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1. Vietnam

The Viet Cong radio yesterday denounced Saigon's statement that the Viet Cong had "proposed" truces over Christmas and New Year's. The Viet Cong declared that their truce announcement was a unilateral decision, and that there is no question of "making any proposal" to the US and South Vietnam.

The Viet Cong's sharp reaction is probably explained by their desire to squelch any implication that the truces could lead to negotiations.

2. Indonesia

Ambassador Green feels that Foreign Minister Malik is less optimistic about the political situation than in recent months.

Two things in particular seemed to be bugging Malik when he talked with Green Saturday: a belief that the military were "moving in" on the civilian sector, and fear that Suharto was playing Sukarno too loosely. He apparently feels that Suharto's tendency to compromise with Sukarno will revive now dormant pro-Sukarno elements.

The President, however, may soon be in for some anxious moments. Colonel Dani, a chief figure in last October's coup attempt, goes on trial before a military tribunal on Wednesday. He probably knows all and could implicate Sukarno, but may well hold back in hope of obtaining clemency from the President. 50X1

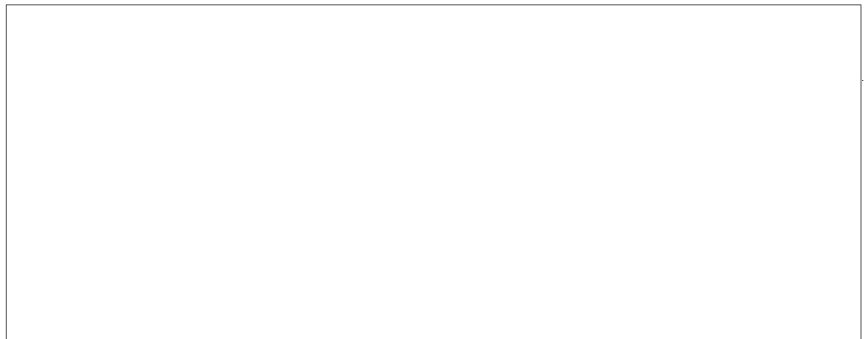
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3. United Kingdom



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4. Rhodesia



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5. Jordan

There was only one antiregime demonstration today, but officials are braced for trouble tomorrow--the anniversary of the UN resolution partitioning Palestine.



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6. Communist China

We have evidence of further strengthening of Peking's southern fleet.

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