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1. Egypt

Moscow cannot meet Cairo's urgent request for 600,000 tons of refined petroleum products to cover Egyptian needs through November and December.

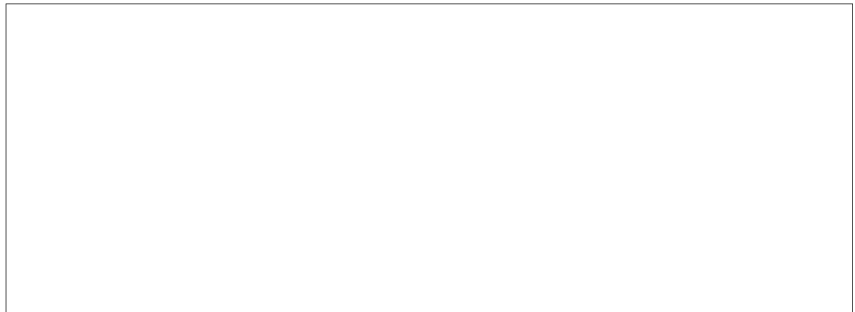


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The Egyptians had asked for help after the Suez refineries were destroyed last month. Cairo is haggling to get Egyptian crude processed at an Aden refinery, but even if this deal goes through it would take care of only the most essential requirements.

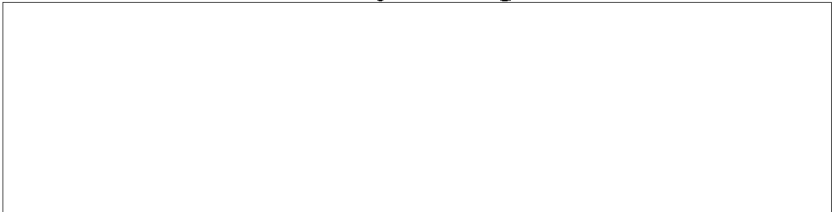
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2. West Germany



3. Rhodesia

No progress was made in the latest round of talks on a Rhodesian settlement between Ian Smith and British Commonwealth Secretary George Thomson.



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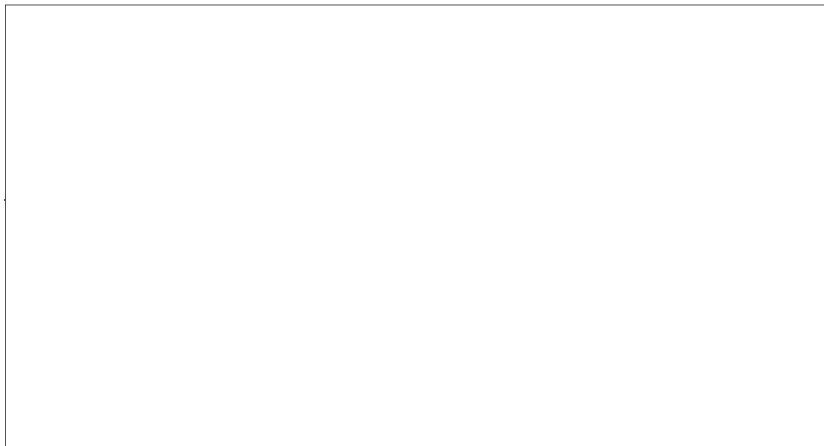
4. Japan

Sato arrives in Washington with a solid power base in his own Liberal Democratic Party. The prime minister successfully led the party through a national election last January and feels this was an endorsement of his determination to keep close relations with the US.

Sato also saw the election as giving him a mandate to go forward in gradually expanding Japan's economic and political role in Asia. South Korea is one beneficiary. By 1975 Japan will have invested \$1 billion in Korea's economic development and replaced the US as the largest source of external assistance.

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5. Congo

The emergency committee session of the Organization of African Unity called by Mobutu to consider the fate of the mercenaries and their Katangan cohorts is finally meeting now.

[redacted] a draft resolution [redacted] probably will be put before the committee--if Mobutu approves. It does not demand outright extradition of the mercenaries, but it does claim compensation must be paid for the damage they have done. Payment would be "by the mercenaries or by the states they claim to belong to."

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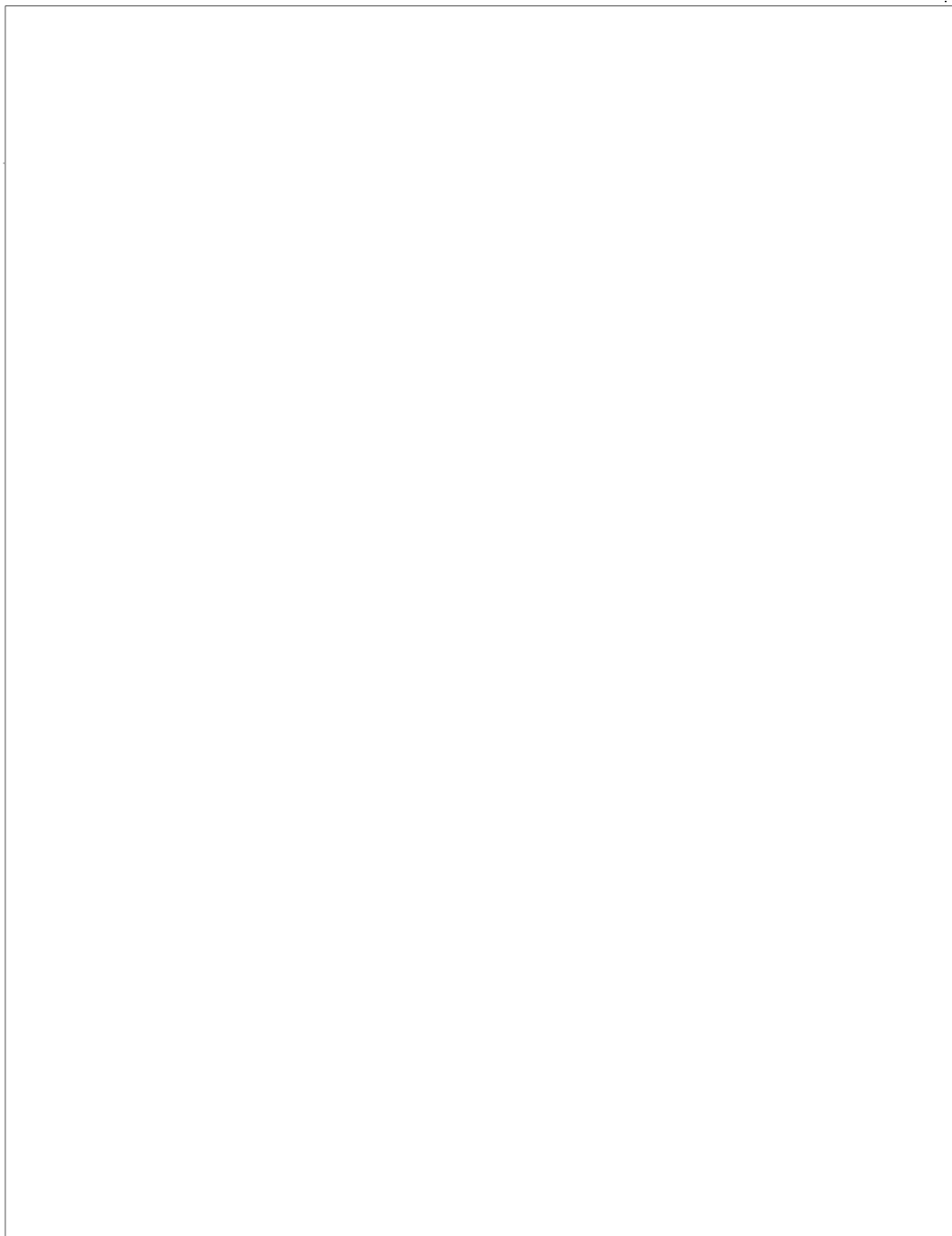
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II. NORTH VIETNAMESE REFLECTIONS OF US POLITICAL ATTITUDES ON THE WAR

Interviews with Captured US Pilots: The Hanoi press yesterday carried interviews with Lieutenant Commander McCain, son of Admiral McCain, commander of US Naval forces in Europe, and another captured pilot, Air Force Colonel John Flynn.

McCain was quoted as having said, "The morale of the Vietnamese people is very high. The Vietnamese people are very strong--present events are moving to the advantage of North Vietnam, and the United States appears to be isolated."

Both pilots are said to have commented on the density and accuracy of anti-aircraft fire over Hanoi. Flynn was quoted as saying, "Your ground-to-air missiles are really dangerous. As for your MIGs, we could hardly tell where they were coming from, and after firing, they disappeared."

Flynn is also said to have remarked that young US pilots, despite their outward bravado, were frightened at having to fly over the North, particularly Hanoi. "Many young pilots want to leave the Air Force to become civilian pilots, and the old pilots like me want to retire and return to our families."

These excerpts were broadcast by the French Press Agency. Texts of the articles are not yet available.

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