

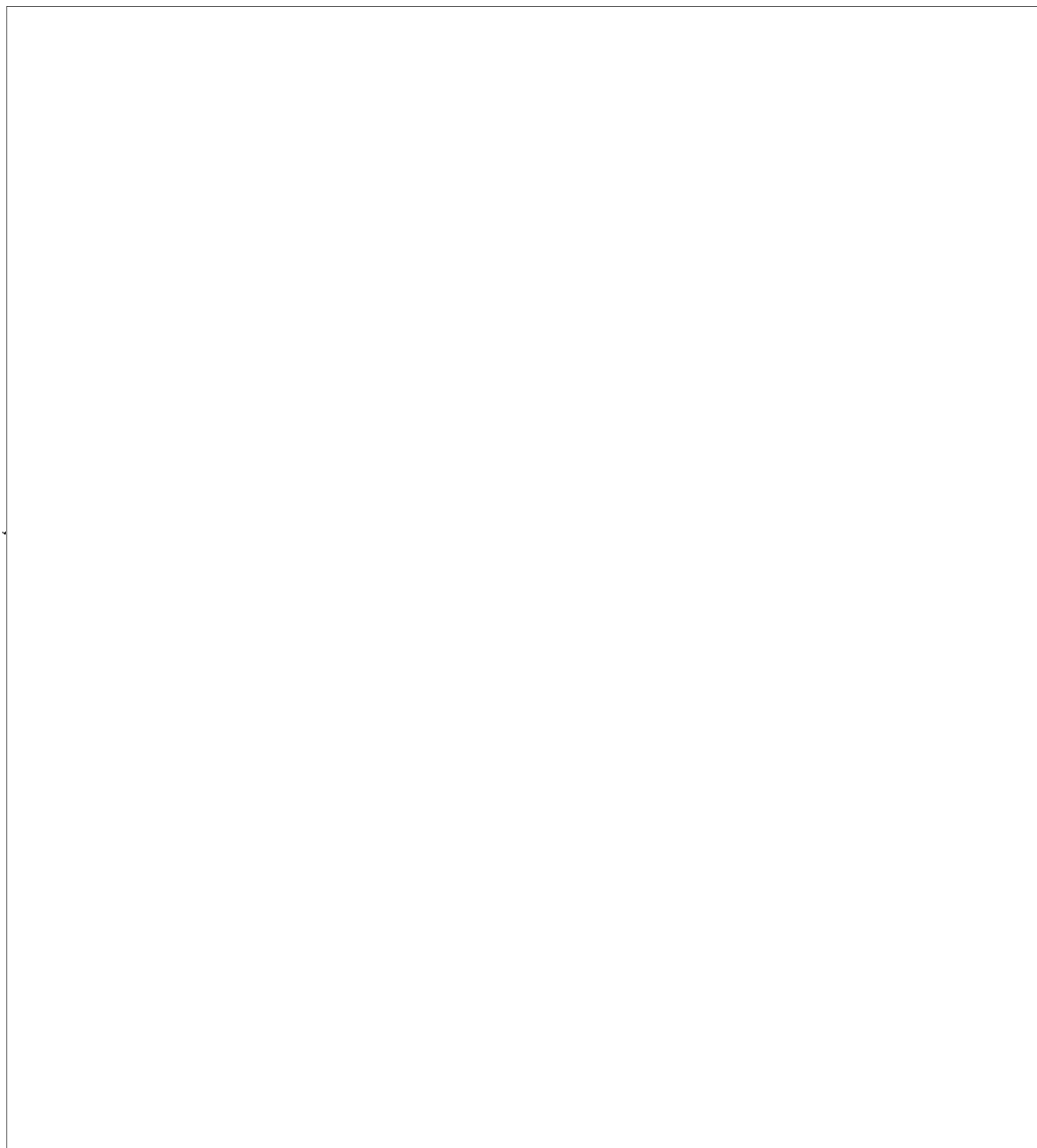
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1. Communist China

The Maoists have launched a new attack on military leaders. Nine senior officers have recently been brought under fire, not only by rallies and posters, but by major articles in People's Daily and the military journal, Red Flag. These articles could provide the theoretical basis for a broader assault on the armed forces. There are other hints that the Maoists may have additional targets, or even a purge of officers opposed to the Cultural Revolution, in mind.

2. Soviet Union

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3. Greece

Embassy Athens is skeptical of recent press reports that Andreas Papan-dreou has "galloping consumption." A visiting American found him in good health in late July, and Andreas' wife made no mention of any illness while talking to an embassy officer Tuesday.

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4. Peru

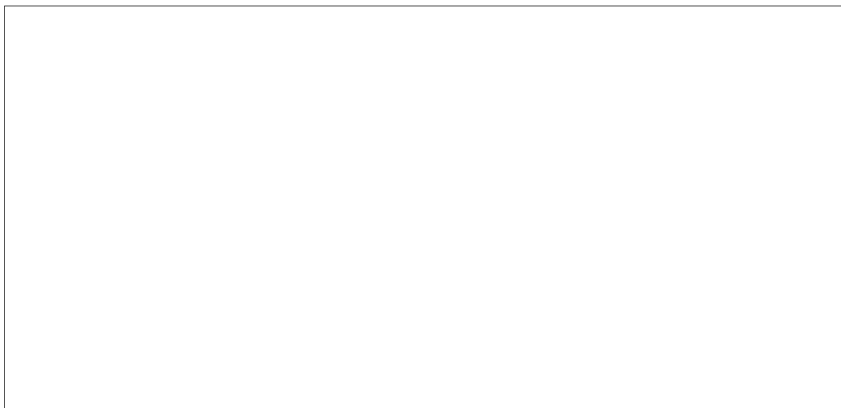
Congress still has not reconvened. President Belaunde is warming to the idea of just letting the deadlock continue until it somehow produces a permanent recess of Congress. He apparently believes certain high-ranking military officers would be reluctant to see the present Congress meet again.

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5. Korea

North Korean incursions into the Demilitarized Zone and South Korea are continuing at five times the level of previous years. The North Koreans may hope to discourage Seoul from sending more troops to Vietnam.

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