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DAILY BRIEF

I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

USSR: Soviet propagandists are claiming that President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Macmillan have, under the pressure of world opinion, at last accepted the Soviet proposal for a summit meeting. Moscow is also stressing alleged differences between American and British views and has credited Macmillan with having persuaded the President to agree to summit talks not dependent on the outcome of a prior foreign ministers' conference. Soviet propaganda says, however, that the two leaders offered no new proposals on Berlin or on measures to reduce international tension, such as military disengagement in Europe.

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II. ASIA-AFRICA

Iraq: The Qasim regime's announcement of withdrawal from the Baghdad Pact, although a long-expected development, is likely to be interpreted in Iraq and the UAR as a concession to Communist demands that this step could no longer wait. The

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announcement as such will have little practical effect, since Iraq has not participated in any pact activities since the July revolution. Other and more significant Communist demands include arming the Popular Resistance Force and the execution of imprisoned leaders of the Nuri government.



Morocco - Communist China: Four Chinese Communist officials arrived in Morocco on 23 March to set up an embassy. Agreement has been granted for an ambassador who may arrive to inaugurate the Chinese Communist pavilion at the Casablanca International Fair next month. This would be the first Chinese Communist ambassador in Africa except for the one at Cairo.

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Burma: [The Ne Win government, already following a strongly anti-Communist policy internally, wishes to adopt a more openly pro-Western posture in international affairs,]

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