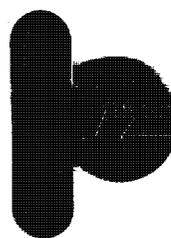


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1. UN Military Staff Committee hampered by Soviet delays--Stettinius recommends that Ambassador Smith inquire of the Soviet Foreign Office regarding the paper which the Soviets had promised to submit to the Military Staff Committee by 3 April on the general principles governing UN armed forces. Although the other four members have submitted their proposals, the Committee cannot proceed without the Soviet paper. US representatives at the Security Council have been unable to secure from the Soviet delegates any estimate of when the material will be available.
2. Proposed Norwegian air service between Oslo and Moscow--A Norwegian Airlines official has informed Embassy Moscow that the Soviets (a) are unwilling to permit flights of Norwegian planes to Moscow, but are willing to permit flights to a point (such as Leningrad, Riga or Memel) from which Soviet planes would connect with Moscow; (b) do not now wish to operate an airline to Oslo, but desire landing rights for "special flights"; and (c) have closely questioned the Norwegians on US civil air policy and operations.

EUROPE-AFRICA

3. FRANCE: Export-Import Bank loan approved--Acheson has informed Byrnes that the Export-Import Bank has approved "in principle" a loan to France of \$650,000,000. Final approval awaits US-French agreement on the "overall economic program" for France.
4. TURKEY: Refusal to support Arab protests--According to Embassy Ankara, the Turkish Government has no intention of siding with the Arabs against the "Anglo-Americans" and will not reply to a request from the Iraqi Chamber of Deputies for Turkish support of Arab protests over the Palestine report.
5. AFGHANISTAN: US welcomes application to UN--Acheson has instructed Legation Kabul to convey to Afghanistan the Department's gratification over Afghanistan's desire to join the UN (see Daily Summary of 15 May, item 10). Acheson confidentially informs the Legation that the US (a) desires "as many applications as possible" by 15 July, for

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action in August by the Council and in September by the Assembly, and (b) believes that the Afghan application will encourage "other eligible states" to apply.

6. IRAN: US attitude on retention of case in Security Council--Acheson has advised Embassy Tehran that the US favors dropping the Iranian case from the Security Council agenda if Iran (a) fails to report on 20 May as requested, or (b) reports that it is unable to ascertain the facts but does not attribute its inability to Soviet interference. The US favors keeping the case on the agenda if Iran (a) does attribute its inability to ascertain the facts to Soviet interference, or (b) specifically requests retention of its complaint because of Soviet interference. The Department has advised Stattinius that it favors a Council meeting on 22 May to consider Iran's reply.
7. RUMANIA: Soviets threaten opposition press--General Schuyler, US delegate ACC, reports that General Susaikov, Soviet Deputy Chairman ACC, recently told the publisher of the official newspaper of the opposition National Peasant Party to change the paper's anti-Soviet attitude and cease attacks on the Groza Government (which Susaikov asserted were also attacks against the USSR and therefore against the US and UK); "otherwise he could not tell what might happen" to the publisher. Schuyler comments that the Soviet intervention reflects the inability of the Groza Government to control the opposition press.
8. HUNGARY: Communist attitude toward UNRRA--According to Schoenfeld, Director Sommer of the UNRRA mission to Hungary recently informed Hungarian authorities that UNRRA food deliveries to Hungary can be continued only if Hungarian food deliveries to Soviet occupying forces are (a) stopped, (b) reduced to a minimum, or (c) debited against UNRRA relief shipments to the Ukraine. Hungarian Communist representatives first declared that if such measures were necessary Hungary could do without UNRRA assistance, but on the following day informed Sommer that UNRRA intercession for the reduction of Hungarian deliveries to the Soviets would be appreciated.

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9. INDIA: British plan in event of break with Moslems--The British Foreign Office has informed Harriman that if the Moslem League refuses to participate in the proposed interim Government for India, "there will be no alternative but to go ahead" with a Cabinet representing the Congress Party, various minorities and probably some independent Moslems. While the Moslem League "might not be as belligerent as a short time ago" the Foreign Office does not intend to underestimate the "potential danger" of a break with the League. During the interim period the Indians would assume "practical political responsibility" but India's international status would remain unchanged.

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