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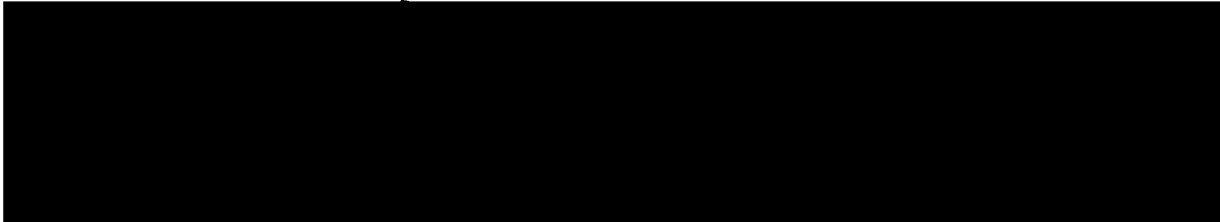
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1. The German administration in Baden has been in a turmoil since the beginning of June 1947. The cabinet which was set up under the terms of the new constitution has declared that it refuses to remain in authority despite threats of arrest unless certain minimum guarantees are given by the French Military Government. This conflict started when the German ministers submitted a petition to the French, appealing for minimum assurances for the rectification of the housing, food, and lumber situation. The French reportedly answered with a statement that the German ministers and the German administration had no real authority. The French stated, moreover, that despite the outlines for democratic parliamentary procedure sketched in the Baden constitution, no motions or resolutions could be brought into the Landtag without prior reference to the French authorities.
2. It has been reported that Dichtel, Baden Minister of Food, was arrested and imprisoned because he refused to comply with recent French demands for a further requisitioning of cattle and seed potatoes. Even Leibbrand, responsible for the legalizing of French industrial dismantlements, is said to be unwilling further to cooperate.

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