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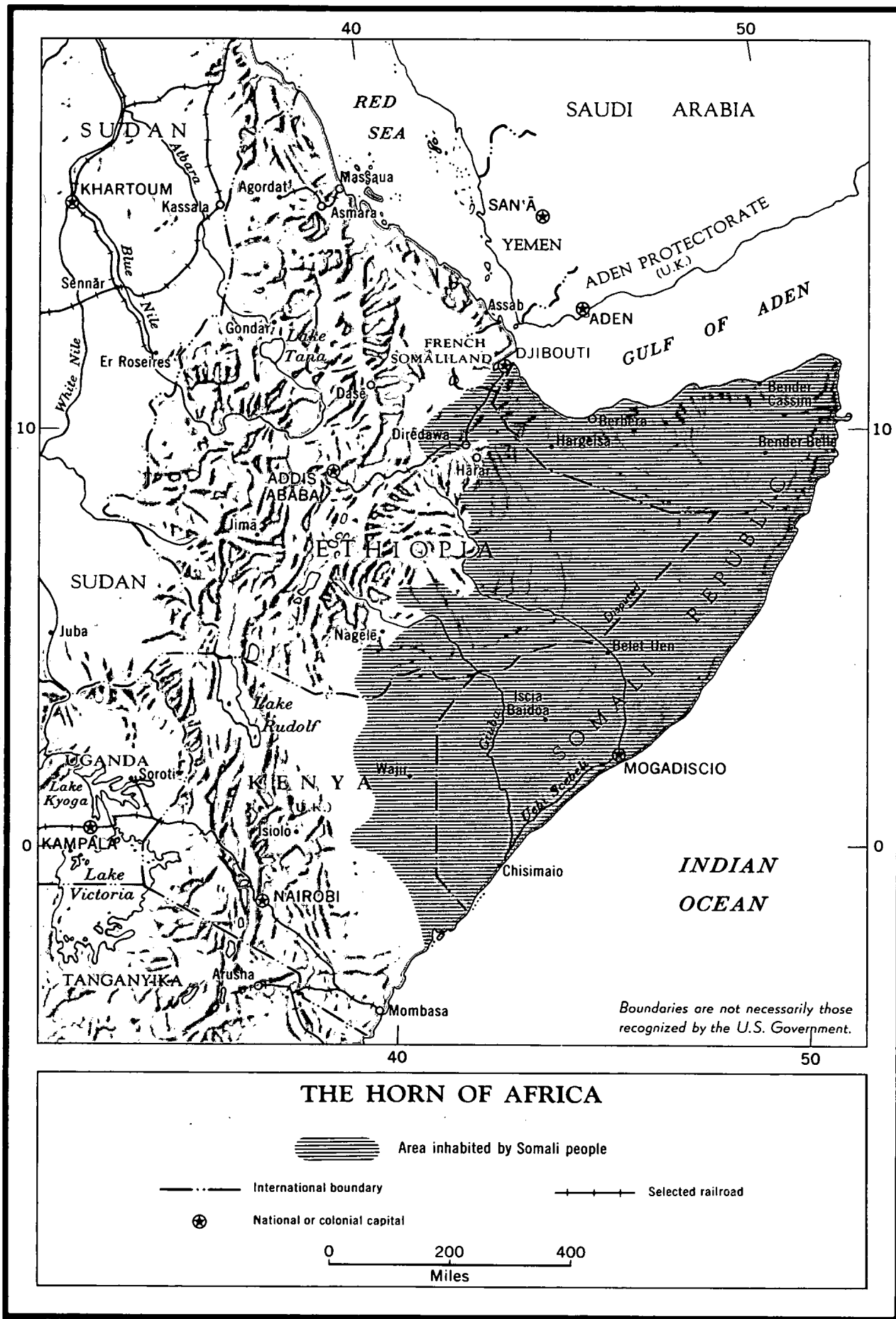
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1. North Vietnam

Jean Sainteny, who arrived back in Paris yesterday, has told French officials that he has the impression that US prisoners in North Vietnam will be tried, but he has no idea when this might take place. Sainteny also got the impression from the Hanoi leaders that although the prisoners would be sentenced, the sentencing would not be carried out.

The president of the international Red Cross says that the North Vietnamese ambassador to Moscow treated him to a long and well-prepared spiel on this subject in mid-June. The ambassador said that trials conducted by military tribunals could be expected soon.

2. Somalia-Kenya

Somali guerrilla activity in northeastern Kenya, already a problem for the Kenya authorities, is apparently destined to increase soon. [REDACTED] the Somali National Army has recently finished training and equipping more than 1,200 guerrillas who are now taking the field. More will receive training.

This problem, and the similar situation on the Ethiopian frontier with Somalia, has a long and bloody history. Essentially, what the Soviet-assisted Somali Government wants to do is absorb the Somali-inhabited territories beyond its present borders.

Kenya's reaction to the Somalis' increasing aggressiveness of late has been bellicose. Kenyan forces operating in the frontier area have apparently been told not to stop at the border if engaged in "hot pursuit." (Map)

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3. Mali

The Soviets are evidently following through on their arms deal with the Malians, under which a large shipment of heavy military equipment was recently delivered. [REDACTED]

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There is still no sensible explanation for Mali's acquiring these arms. They could be used to impress the citizenry on ceremonial occasions, and their presence will not elude the notice of Ghana.

4. Israel-Syria

There is no indication that the Syrians are preparing a serious military response to the Israeli air raid today. The Israeli raid was in retaliation for recent sabotage and mine incidents near the Syrian border, which the Israelis blamed on Syrian-supported terrorists.

The Syrians may harass Israeli border patrols, but probably will not risk anything more ambitious.

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