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1. North Vietnam

Railroad traffic in and out of Hanoi is now dependent on ferries; all but the most essential rail shipments will probably be seriously delayed.

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2. Congo

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3. Greece

A number of influential Greeks recently urged the King to make his trip abroad as brief as possible, lest "adverse developments" occur during his absence. After some hesitancy, the King decided to adhere to his original schedule.

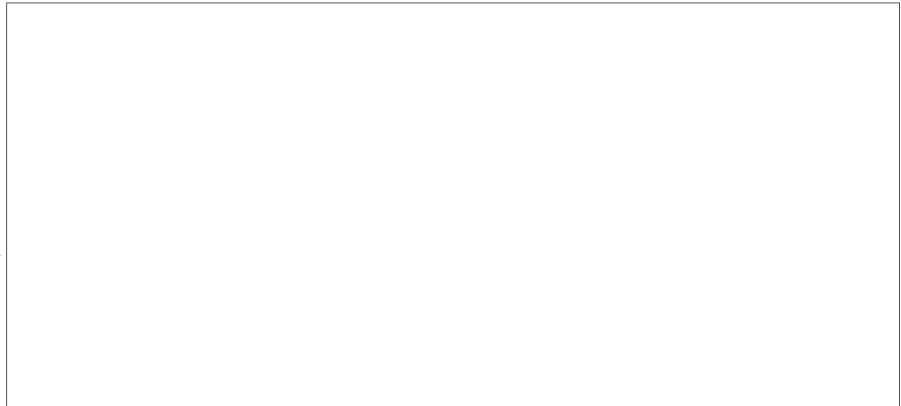


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Papadopoulos' word may be good for the short haul. We believe, however, that there is a real prospect that the King and the junta will collide--perhaps later this fall--with possibly fatal results for one or the other.

4. Hong Kong

Yesterday there were further incidents along the border, but Chinese Communist troops kept the demonstrators from getting out of hand. Food shipments from China continue to arrive in the colony.



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5. Arab States

The Arab foreign ministers' conference that opened today in Khartoum is not likely to be any more successful than other recent Arab pow-wows. Hence, the problem of what unified action the Arabs should, or can, take will be left for whatever chiefs of state show up at the summit meeting Khartoum is still planning to host next Tuesday.



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6. Burma

Rice is becoming scarce, and prices are skyrocketing. Reports of popular unrest are increasing, and some government stores and warehouses have been looted. The new crop will not hit the market until January, and may not help much anyway.

This could cause serious trouble for Ne Win's regime, whose economic policies have reduced Burma from the world's largest exporter of rice to its present penury. The [ ] general will probably weather the storm--barely.

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7. Peru

The constitutional impasse drags on. The Senate president, whose disputed election started the hassle, is deaf to pleas even from his own party that he resign. This probably suits President Belaunde fine--he seems to be running things very well without the opposition-controlled Congress.

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