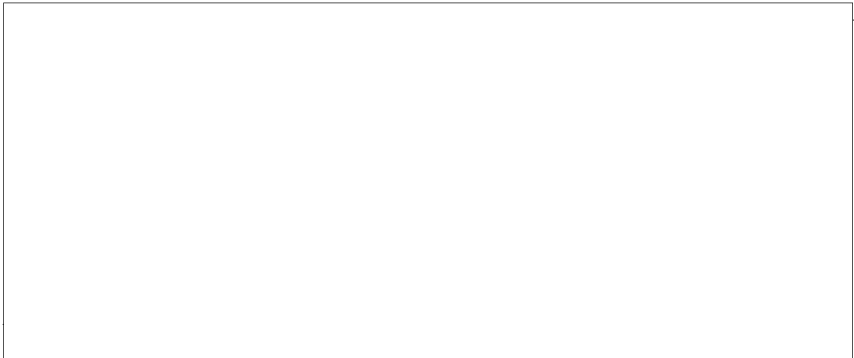


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4. France

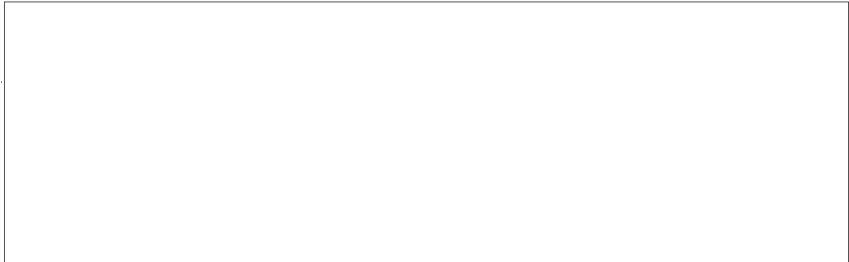
De Gaulle began his sojourn in Moscow today, without, it would appear, any substantive political surprises in mind. The US Embassy in Paris notes that this is the generally held view among both pro- and anti-Gaullists. Likewise, no one in Paris expects the Russians will yield anything of substantive importance, despite the considerable favors De Gaulle has been doing for them recently.

The emphasis therefore will be on the atmospherics.



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5. France



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6. Dominican Republic

Mutterings of a coming storm are already being heard in the labor field, in connection with Balaguer's campaign promises to clean up public administration and eliminate unnecessary jobs. Some sugar workers unions and employees associations are already petitioning against any change in the status quo and for the reinstatement of persons who lost government jobs when the Garcia Godoy provisional government came in.

Juan Bosch's party is actively organizing a new national labor federation. One of the leaders in this says the new grouping wants friendly relations with US labor. AFL-CIO representative McClellan and the secretary general of the Inter-American Regional Organization of Workers (ORIT) are to visit Santo Domingo for three or four days beginning 26 June. During their stay, the visitors will call on Balaguer.

7. Rhodesia

The business community is putting heavy pressure on Prime Minister Smith for a settlement with Britain [redacted]

[redacted] Business concern over the growing shortage of credit is mounting. Farmers in many cases are failing to pay their debts. Farm supply and equipment dealers are being hit hard.

A high-powered business delegation told Smith on 13 June that he is out of touch with the economy, that a settlement must be negotiated "very soon," and that in two months' time, the British sanctions will have breached Rhodesia's bargaining position.

This may be somewhat too pessimistic, but there is a good deal of evidence supporting the delegation's view of the situation.

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