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4. Panama

Four of the eight parties in President Robles' ramshackle coalition are most unhappy over his choice of a presidential candidate for next May's election. They are threatening to form an alliance with opposition leader Arnulfo Arias, a shift which could produce an Arias victory. Robles may yet try to salvage the situation by settling on another candidate.

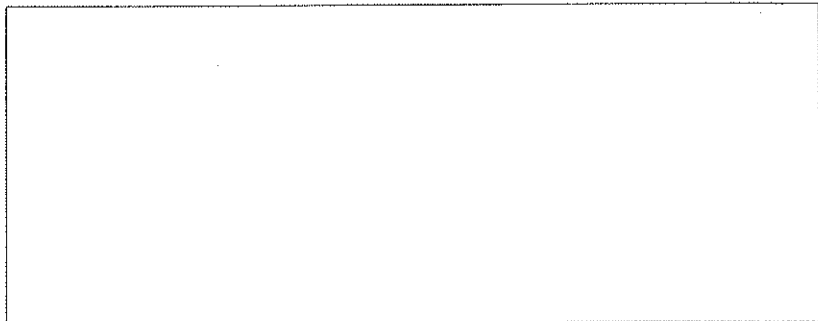
All this infighting has forced the canal treaty issue into the background, where it will probably stay during the final months of Robles' administration.

5. Soviet Union

The Soviets continue to move forward on the Moscow antiballistic missile defense system. The second of the two large early warning and tracking radars in the northwest USSR apparently became operational last month (see map).

These radars could detect and track intercontinental ballistic missiles coming over the North Pole from the US, and feed the data to the Moscow complex. The full system could be operational by 1971, although it would have but limited effectiveness against a sophisticated ballistic missile attack.

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