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Scores of people have been killed and wounded and houses and schools wrecked in the provocative Israeli attacks on neighbouring Lebanon and Syria. Above is a view of a Lebanese village after one of the raids.

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● **Soviet, U.S., French and British ambassadors met in West Berlin on October 23** to exchange views on questions of common interest.

● **Five non-permanent members of the U.N. Security Council were elected on October 21** to replace those whose term has expired. As decided by the General Assembly, Australia has replaced Italy, Austria—Belgium, Indonesia—Japan, Kenya—Somalia, and Peru—Argentina. Besides the permanent members (U.S.S.R., U.S.A., Britain, France and China) and the newly elected non-permanent members, there are five other countries on the Council—Guinea, Sudan, India, Yugoslavia and Panama, all of them elected last year.

● **The traffic treaty between the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany came into force on October 17.** (See p. 17.)

● **The Socialist Unity Party of West Berlin held its Third Congress on October 20-22.** The delegates discussed the party's tasks and drew up a detailed programme of struggle for peace, democracy and socialism. The CPSU Central Committee sent greetings to the Congress. Gerhard Danelius was re-elected Chairman of the Socialist Unity Party of West Berlin.

● **The first Summit of the enlarged Common Market was held in Paris on October 19-20.** It adopted a number of documents on the member states' future economic, monetary and social policies. (See p. 12.)

● **Opening in Freiburg on October 23 of the congress of West Germany's Free Democratic Party,** the Social Democratic Party's partner in the ruling coalition. The report was delivered by Walter Scheel, the party's chairman and F.R.G. Foreign Minister. The congress decided on the programme for the Bundestag election on November 19 and declared itself in favour of continuing the coalition.

● **Further clashes betwen the Irish and the "security forces" have been reported from Ulster.** On October 22 British troops clashed on several occasions with residents in the Catholic districts of Belfast. More than 2,000 women and children marched in Ballymurphy, a suburb of Belfast, in protest against the actions of the British occupation forces.

The word "Vietnam" has come to be the synonym of courage and staunchness in defence of freedom and independence. All honest people are on Vietnam's side. The movement of solidarity with the Vietnamese is gaining momentum throughout the world. The peoples are demanding an end to the American aggression.

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