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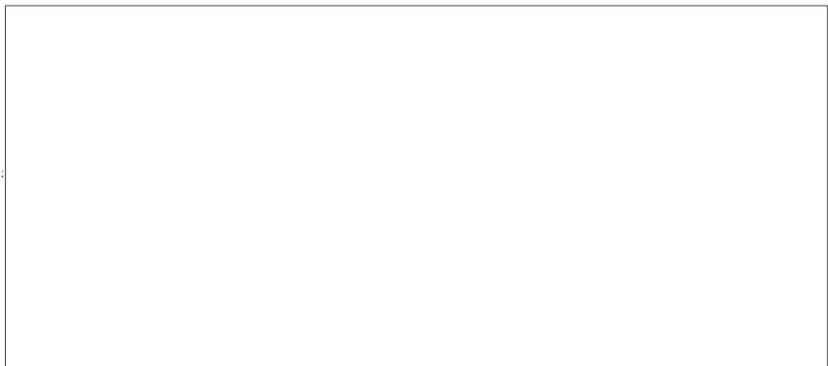
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1. EEC

a. The focal question for the moment is: Just what is entailed in the Adenauer - De Gaulle proposal calling for a review of the issues confronting British membership?

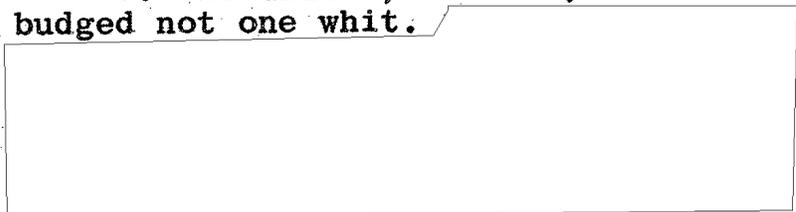
b. As laid out by the Germans, the proposal foresaw recapitulation and clarification of the issues and then a renewal of EEC-UK negotiations. De Gaulle, it is apparent, committed himself only to the first stage.



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d. Resistance to De Gaulle among the other Five is running strong. The Common Market Council yesterday purportedly postponed final action on the French-sponsored agreement awarding associate membership to 18 African states.

e. De Gaulle, however, has budged not one whit.



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f. De Gaulle was quoted as saying with regard to the Nassau agreement: "England turned over to America all she had of her poor atomic force; she could just as well have turned it over to Europe. Well, she's made her choice...."

2. Cuba

a. Reuters reported from Cuba yesterday that 21 persons have been executed in Las Villas Province following an abortive revolt against the regime. The report is plausible

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b. On the strength of what we have seen, however, we judge these outbreaks to be more troublesome than dangerous to the regime.

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d. The Uruguayan and Brazilian embassies are desperate over the hundreds of Cubans who have taken asylum within their gates. The Brazilian Ambassador has been forced to set up an office away from his chancery grounds which was the scene of two violent deaths within two days last week.

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3. Brazil

a. The complexion of Goulart's first cabinet under the restored presidential system does not offer the expectation of any marked shift in Brazil's foreign policy or general orientation.

b. It is, overall, a bit further to the left than the outgoing cabinet.

c. A pivotal figure will be San Thiago Dantas, the new finance minister. Sometime fascist, he now stands on the left as the prime exponent of an "independent" position for Brazil.

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d. Other appointments--as minister of labor and agriculture, and chief of the presidential military household--go to men with anti-US records.

e. All of the armed forces ministers are held over, including the war minister who stands out as the only distinctly anti-Communist member of Goulart's entourage.

4. South Korea

a. The danger of a head-on clash of military factions has been eased.

b. General Pak, with no little persuasion from the US Ambassador and chief military representative, yesterday took a decision which should go some way toward restoring calm within the ruling council. Kim Chong-pil, after being well on his way to obtaining a stranglehold on the government's incipient political party, is out, and with him a sizable coterie of supporters.

c. The job of setting up the political machine which is supposed to carry the country back to representative government goes now to General Pak himself.

5. UAR-Yemen

a. Nasir is beginning to exhibit a somewhat more forthcoming attitude toward the idea of assigning a UN observer to Yemen.

b. He seems also to have decided definitely to squelch the ambitions of Vice President Baydani, (who remains in a sort of undeclared exile in Cairo) and with them Baydani's proposal for a UAR-Yemen union.

NOTES

- A. Iran The government is deploying its security forces in hopes of preventing serious trouble before Saturday's referendum on the Shah's land reform program. Police have already clashed with demonstrators in one outlying center and pro- and anti-reform elements continue to gather in public places in and around Tehran.

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- B. Spain The Franco government has begun to back away from the timid moves it made last fall in the direction of easing controls on organized labor and raising the wage level. The retreat toward old ground--exemplified by the cancellation of a scheduled national congress of labor syndicates--should deal a setback to whatever chances the Spaniards had for gaining association with the EEC.

- C. Indonesia-USSR A shipment of 40 Soviet cruise missiles is on the way to Indonesia to go with the four or five Komar-class missile patrol boats which are scheduled to follow shortly.

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- D. Ghana Notwithstanding Nkrumah's avowal after his talk with Edgar Kaiser that he would "do something" to improve relations with the US, our Embassy in Accra is deeply skeptical of a turn for the better. The Embassy thinks it likely the names of two of its staff members will be drawn into the omnibus trial of those accused of the attempted assassination of Nkrumah and subsequent bomb incidents.