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1. [REDACTED] Stalin recently called together several Soviet Army marshals for the purpose of giving them new assignments. [REDACTED] Marshal Semen Timoshenko was appointed Deputy Supreme Commander of the Soviet Army, Marshal Aleksandr Mikhailovich Vasilevsky was appointed Chief of the General Staff, Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky was appointed Commander in Chief of the Western Armies (over Marshal Sokolovsky in Germany and Col. Gen. Kurasov in Austria), and Marshal Georgi K. Zhukov was designated as the supreme commander for possible operations in the Balkan theater.

Comment: For some time there has been no indication of the nature of Timoshenko's assignment. Vasilevsky has been Chief of the General Staff since at least December 1946; therefore, this is not a new assignment. A number of rumors to the effect that Rokossovsky's command would be expanded to include Germany have circulated recently but have received no confirmation; meanwhile, there have been whisperings about the possible replacement of Sokolovsky.

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