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1. North Vietnam

A Soviet tanker, the first to depart from the Black Sea since the late June air strikes, is now in Vietnamese waters and will probably remain in the Haiphong area for some time unloading its 10,000-ton cargo into barges.

Incidentally, we see no signs as yet that the loss of petroleum and petroleum storage facilities has had much effect on the North Vietnamese economy.

No shortages of petroleum or dislocations attributable to the loss of petroleum facilities have been observed. Oil imports have probably been maintained at necessary levels by transshipment of some 25,000 tons diverted from North Vietnamese ports to Chinese ports since June.

2. South Vietnam

Ky says that he has tentatively accepted an invitation by the Associated Press Editors Association to address their meeting in Los Angeles in mid-November.

3. United Kingdom   Prime Minister Wilson's decision to
defend his wage-freeze policy personally
at the Trades Union Congress opening on
5 September is unlikely to avert a nega-
tive vote by the congress. However, the
courage and determination shown by Wilson
in taking this somewhat unusual step may
help him win back some lost ground.

A marked hardening of sentiment in
the trade union movement against United
States actions in Vietnam is indicated
by resolutions drafted by four unions
on the extreme left. The motions may
be modified before presentation, but
they probably portend a more bitter
debate on this issue than in the past.

4. Indonesia   Recent public statements in
Djakarta have repudiated Sukarno as
a spokesman for his government even
more thoroughly than did Foreign
Minister Malik a week ago.
The armed forces newspaper com-
mented on Thursday that Sukarno's
17 August speech had ended the "pre-
tense" that he speaks for the Indonesian
people. The next day, the Information
Minister told the press that the Indo-
nesian Government no longer felt bound
by Sukarno's statements.

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