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1. Recent ~~U~~'s have dealt with the matter of ~~(General) ZAKO~~, in the French Zone of Austria, and the Hungarian refugee troops there. In those ~~U~~'s it was reported on the basis of information obtained from Hungarian sources in France that a friendly court of inquiry by Hungarian generals was to go into the question of General Zako's past and that it was likely that he would be absolved of any criticism but replaced by another general in exile.

2. It is now reported that an S.D.E.C.E. contact has recently mentioned the case of General Zako somewhat bitterly and gone on to say that other generals in exile of higher rank than Zako and jealous of his potential position as leader of Hungarian refugee troops, were determined to get rid of him to take his place themselves. He is said to have cited "the rivalry between LEYGAND and DE GAULLE" in French military politics as roughly equivalent to the present situation.

3. Our source states that his S.D.E.C.E. contact regards Zako as France's man and that he is not at all pleased with this development. Our source states that his contact may well be representing the view of the French services.

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