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1. South Vietnam

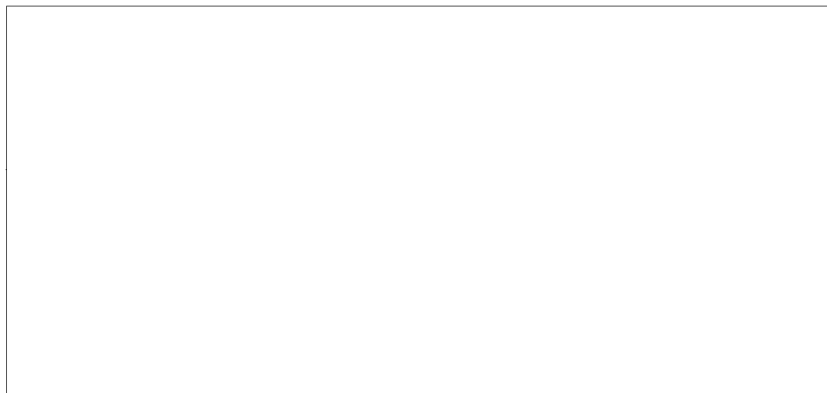
Co's sacking has now become widely known in Saigon, [redacted] a general uneasiness in the city. Police Director Loan, Ky's righthand man, has locked up or is watching some 30 middle-grade officers thought to be supporters of Co. It is not clear on whose authority Loan is acting--his own, Ky's, or Thieu's.

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2. Vietnam

Our roadwatchers near the Mu Gia Pass and in the Laotian panhandle have been sighting large numbers of south-bound trucks. During one 15-day period this month, the number of trucks seen going through the Pass was as high as any reported during last year's dry season. In the panhandle, nearly 225 trucks were seen during a five-day period.

3. West Germany



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4. Chile

Still hopping mad about the Senate's refusal to let him visit the US, President Frei has said he will not ask for permission to go abroad--including the American summit meeting--until the whole question of approval is resolved and a visit to Washington is cleared.

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5. Israel

The initial Israeli-Syrian meeting today on the dispute over cultivation in the Demilitarized Zone did not result in any real progress toward accommodation. Another meeting is scheduled for Sunday.

6. Soviet Union

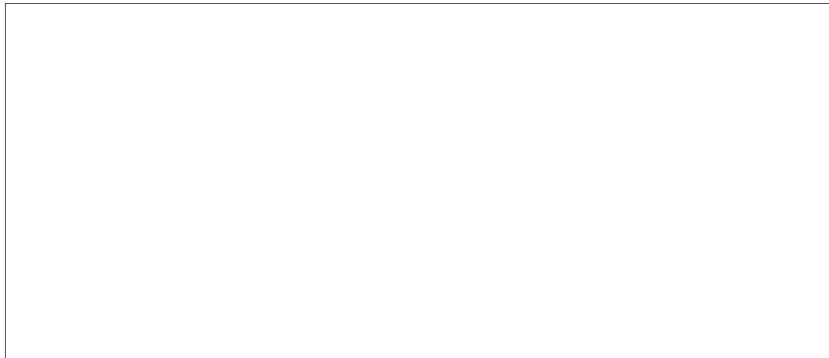


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7. Egypt

Nasir may soon throw a lamb's skin over his efforts to unseat conservative Arab regimes such as those in Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

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8. Communist China

Mao apparently feels the opposition has grown so strong that he must play what may be his last trump--the army has finally been ordered to move against anti-Maoists. If the army fails to respond wholeheartedly, then Mao is in serious trouble indeed.

The Soviets, meanwhile, are doing their best to whip up unrest among tribal minorities in Western China. Soviet broadcasts to this area are venomously anti-Chinese and the Russians are giving great play to Peking's "persecution" of the non-Chinese who live in the area.

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