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1. Negotiations preliminary to a secret treaty between Pakistan, Iran, and Turkey have now been concluded. The central point of the proposed treaty will be a mutual agreement of support in case of armed conflict.
2. Participation of other Middle Eastern states is by no means ruled out. The most desired partner in the treaty is Afghanistan. However, Afghan participation will depend on the solution of the Afghan-Pakistani border problem. There is a desire to take Iraq into the treaty, but not Egypt, Syria, and Lebanon.
3. The Pakistan Prime Minister, Mohammed Ali, encouraged the continuation of the conversations with Dr. Sunarjo, which had begun in Dec 1952. Meantime, however, Dr. Sunarjo was warned, by Mohammed Ali's opponents, not to form a league with Pakistan, on the ground that Mohammed Ali's position was shaky. Also, Dr. Sunarjo knew that he had to pay attention to the susceptibilities of the left-oriented ministers in his own cabinet. This would make treaty obligations of an anti-Communist nature difficult.
4. India is notoriously afraid of seeing Pakistan strengthened and equally afraid of being herself isolated. Hence Pandit Nehru would be against the treaty and any participation in it. (This idea may have been put forward, merely to test the attitude of the partners in the league.) However, the participation of India in any anti-Soviet bloc is in the last degree improbable.

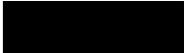
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- 5. One reason why the proposed partners want to see merely a bloc that will form a purely northern barrier to the Middle East (excluding Syria) is that the Israeli problem has never been solved. Also, Syrian distrust of Turkish policy forms another reason. Participation of Iraq, should it take place, will hasten the dissolution of the Arab League, and make British Hashemite plans doubtful. There have already been signs of an Iraqi policy, independent of England.

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