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1. Secret maneuvers took place recently in the area of the western frontier of the U.S.S.R. between Riga and Odessa. Twenty-five divisions with the newest equipment took part. Maneuvers lasted three days. Their object was to test the preparedness of motorized artillery units stationed in Riga, Daugavpils, Vilna, Brest-on-Bug, Vinnitsa, and Kishinev, and they may be regarded as a preliminary to the large-scale maneuvers to be held in the autumn of 1947, in which all three services will participate.

2. Air force units participating in the maneuvers were mostly of the fast types, equipped with light bombers and so-called "detector" aircraft. The latter are described as capable of identifying atomic bombs in enemy aircraft.

3. Six divisions, equipped with the most up-to-date armament and with a numerical strength of 12,000 all ranks per division, were transported by air to the area of the maneuvers.

4. The following exercises took place simultaneously:

   a. Naval exercises in the Baltic Sea and all river flotillas on the Dvina, Dnepr, Bug, Pripet, Pruth, and Dnestr Rivers.

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   b. Air and naval air exercises on the Black Sea, in which Admiral Kuznetsov, Marshal Zhukov, and Gen. Voronov took part. (Comment: Admiral Kuznetsov appears to have been absent from Moscow since about the end of March 1947.) Subject of the exercises was the closing of the Bosporus in the event of a threat from the Mediterranean Sea.

   c. Land forces in the Caucasus, Central Asia, and the Far East. The exercise in the Far East was directed by Marshal Malinovski. Tank troops, motorized infantry, reconnaissance and bomber aircraft, four airborne divisions, and the Soviet naval forces from Vladivostok and Port Arthur participated.

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