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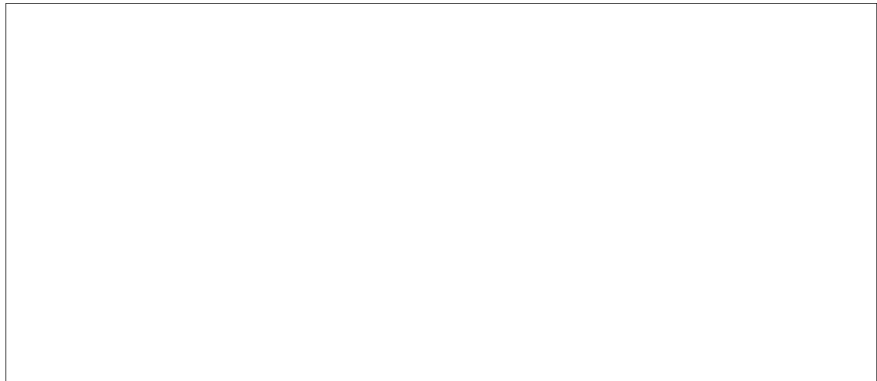
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1. South Vietnam

During a talk with Ambassador Lodge today, Ky said that he would be too young to be a candidate for president under a new constitution. Instead, the premier said that he will become the "campaign manager" for General Thieu, and then return to duty in the air force.

As for Thieu, he is already giving the impression that he considers himself the front runner. He also indicated today that he would like to see the military with a prominent--if not pre-eminent--role in South Vietnamese affairs well after presidential elections.

2. North Vietnam



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3. France

Paris is maintaining its hard line in NATO negotiations.



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Paris probably hopes that a French-German agreement would cause other NATO members to relax demands for close ties between the French forces and NATO.

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The next French-German negotiating session is set for next week, and other NATO members, fearing Bonn will go too far in bilateral talks, are urging the Germans to mark time until the Fourteen as a group can make some progress with the French.

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4. Soviet Union

The government is embarking on another of its periodic campaigns against public drunkenness and hooliganism.

Yesterday Pravda announced sweeping new measures to this end. In addition to a new Ministry for Preservation of Public Order, these involve police authority to make preventive arrests and to impose fines on the spot for drunkenness or hooliganism.

Punishments for crimes against public order have been sharply increased. Petty hooliganism can now land the culprit in jail for 10-15 days, where he must pay "board and room." Pressure is also put on employers, who must report within 10 days what "social influence" has been exerted to reorient errant employees and must ensure that factory equipment is not used to manufacture knives.

All this is an implicit admission that juvenile crime has gotten to the point of national concern. Pravda left out the usual line that hooliganism and drunkenness are survivals of capitalist society.

5. Congo

The mutiny in Kisangani is still unresolved despite continuing peacemaking efforts by Premier Mulamba. As evidenced by an outbreak of gunfire last night--cause unknown--the situation is still dangerous. So far, however, the mutiny is still confined to the immediate Kisangani area.

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6. Sudan

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7. Guatemala

The government is making another attempt to bring politically disaffected elements, including guerrillas and exiles, back into the fold.

A congressional decree effective yesterday provides amnesty for persons who have committed political crimes since 1 November 1960.

The government is turning the other cheek here, since the Communist guerrillas vehemently rejected the "open hand" Mendez Montenegro extended to all disaffected elements in his 1 July inaugural address.

The government seems to be playing this straight

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We do not look for business at the collection points to be very brisk.

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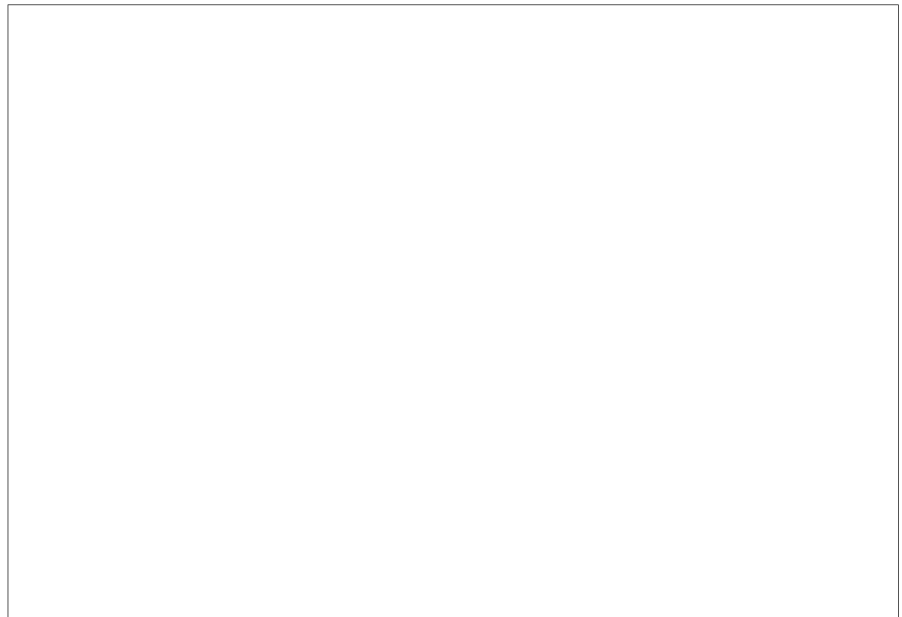
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8. Cuba



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9. Venezuela



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