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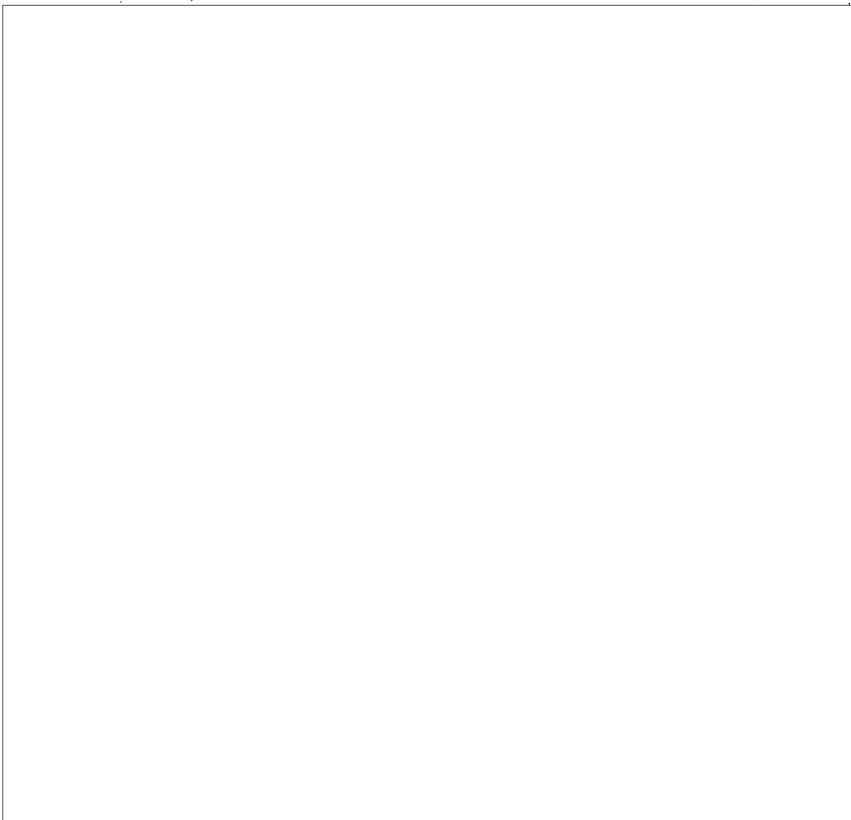
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1. Jordan

Demonstrations against the government have quieted today but there have been some outbreaks. Although King Husayn expects further demonstrations, he is more concerned about assassination of Jordanian leaders.

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At last report Nasir is making a speech. We do not yet know what he is saying, but he can hardly avoid the Jordanian issue. How he chooses to play it may well determine whether a major Middle East crisis is at hand.

2. North Vietnam

The North Vietnamese Army seems to be having morale problems. This month's army journal, published in Hanoi, contained an article that was clearly intended as a pep talk for those whose resolve may be weakening--"suffering losses and making sacrifices does not mean we are not winning," the author said.

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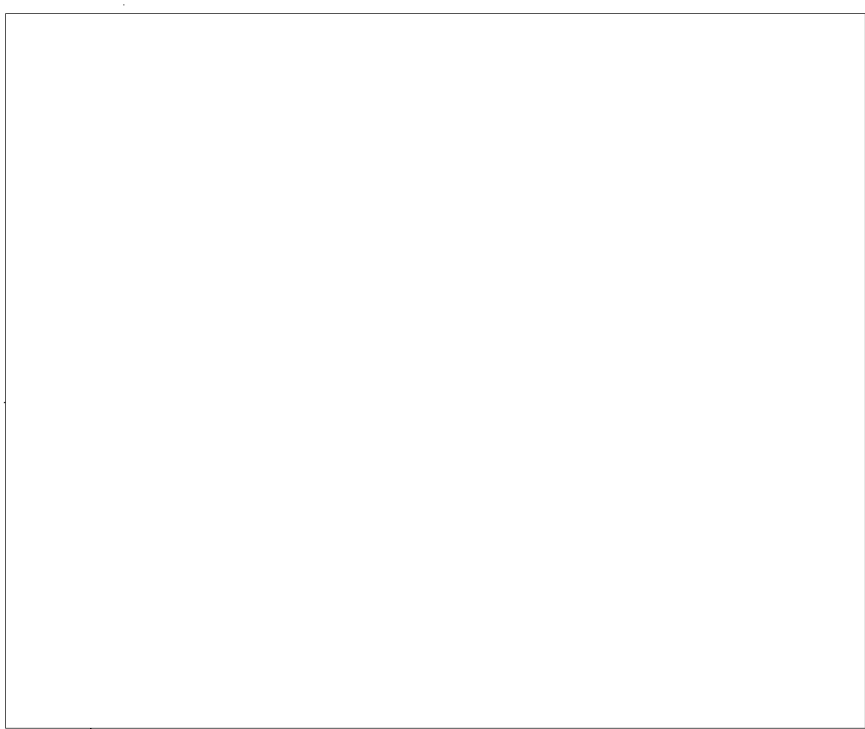
3. North Vietnam

Bad weather and disruptions caused by the war are contributing to a poor rice harvest.

Local authorities are having trouble getting in the late crop--which accounts for almost two thirds of total production--because of excessive rain and lack of labor. Even Hanoi's public statements on the harvest have been less than optimistic.

A reduced rice harvest will add to the woes of the ordinary citizen, but a major food crisis is not likely. Hanoi will probably be forced to divert some manpower to production of other foods and import food from its Communist friends.

4. Nationalist China



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5. Communist China

The new attacks on Liu Shao-Chi and Teng Hsiao-Ping which we reported yesterday have brought the struggle in Peking to yet another climax.

The attacks now seem so bitter and fundamental that we believe the attackers-- whoever they are--have committed themselves to destroying the bulk of the party's leadership as it has existed since 1939. They also suggest by implication a failure of Mao's leadership over that period.

Despite orders from one of the contending factions to go home by the 20th, the Red Guards remain in Peking. Another great rally, scheduled first for yesterday and then for today, has been postponed twice without explanation.

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