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GENERAL

1. Palestine Commission members consider revising partition--The US delegation at the UN has learned that two members of the UN Commission on Palestine (Chairman Lisicky of Czechoslovakia and Federspiel of Denmark) are presently considering the possible revision of the partition recommendations. Federspiel reportedly favors the calling of a special session of the General Assembly in order to decide whether to create a Palestinian federal state with considerable local autonomy for the Jews or to place all Palestine under international jurisdiction until some new solution can be found. Lisicky reportedly considers it may be advisable to send to Palestine a force of French troops, supplemented by troops of "certain middle powers," to maintain the international status of Jerusalem. He also is considering the possibility of a US-UK arrangement with King Abdullah for sending troops to Palestine, and for agreeing to the establishment of a Jewish state with modified frontiers, in return for a plebiscite to determine the possible annexation of an Arab Palestine by Transjordan.

2. USSR may act favorably on Embassy demands--US Ambassador Smith in Moscow believes there is "a fair chance" that the USSR will come to a favorable decision concerning incoming US Embassy supplies, and he therefore suggests that the US wait for as long as "two or three more weeks" before making the request that the number of Soviet representatives be reduced to the number which the US is able to maintain in the USSR [redacted]

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EUROPE

3. FRANCE: Communists plan demonstration--US Embassy Paris reports that the Communist General Confederation of Labor (CGT) has called upon workers to demonstrate on 8 February for wage revisions. The Embassy believes that these demonstrations, which represent the first Communist national efforts (since the recent strikes and the split in the CGT) to determine worker support and to revive social disorder, will not be followed by large-scale strike action until the full effect of current price rises is felt by the workers.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes it unlikely that the Communists will renew large-scale efforts to disrupt French production and economic recovery in the immediate future.)

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4. SIAM: Possible new anti-Royalist coalition government--The US Embassy, US Military Attache, [redacted] in Bangkok report that Field Marshal Phibul intends to form a coalition government, including Elder Statesman Pridi (now in Singapore) and former Premier Thamrong, following a mass rally on 8 February. The basis for such a coalition is believed to be the common opposition of these leaders to Royalist plans for the forced abdication of the present King (now in Switzerland) and the elevation of Prince Chumbhot to the throne. The Royalists propose to have the Abhaiwong Government denounce the present King as accidentally responsible for the death of his brother, King Ananda, on 9 June 1946. [redacted]

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