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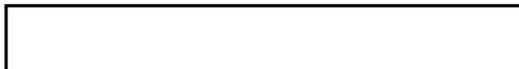


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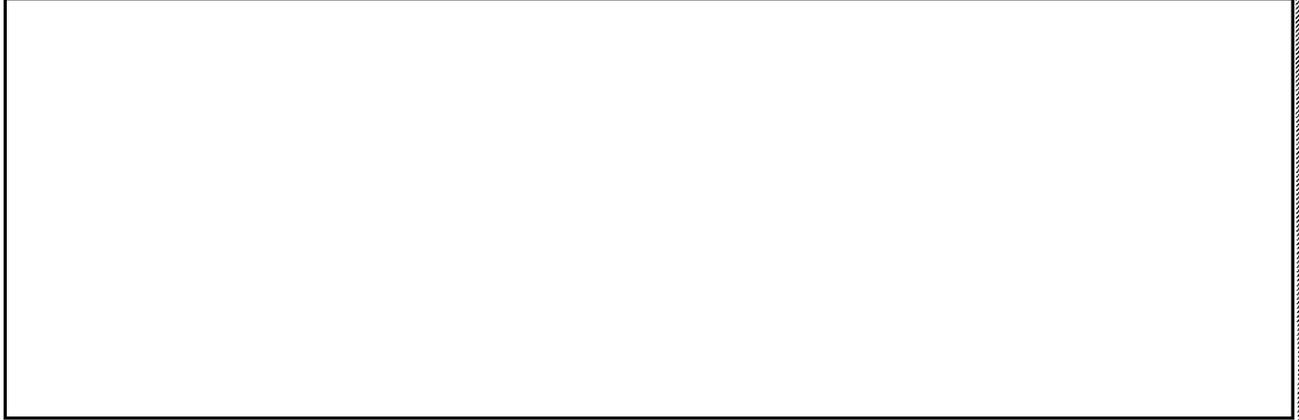
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*France-Algeria: Algerian rebel premier Ben Khedda's proposal on 24 October to renew negotiations with France appears to offer De Gaulle an immediate settlement in return for abandoning his policy of self-determination. In expressing a preference that negotiations be limited to a declaration of independence for Algeria and a cease-fire, Ben Khedda is, however, merely reiterating the established rebel position. The willingness he expressed to work for a peaceful solution through a referendum may be a concession, despite his attempt to place the onus for continued hostilities on De Gaulle by charging that the referendum process is unnecessarily time-consuming.

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The favorable tone of the initial reaction from Paris may indicate that substantial agreement has been achieved in the secret exchanges reported to have taken place in recent weeks. Ben Khedda's proposal could open the way for negotiations for independence and a cease-fire simultaneously with preparations for a referendum on the results of these negotiations. If,

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however, the Moslem demonstrations scheduled for 1 November in Algeria produce major violence, prospects for any negotiated settlement would be jeopardized.

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Turkey: Under threat of intervention by senior military officers, the four Turkish political parties have agreed to form an "emergency national front government" with General Gursel as president. The military have demanded that all laws passed by the Committee of National Union (CNU), which has ruled Turkey for the last 18 months, would remain in force. The failure of the Republican People's party to win a majority in the recent election raised for the military the threat of an unstable government led by supporters of executed Prime Minister Menderes. Many younger officers are reported to believe that necessary reforms in Turkey can be carried out only by a continuation of military rule.



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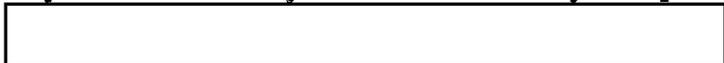
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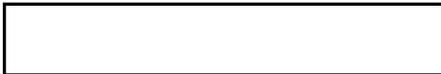
Turkish Military Compels Formation of Coalition Government

General Cevdet Sunay, chief of the General Staff, was the spokesman for the army commanders and other high military officers, who presented their demands to the political parties directly, instead of working through the CNU. The Turkish armed forces reportedly had concluded that the four parties would not voluntarily form the national union which the military desired, and that a coalition without the Republican People's party (RPP) and dominated by the Justice party (JP) would not be acceptable. Ismet Inonu, leader of the RPP, has stated that his party preferred to remain in opposition but that one of the strongest factors in the situation was the army's desire for a national coalition, which "made it almost an essential prerequisite for peace and stability."

Turkish inexperience with coalition government and the antagonisms among the members of the coalition make a long period of political instability likely. The armed forces will continue to exert a significant political influence and will probably intervene openly whenever they feel it necessary to spur government action.

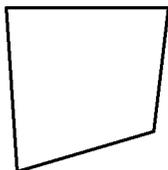


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