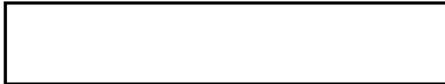


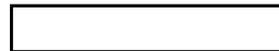
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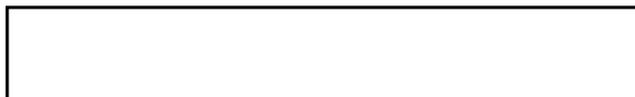


The new French diplomatic counselor in Indochina believes that a "psychological shock" is required to end the "hopeless" military stalemate in Indochina. He personally suggests a joint French-British-American declaration of common aims in Southeast Asia, namely, national independence, security, and improved living conditions.

The counselor believes his government would be willing to go "very far" to obtain a tripartite declaration of this nature. He spoke of the desirability of a declaration "confirming" France's desire to give greater autonomy to the Associated States.

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Comment: Minister Resident Letourneau recently expressed opposition to further political concessions to the Associated States so long as military operations are in progress. When the counselor was questioned as to the apparent conflict in these views, he stated that the "need to revise the situation" and the demands of French public opinion would "weigh more heavily."

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4. Turkey denies planning military talks with Yugoslavia:

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The Turkish Foreign Minister in a 9 May conversation with Ambassador McGhee expressed "great satisfaction" with the results of the recent Greek-Turkish talks in Athens.

He said that a joint Greek-Turkish approach to Yugoslavia had been the

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main topic discussed, but emphasized that military talks with Yugoslavia had not been undertaken and would be considered only after prior discussion with the United States.

Comment: A Greek Foreign Office official informed the American Ambassador in Athens on 6 May that the Turks had agreed to join Greece in approaching Yugoslavia on military defense planning. The Foreign Minister's statements, however, are in line with his previous assertion that he intended to limit his forthcoming talks in Belgrade to economic and cultural matters.

WESTERN EUROPE

5. Adenauer reports progress in reviewing contractual agreement:

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Chancellor Adenauer is convinced that he has made real progress in satisfying objections of members of the coalition parties to the Allied-German contractual agreement. He

believes that the criticism which was directed at all articles of the general convention can be overcome by a few changes in presentation which will not alter the substance.

Regarding the annexes to the general convention, however, the majority of cabinet and party leaders have expressed very strong opposition to the article on decartelization and deconcentration. Adenauer feels that unless substantial modifications in this article are accepted by the Allies, the contractual agreement itself may be jeopardized.

Comment: The right-wing coalition parties may ask that the decartelization and deconcentration provisions be expunged from the contractual agreement and included in a transition agreement which could be repealed when the Schuman Plan becomes operative.

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6. France may delay ratification of EDC treaty:

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The French Government does not plan to submit the European Defense Community treaty to the National Assembly before October, according to several high French officials.

The American Embassy in Paris thinks that Premier Pinay's relative indifference toward foreign affairs makes it questionable that he would personally make an all-out fight for ratification.

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