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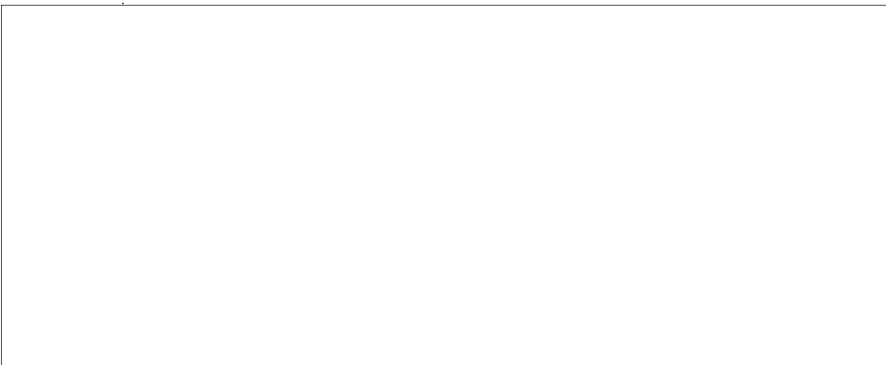
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1. Vietnam

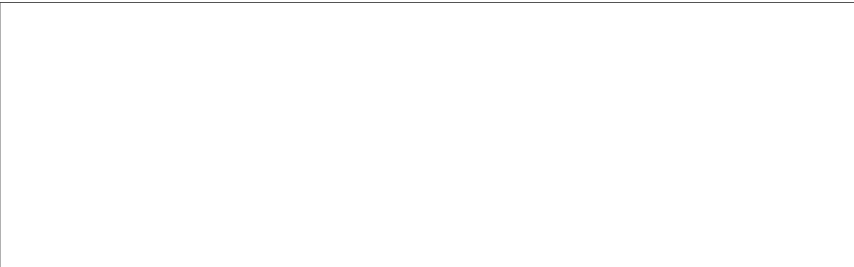
All Manila newspapers this morning headlined the announcement that President Johnson will attend the Manila conference. Some papers billed the conference as a "Summit Meeting," and there was a tendency to depict it as a personal diplomatic triumph for Marcos.

The South Koreans seem to be moving fast to thrust themselves into the thick of things. Their foreign minister has already asked his Vietnamese counterpart to come to Seoul to discuss "questions relevant to the conference."



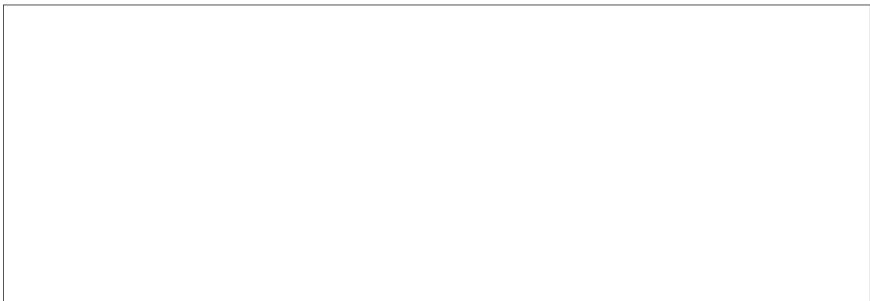
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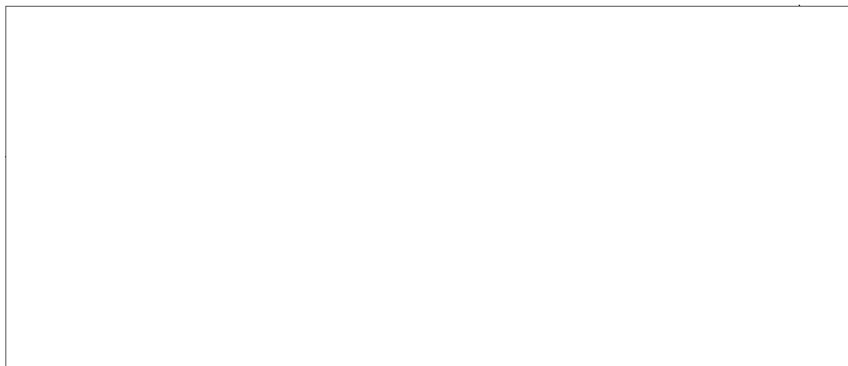
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4. Soviet Union

The Soviets want to avoid overflying Chinese territory on their flights to Hanoi. The Soviet chargé in Laos told Premier Souvanna this morning that for this reason Moscow would like to route these flights by way of New Delhi, Rangoon, and over Laotian territory to Hanoi. Souvanna said he would consider the Soviet request, which he told Ambassador Sullivan he "presumed" would involve Soviet commercial, not military, aircraft.

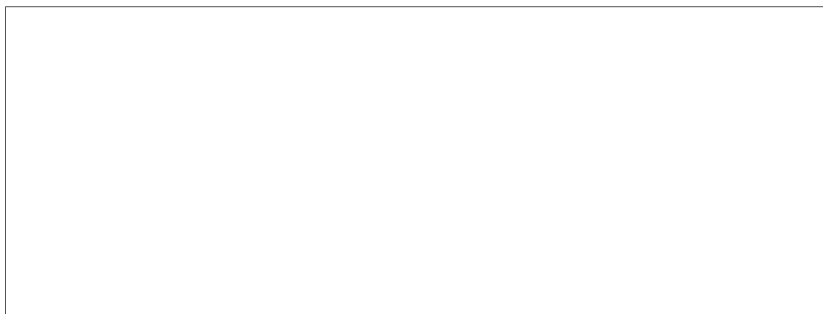
Only a small quantity of the aid Moscow provides Hanoi comes by air. The bulk of it still comes overland through China, where it has been subjected to delays and harassment. One effect of a new air route circumventing China would be to obviate the kind of embarrassment to which high Soviet officials have been subjected during their refueling stops in China en route to and from North Vietnam.

5. South Korea



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6. Cuba



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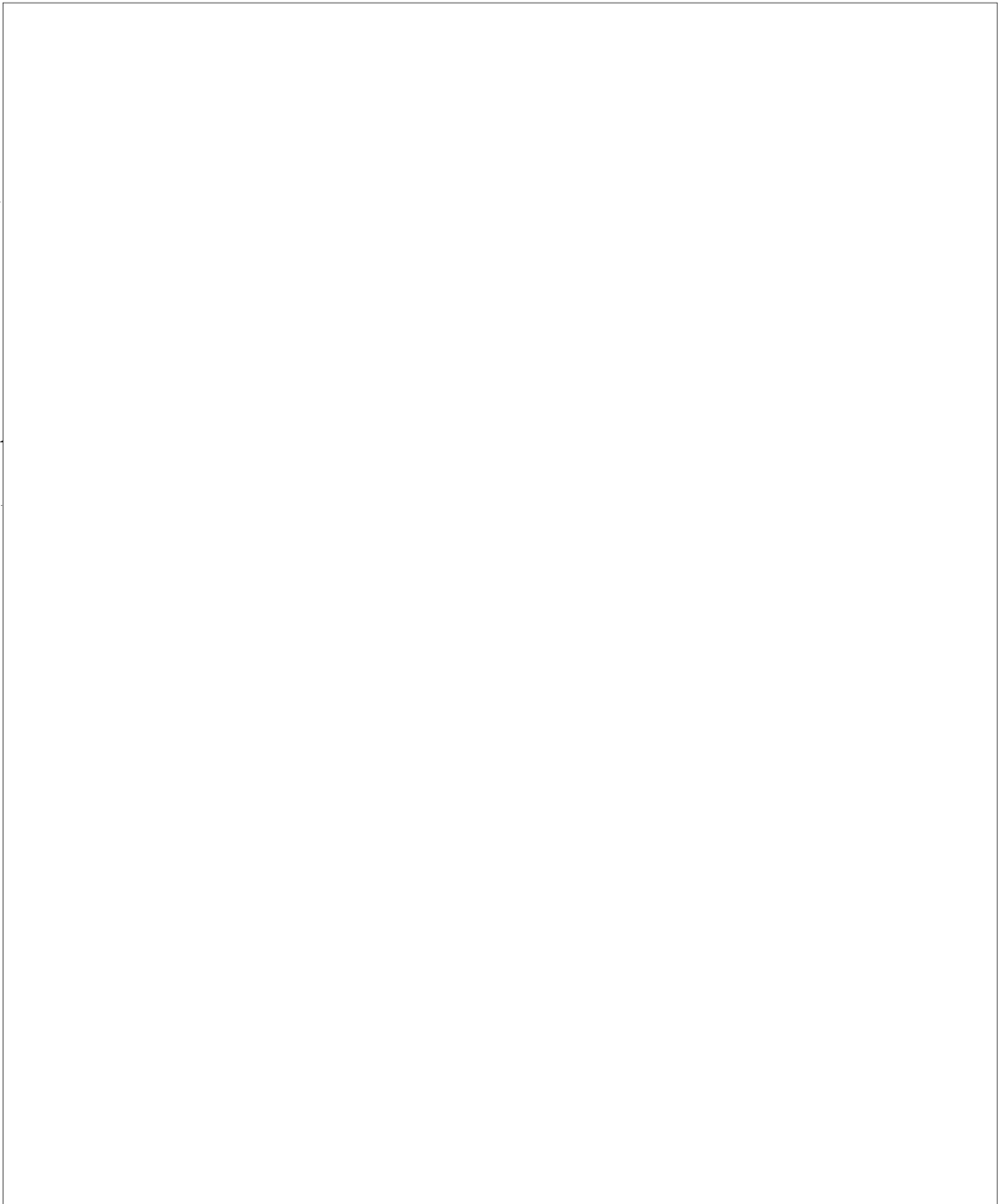
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