

3. Laos

Supplies brought to the North Viet-
nam - Laos border during late March and
April are continuing to filter into Laos
toward the Plaine des Jarres. []
[] inside Laos report that about
36 trucks a day--the highest rate in re-
cent months--moved west along the route
between 6 and 10 May. We still believe
that this is a stockpiling operation in
anticipation of the rainy season.

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4. South Arabia

Last week the cabinet in London
formally endorsed the decision to un-
load Britain's South Arabian protector-
ates next January. The British hope
they can give independence to a govern-
ment with some base of support among
the diverse peoples there. This will
be difficult and the British will prob-
ably accept almost any kind of regime
they can get. British troops are to
leave as quickly as possible after inde-
pendence.

A naval force is to be stationed
nearby for six months []
[] but there will be no
British guarantee against internal sub-
version--or against a deterioration into
political chaos. The whole nasty problem
may well end up in the lap of the United
Nations.

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5. Egypt

Nasir is going all out to show that
his mutual security pact with Syria is
something which the Israelis should take
very seriously. Large troop contingents
were seen moving through Cairo yesterday
and there are other signs of a wide-scale
mobilization.

Nasir must be hoping desperately
that there will be no need for him to
fight the Israelis. He probably feels,
however, that his prestige in the Arab
world would nose-dive if he stood idly
by while Israel mauled Syria again.

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7. Dominican Republic

Juan Bosch is still in Spain, leading the life of a rather embittered philosopher while his party back home carries on the wars. The latest party move has been to call again for a broad "anti-Trujillo front" to resist the Balaguer government.

So far, the only groups to respond positively to this idea have been extremists of the left. This response has put pressure on party leaders to go ahead with some kind of opposition "front"--even though this would surely produce a further exodus of the more moderate members.

President Balaguer continues on a hard-nosed course as he tries to restore public confidence in the wake of the upsurge of political terrorism. In the process, he is becoming more and more dependent on his conservative and right-wing supporters.

8. Ecuador

President Arosemena is faced with a new upsurge of violence. Several people were killed and many wounded late last week before police and troops were able to suppress crowds of workers and students demonstrating their support for striking railwaymen. Further violence is feared and there is talk of more strikes to come.

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