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1. South Vietnam

Some of the problems now faced by Viet Cong units in the III Corps area-- the ten provinces surrounding Saigon-- came to light/

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Viet Cong units in this area may, in fact, be having more than the usual difficulties. General Khang, the new III Corps commander, is said to have expressed the view recently that allied operations and the destruction of Viet Cong food supplies in his corps area have forced the Viet Cong to scale down their activity.

Khang speculated that the Viet Cong may be moving some units south to the delta provinces, where there are still no US troops stationed, in the hope of scoring a needed victory.

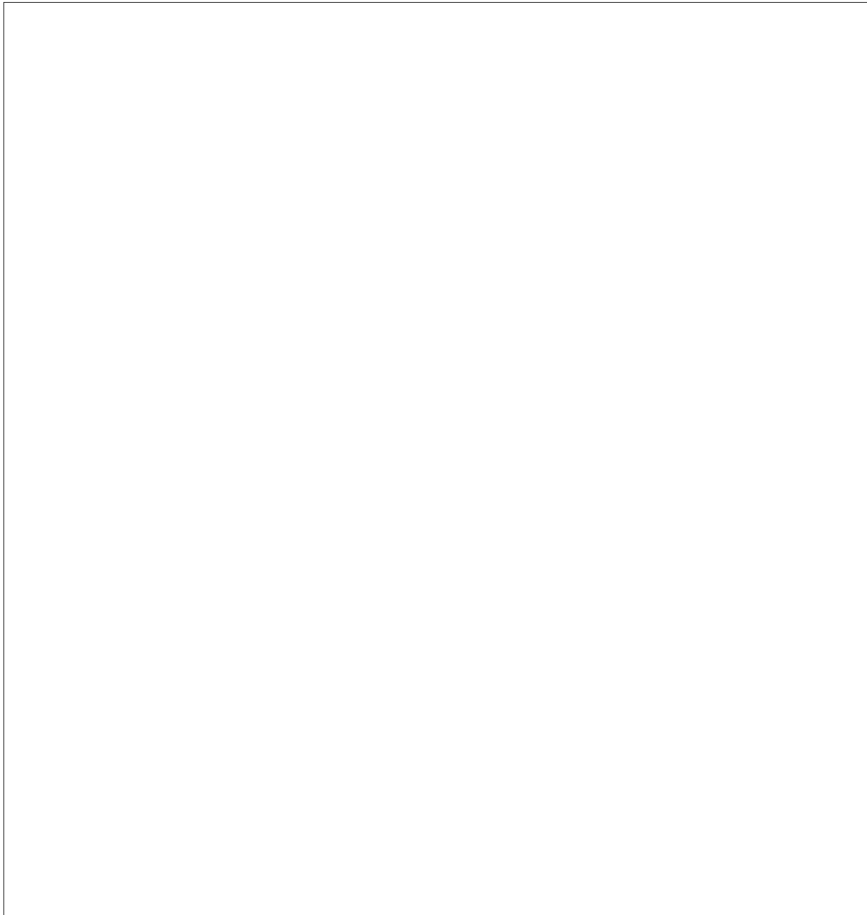
2. South Vietnam

Premier Ky today seems to have officially put himself on record as being unavailable--at least initially--as a candidate for chief executive of an elected government. A communiqué to this effect was issued by the premier's office, thus formalizing the statements Ky has recently been making to Ambassador Lodge and to some newsmen.

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3. North Vietnam

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4. Indonesia

Sukarno has knuckled under and agreed to end the confrontation with Malaysia, Foreign Minister Malik told Ambassador Green last night. Sukarno apparently had been subjected to some pretty strong language from General Suharto at a table-pounding session with senior army officers. Malik intends to get all necessary documents signed, sealed, and delivered before Sukarno can cause any more trouble in his 17 August Independence Day speech.

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5. Nigeria

All parts of the country are reported quiet, at the moment, and tension has subsided in Lagos. However, the first public comment from an official in Eastern Nigeria appears to anticipate the early break-up of the country along tribal lines. The military governor of the province, an Ibo, said there now was "serious doubt" as to whether Nigeria's people could live together.

6. Kenya

Somali guerrillas are hitting hard at military forces in northern Kenya. Operating in an area inhabited by fellow Somalis, the guerrillas are armed, trained, and advised by the regular Somali Army, and they are being pushed across the border in greater numbers.

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7. United Nations

A storm may be brewing in the General Assembly on the issue of South-West Africa.

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8. Soviet Union

Kosygin keeps his job. Rumors that he would retire had circulated in Moscow for several days before parliament, the Supreme Soviet, began its session today, but Kosygin was "unanimously" re-elected premier. Any changes in the lower ranks will be apparent when Kosygin presents his nominations for posts in the new government.

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9. West Germany

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10. Dominican Republic

Balaguer made his first important change in the leadership of the security forces last night when he removed national police chief Jose Morillo Lopez. Morillo was effective and used police powers impartially--a notable departure from Dominican tradition. His removal will cause some apprehension among Balaguer's opponents although his replacement also has a reasonably good reputation for honesty.

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