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1. South Vietnam

[redacted] the govern-
ment will probably announce its new
cabinet on Friday.

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2. Argentina

The country seems to be taking the military coup quietly for the moment. Deposed President Illia was last reported to be at the Buenos Aires home of his brother. He presumably will go abroad, perhaps to Uruguay, rather than court detention as threatened by the coup leaders.

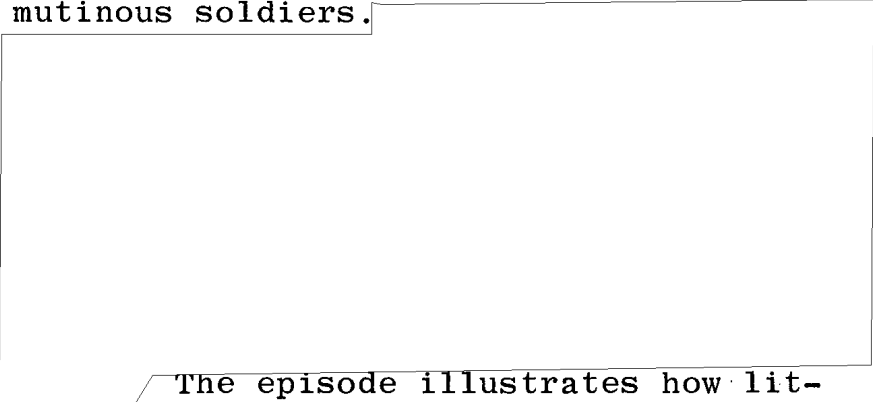
Retired General Ongania, who took over this morning, will be inaugurated as provisional president in the next two or three days, and the junta of service commanders in chief which he heads has announced its intention to specify its objectives shortly. Meanwhile, all national and state officials and legislators have been turned out of office and all political parties dissolved. The country is to be governed under what are called "revolution statutes." A new supreme court and attorney general are to be appointed.

The manner and timing of the coup probably have created misgivings among some military officers, but the odds are that they will ultimately get behind Ongania.

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3. Congo (Brazzaville)

Press reports of an attempted army coup yesterday appear to be incorrect. The government seems to be on top of the situation, and there have been no further reports on shooting this afternoon. It does appear, however, that the headquarters of the national (and only) political party, which in effect is the seat of government, was wrecked by some mutinous soldiers.



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The episode illustrates how little it takes to shake the entire political fabric in the Congo and almost everywhere else in West Africa.

4. Kenya

As expected, leftist former vice president Odinga won a resounding victory in his home province in the recent national assembly by-elections, but his party showed no strength nationally. This means that neither the party nor Odinga will be able to give President Kenyatta much trouble for the duration of the present parliament.

On the other hand, the election result shows that Odinga has used the Communist financing he receives to some effect in establishing a political base to work from. The next general election will be due in 1968.

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5. Iraq

Settlement of the Kurdish war may be in sight. [redacted] government and Kurdish representatives have hammered out agreements on major issues, at least on paper. [redacted]

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The big question is whether Bazzaz still has the strength and influence to make a Kurdish settlement stick despite the hotheads on both sides and the machinations of his political enemies.

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