

The President's Daily Brief

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DAILY BRIEF
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1. Communist China

Peking has come close to losing control over the important Wuhan Military Region in Central China. This is where two high party officials from Peking were arrested last week by the local military leader.

At a million-strong demonstration in Peking on Tuesday Lin Piao and a host of other officials denounced military and party leaders in Wuhan. One speaker openly called on the "hood-winked masses" of Wuhan to revolt. An editorial in yesterday's Peoples Daily asserted that Wuhan leaders will be destroyed if they "do not surrender."

Mao's fury at the defiance in Wuhan may be impotent. We have seen no signs that Peking has yet sent troops to the rebellious area. It may be afraid to do so.

2. North Vietnam

The last two OXCART missions-- flown within a 24-hour period--have given us what amounts to a composite picture of nearly the whole country of North Vietnam. With the help of good weather, we were able to obtain cloud-free photography of about 80 percent of the country--and this included all of the particularly sensitive areas.

In the realm of air defense, for instance, these missions provided almost a complete look at surface-to-air missile sites and fighter aircraft.

There were no signs of surface-to-surface missile deployment.

3. Vietnam

Stokely Carmichael has been made a vice-president of an "investigating" unit in Bertrand Russell's "war crimes tribunal."

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4. Soviet Union

Soviet arms deliveries to the Arab States have slowed down, but talks are still going on in Moscow with Arab delegations on further military aid. We have yet to see any sign of the long-term course the Soviets propose to take, but Moscow is putting out the line that the equipment to be resupplied will be "defensive."

5. Pakistan

President Ayub is to include Moscow in the European tour he is planning this September. We understand that Soviet leaders have been urging him to come. They are anxious to offset Chinese influence in Pakistan. Ayub, for his part, would like to get the Soviets to ease up on their strong support for India.

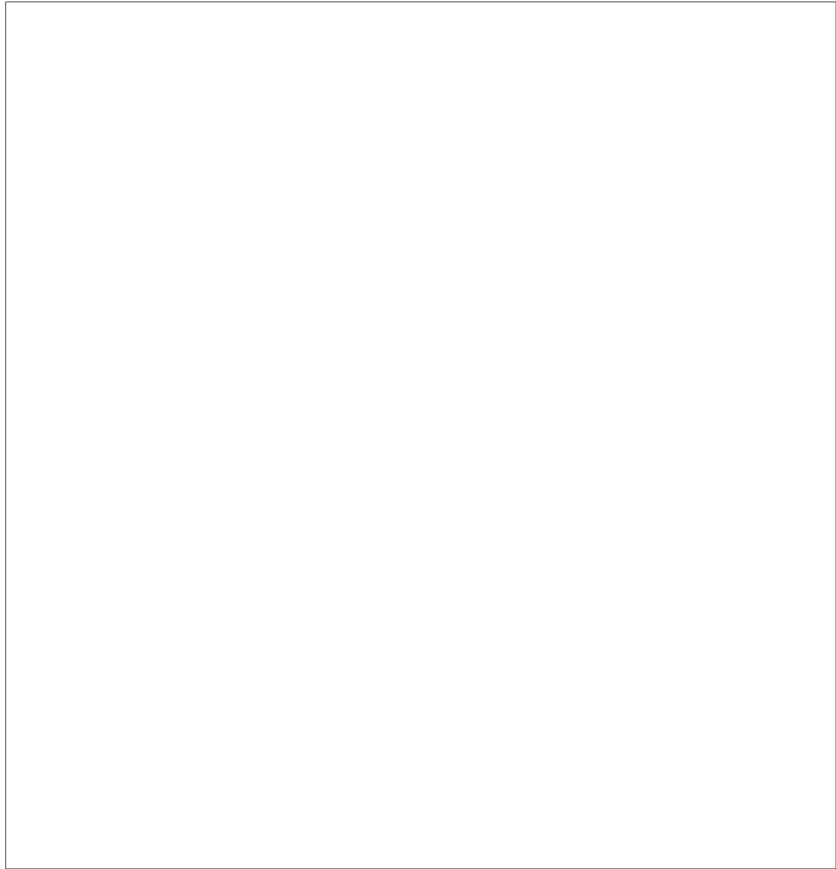
6. France

The French have decided to build up some cheap credit with the Algerians early next year by evacuating their last naval base in Algeria some nine years ahead of schedule. The base is not worth much to France now and evacuation will be a big boost to President Boumediene's local prestige.

The infant Algerian navy, however, is not capable of maintaining or operating the base installations.

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7. Argentina



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