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1. Soviet reaction to Yugoslav statement on unauthorized flights--US Naval Attache Belgrade has transmitted, via the Military Attache, a report from a "reliable" source that Soviet authorities have sharply criticized the recent Yugoslav press release giving the alleged number of unauthorized US flights over Yugoslavia. The Soviet authorities claimed that this "disclosure" prejudiced Yugoslav national interests and alarmed the masses.
2. Bulgarian reaction to plane incidents--According to the US Delegation ACC Bulgaria, the Communist-sponsored Bulgarian press has tended to pass lightly over the plane incidents in Yugoslavia and has intimated that US-Yugoslav discussions are amicable. The US Delegation finds no indication in Sofia of efforts to develop a uniform attitude among the Soviet satellites toward the incidents.
3. US and Portugal sign "understanding" on Azores base--US Embassy Lisbon reports that General Kissner and a representative of the Portuguese Minister of War have signed an "entirely satisfactory" memorandum covering US employment of the Lagens base under the current short-term agreement.
4. US position on Ukrainian complaint against Greece--The State Department has instructed Herschel Johnson to take the position in the Security Council that (a) the conduct of the Greek elections and plebiscite does not constitute "a danger to international peace"; (b) the alleged border incidents and persecution of minorities do not "create a situation of concern to the Council"; and (c) the presence of British troops has been a stabilizing factor, rather than one endangering international peace.

EUROPE-AFRICA

5. FRANCE: Foreign Office reaction to Byrnes' speech--Caffery reports that the preliminary reaction of certain high-ranking French Foreign Office officials to Byrnes' speech on Germany is not "too unfavorable." Caffery adds that these officials already have discounted the possibility that the French view on the Ruhr and Rhineland may prevail.

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6. DENMARK: Faroe Islands to vote on independence--The Danish Minister to Iceland has informed US Legation Reykjavik that Denmark will "shortly" hold a plebiscite in the Faroes on the subject of their independence.

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8. AUSTRIA: UN property exempt from nationalization--Austrian Chancellor Figl has notified General Clark that the proposed nationalization law will not be applied to UN property until after compensation procedure has been approved by the AC. (The Chancellor's action was in response to General Clark's letter, pointing out that the proposed law might not affect Soviet-held property although it would nationalize US-owned oil companies in the Soviet zone.)

9. USSR: Embassy's views on continuation of bread rationing--US Embassy Moscow estimates that the current Soviet grain crop will be near normal and doubts the official explanation that the continuation of bread rationing was necessitated by drought or a short crop.

10. POLAND: Exodus of Jews expected to continue--US Ambassador Lane, despite assurances to the contrary by Acting Foreign Minister Olzewski, "very much doubts" that the Polish Provisional Government will take effective steps to prevent or curtail the wholesale exodus of Polish Jews to US zones in Austria and Germany.

11. BULGARIA: Zveno Party capitulates to Communists--Acting US Representative Rewinkel reports that Prime Minister Georgiev's Zveno Party apparently has capitulated unconditionally to the Communists in an effort to salvage a semblance of its former position.

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12. **PHILIPPINES: Chinese factions clash--McNutt reports that Kuomintang and Chinese Communist elements in the Philippines are engaged in economic and political rivalry, involving numerous recent kidnappings and murders by both sides. McNutt comments that some Chinese Communist groups are undoubtedly cooperating closely with the Hukbalahaps and that Roxas is intent on eliminating Chinese activities in domestic political and social movements.**

13. **CHINA: US crews flying Nationalist supplies--US Consul General Shanghai reports that US-manned planes of the Chinese National Aviation Corporation, at the request of the Chinese Government, have been carrying supplies to besieged Nationalist troops. One such plane was recently fired upon and hit, presumably by Chinese Communists.**

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