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1. France

Despite De Gaulle's warning that such things will not be tolerated, student demonstrations began again early this morning in Paris. This time the students tried to march on the Sorbonne but were pushed back by police. Yesterday's disturbances left 800 policemen and students wounded.

The students, whose political views range across the whole spectrum, have so far been concerned only with educational reform and alleged police brutality. They have no discernible political goals, although there is always the possibility that the sensitive issue of Vietnam will crop up in the disturbances.

2. Soviet Union

Satellite photography of late April has provided an excellent view of the Soviet Union's most important submarine construction facility. We believe that 12 Polaris-type submarines were then in the yard's construction hall, and there are indications in the photographs that the Soviets were getting ready to launch one of them. others of the same type were in the yard's fitting-out area, and sections of a 15th boat appeared ready to be moved into the hall. As reported earlier, the first of this class has turned up at an operational base.

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