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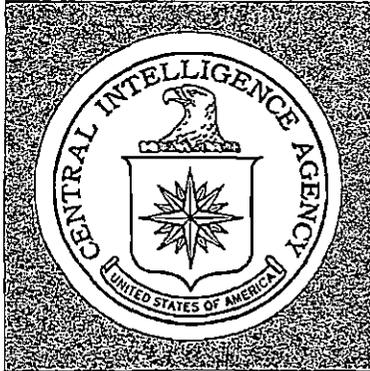
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1. Vietnam

Communist forces continue to react cautiously to US operations in the Khe Sanh area. They seem to be offering only limited resistance while trying to determine the scope of the allied drive.

Farther south, the North Vietnamese seem to be taking advantage of the last few weeks of dry weather in the central highlands to move very large quantities of combat supplies into Kontum Province.

2. Pakistan

The Pakistanis have abruptly served notice that they do not intend to renew the agreement for the [redacted] [redacted] installation at Peshawar. The agreement expires in July 1969.

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The government's attitude suggests that this is not just another bargaining maneuver. The foreign minister claimed to Ambassador Oehlert on Saturday that the agreement is simply not compatible with Pakistan's current policy of "friendship with all powers." He added that both Moscow and Peking have been "constantly" complaining about it.

In choosing this time to give notice, the Pakistanis clearly have an eye cocked on next week's visit by Kosygin.

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3. Poland

More reports are coming in on high-level government changes expected this week. We do not think Gomulka is on his way out, but the reports do point to a high government post for Edward Gierek, the man who may well take over from Gomulka ultimately.

Gierek, Politburo member with a strong power base in the industrial south, has been speaking more and more like a man who sees a big future for himself.

What looked earlier like a Gierek alliance with the hardliners now seems more like a temporary tactical ploy. He is now making a pitch for support from the party's younger, reform-minded members, and he is omitting the anti-semitic overtones from his speeches.

4. East Germany

The surprising thing about the "referendum" yesterday approving a new constitution was that more than 400,000 people voted against it (out of some 12 million). It took courage to vote no. The authorities were standing by, taking down the names of those who did so.

5. Soviet Union

The party's Central Committee is scheduled to meet this Tuesday. We think it will be concerned mainly with domestic affairs.

6. Soviet Union

The lunar probe launched yesterday seems to be operating as planned. It will take about three days to reach the area of the moon. This is the first time in well over a year that a Soviet probe has successfully left earth orbit. Its mission is either to orbit the moon or to land a payload on the surface.

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