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1. British to submit independent draft treaty for Austria--Harriman reports that the British Foreign Office, as a "matter of tactics," is to submit its own draft treaty for Austria rather than support the US draft. The two drafts "apparently will not vary greatly." Harriman comments that the Foreign Office evidently desires to avoid Leftist criticism that British foreign policy "slavishly" follows US policy.

EUROPE-AFRICA

2. ITALY: Monarchist plot--Charge Key has been informed by a "generally reliable" source that (a) shortly before Umberto's departure, a "serious plot" involving high Army and Foreign Office officials was "afoot in the Palace" to preserve the Monarchy by a coup d'etat (including arrest of the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet); (b) the King was unaware of the plot "until the last moment"; and (c) when the King learned of the plot, he immediately left Italy to avoid strife. Key fears that if the plot becomes known, there may be a "purge" of the Monarchists and that the gap between the Republicans and Monarchists may be widened. He adds that Molotov may have had "vague reports" that "something serious" was occurring in Monarchist circles.
3. POLAND: Measures to insure Government victory in referendum--The US Consul in Poznan has been informed by members of the Polish Workers' (Communist) Party that a Government victory in the referendum will be insured by the following measures: (a) violence, including shootings, will intimidate an estimated 30% of the electorate into abstaining from voting; (b) members of the Polish Army security forces and the Citizens' Militia will be ordered to vote several times; and (c) personnel of Government-controlled factories and other organizations will be marched in a body to the polls and will be given no opportunity to mark their ballots before depositing them. (Blank ballots are to be counted as affirmative votes -- see Daily Summary of 20 June, item 7.)

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4. INDIA: British prepare for disorder--US Commissioner Merrell in New Delhi reports that the British military appear to be making "extraordinary" preparations for "disorders which may occur," whether or not an interim Government is formed. Merrell "still" believes that a Government will be formed with representatives of both the Congress Party and the Muslim League.
5. AUSTRALIA: Dutch Minister publicly rebuked--Legation Canberra reports that the strain in Australian-Dutch relations, which have gradually deteriorated as a result of the "Indonesian affair," was made public on 20 June, when before Parliament the Australian Prime Minister severely censured the Dutch Minister for the manner in which he has conducted diplomatic negotiations.

THE AMERICAS

6. BRAZIL: US assurances on Argentina--Acheson has instructed US Embassy Brazil to assure the Brazilians that the US will not invite Argentina into the hemisphere military pact before receiving proof that Argentina "will meet her anti-Nazi commitments." Acheson adds that the US position was made clear to Von der Becke during their recent conversation.

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