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SOUTHEAST ASIA SITUATION--Hanoi's VNA says the purpose of the forthcoming talks in Saigon between Gen. Maxwell Taylor and President Ngo Dinh Diem is to find a pretext for sending U.S. troops to South Vietnam to "repress the people's movement.". A Peking TA KUNG PAO commentator, quoted by NCNA, says the "current grave situation in South Vietnam" was brought about solely by the United States, and asserts that "no aggression or threat of war" by the United States can "intimidate the heroic people of South Vietnam" who are engaged in a "patriotic and just fight." NCNA reports that Gen. Lo Jiu-ching, CFR army chief of staff, stated at a banquet in Peking that the "frantic, provocative" acts of the United States in Laos and South Vietnam "seriously endanger the peace in Indochina and Asia." AFP reports that Thai Defense Minister Thanom Kittikachorn has predicted that Gen. Phoumi Nosavan will become vice premier and defense minister of Laos in the coalition government to be formed by Prince Souvanna Phouma,

<u>BERLIN PROBLEM--TASS</u> notes that while President Kennedy stated at his press conference that the United States still seeks a solution of the Berlin crisis "by peaceful means," he nevertheless read a "fairly long list of measures of a military character" undertaken by the United States in recent months. Lord Home's speech to the Conservative Party Congress is characterized by TASS as being "imbued with the spirit of the cold war" and containing gross distortions of the Soviet position on disarmament, Germany, and West Berlin. The East Berlin radio says the United States has "rejected Bonn's decision" to employ West German policemen in West Berlin, and that the U.S. Government has thus "complied with the GDR Government's demand that it stop the West German militarists from endangering peace." The <u>Belgrade KOMUNIST</u>, quoted by TANYUG, condemns the attitude of the West German Government for its "insistence on proving that negotiations" on Berlin have "no chance of success."

TUNISIAN-FRENCH RELATIONS--In a speech to the Tunisian National Assembly, reported by the <u>Tunis</u> radio, President Bourguiba states that the Tunisian Government has sent a note to France demanding adoption of the "principle of complete evacuation from Tunisian soil." Bourguiba warns that "if France remains stubborn" and remains in Bizerte, Tunisia is prepared for a "resumption of the battle for evacuation."

MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS -- The Egyptian press, reviewed by the Cairo radio, condemns Syrian Premier Kuzbari's proposal for a pan-Arab federation as an attempt by the Syrian regime to hide its "crime against Arab unity," and compares the plan with "old imperialist schemes" such as the "fertile crescent." Jordanian Premier at-Talhuni, quoted by the Amman radio, says the plan needs "time, study, and discussion." Radio Baghdad says oil companies operating in Iraq "still persist in refusing to respond to Iraq's just claims" in the Iraqi oil negotiations, and that the Iraqi Government "finds itself compelled to adopt legitimate measures" to "safeguard the people's interests."

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