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1. UN members skeptical of trusteeship without US enforcement -- An Italian observer at the UN has informed the US delegation to the UN that delegations of the middle and smaller powers have unanimously expressed to him their skepticism about the advisability of going along with the new US position on Palestine without previous assurance of US willingness to participate in enforcing a trusteeship.
2. US position on Austria -- In a review of the US position on Austria, the Department of State has expressed to the delegation for the Austrian treaty discussions in London its concern over recent statements by Austrian Socialist leaders that they desire "at any cost" a treaty which would lead to the withdrawal of occupation forces. The Department advises the delegation that the US: (a) recognizes the continued presence of Soviet troops to constitute a danger to the Austrian Government but feels that Austrian leaders overestimate Austrian ability to resist Soviet and Communist pressure once troops of the western powers are withdrawn; and (b) observes an increasing disposition of Austrian leaders to conclude that the US may readily be called upon to undertake extensive financial commitments in Austria without corresponding efforts on the part of Austrians themselves.

EUROPE

3. ITALY: Right wing Socialists encouraged -- According to US Embassy Rome, moderate Socialist Lombardo now feels that his Socialist Unity group may be able to "bite deep" into the ranks of the leftist Socialists before the election. The Embassy, which transmits Lombardo's request for letters of support from the British Labor Party, the American Socialist Party, and various US labor and progressive groups, considers that sympathetic US elements should encourage and support Lombardo's efforts.

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(CIA Comment: CIA believes that Lombardo's Union of Independent Socialists is the only group of the democratic Left that could attract enough votes among the Italian workers to represent these workers in a non-Communist coalition government after the elections.)

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