

The President's Daily Brief

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1. Middle East

Israeli forces in Jordan's West Bank appear to be making little effort to win over the local Arabs. More than a month after the Israeli takeover, reports continue to come in of

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growing passive resistance among the people.

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Earlier, there had been some talk among local Arab leaders of possible independent negotiations with Israel for a separate political entity. Few are now willing to support this concept. 50X1

2. Soviet Union

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3. Congo

The rebels, led by European officers, apparently continue to extend their areas of control in the eastern Congo. Troops still loyal to Mobutu have thus far taken little action in their own defense and seem to lack direction from the capital.

The mutiny has intensified latent antiwhite sentiment among the people and the danger of violence against foreigners has increased. The press, however, has so far not included the US in its denunciation of various Western nations for alleged support for the mercenaries. At last word, all US citizens were safe.

In addition to his request to the US for aircraft, President Mobutu has appealed to Belgium for military assistance.

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4. Mexico

President Diaz Ordaz' party machine came out of Sunday's elections with its traditional overwhelming victory. Some early estimates give the party a whopping 90 percent of the ballots cast nationwide for seven state governors and the lower house of Congress.

The party apparently did well even in Sonora. There may well have been some cheating here, however, and popular resentment against the imposition of local candidates by the party bosses in Mexico City will continue to be a public issue, in Sonora and elsewhere.

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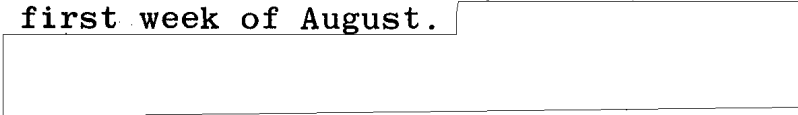
5. Panama

Opposition leader Arnulfo Arias suddenly left the country last weekend for a tour of Europe. It is not clear yet how this affects his longstanding vow to oppose ratification of the Canal treaties.



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President Robles, meanwhile, is moving confidently ahead with his plans to secure ratification of the treaties. He has decided to come to Washington late this month for the formal signing and expects to call the special session of the National Assembly during the first week of August.

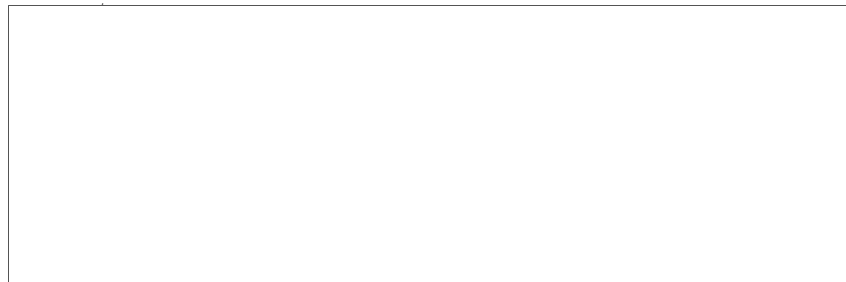


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6. Indonesia

Another legacy of the Sukarno days has gone by the boards; the country's economy will benefit significantly. The government has decided to resume normal trade with Singapore, a top Indonesian market prior to Sukarno's ruinous "confrontation" policy.

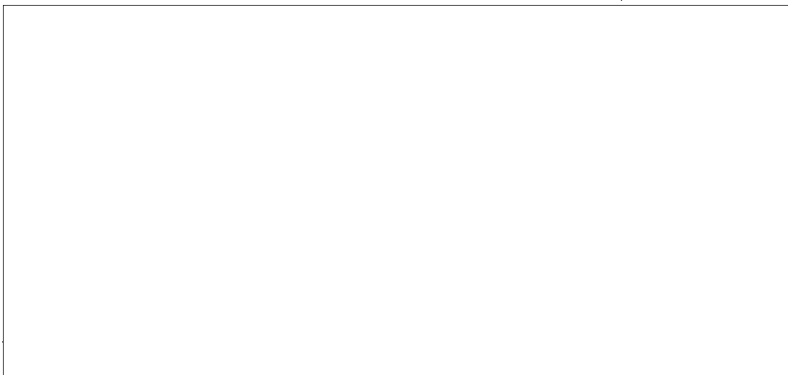
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