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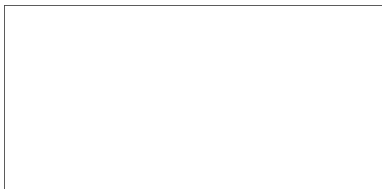


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1. French Charge in Moscow comments on BW propaganda campaign:

French Charge Brionval in Moscow believes that the Soviet Government instigated the propaganda campaign against biological warfare in order to strengthen the Partisans of Peace, foment popular hostility toward the

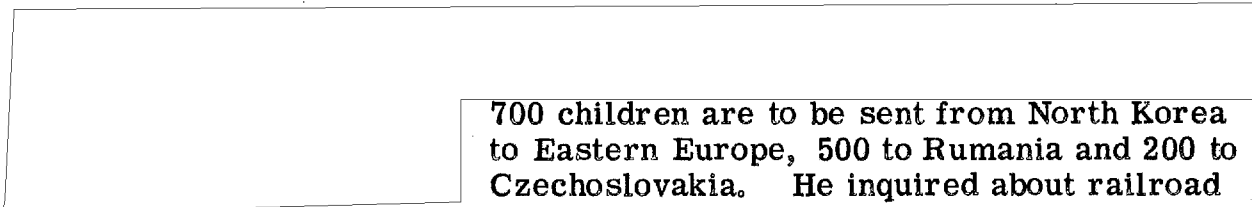
US, force the United States to condemn the use of bacteriological weapons, and create in the Far East a "psychological climate" favorable to a possible future Communist push to the south.

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Brionval thinks that the campaign has afforded the USSR an opportunity to reaffirm Sino-Soviet solidarity, conceal the inadequacy of the Chinese medical services, and divert attention from the investigation of the Katyn massacre.

Brionval says that there have been very few news reports from South and Southeast Asia which the Soviet press could quote as proof of public indignation at the alleged American campaign. He adds that there has been total silence concerning public reaction in Japan, save for a report that the Japanese Partisans of Peace protested on 26 March.

According to Brionval, the Bulgarian Ambassador in Moscow, an old-line Communist, told the Swedish Ambassador that Bulgarians "do not believe in the accuracy of the Sino-Soviet accusations."

2. North Korean children to be sent to Eastern Europe:

700 children are to be sent from North Korea to Eastern Europe, 500 to Rumania and 200 to Czechoslovakia. He inquired about railroad accommodations and requested that the Chinese Government dispatch railroad cars to Sinuiju, where the children are to entrain, probably about 20 April.

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Comment: This will more than double the number of young Koreans who have recently arrived in the East European Satellites. There were an estimated 475 early in March, a majority of them war orphans sent to Hungary and Poland. This suggests a program of indoctrination similar to that accorded Greek children in recent years,

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3. French Ambassador doubts American understanding of Russian strategy on Germany:

[REDACTED] The French Ambassador in London complained recently to Paris that the United States seems to have no clear appreciation of the danger that the Russians may accept Western conditions on German unity, including free elections, and then subject the peace negotiations to the familiar delays.

He fears that the United States does not realize how powerless and unpredictable an amorphous German government in Berlin would be, "subject to the perpetual extortions of Soviet occupation and negotiation."

Comment: The Soviet strategy suggested in [REDACTED] would involve giving up Communist political control of East Germany, part of the Soviet economic program, and the paramilitary organizations. If an all-German government were created, however, the USSR could maintain indefinite control through its occupation army, by causing a stalemate situation similar to that in Austria.

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While there are no indications that the Soviet Union intends to pursue such a strategy, it would offer an alternate course between watching West Germany's integration into NATO, or blocking this development by sacrificing all control of East Germany by a serious offer of a unified and "neutral" nation.

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4. Preparations for Communist offensive in Korea reported:

[REDACTED] Preparations for a Communist general offensive in North Korea are reported by a fairly reliable North Korean source with [REDACTED]

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Two Chinese Communist armies began moving southeast on 28 March from staging areas in east central Korea near the 39th Parallel, [REDACTED] Four additional Chinese armies have also been alerted for the offensive. Four North Korean corps, now in the east coast area, are scheduled to participate.

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Comment: There are no firm indications that Communist forces in Korea intend to launch another major offensive in the near future. It is possible, however, that a limited objective offensive may be undertaken in eastern Korea, the apparent focal point of the reported preparations, where UN forces hold a considerable amount of North Korean terrain.

5. Desperate plight of Americans in China reported:

[REDACTED] The American Consul General in Hong Kong reports that the manager of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company in Shanghai telephoned the company's Hong Kong office and declared that the plight of American businessmen was desperate. He was afraid, not so much of jail, as of "the other thing."

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The Consul General calls attention to an authentic report from Tsingtao of the arrest of an American missionary on 7 March under circumstances indicating that the seizure might be connected with the germ warfare propaganda campaign.

Comment: All Western businessmen in China are subjected to extortionate financial demands as a condition for permission to leave the country. Over 200 Americans are still in Communist China, nearly 40 of them under arrest.

Recent British and French diplomatic reports have expressed grave concern for their nationals in China.

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6. Iraqi Prime Minister suggests solution of Tunisian question:

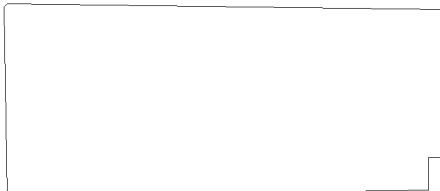
Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri Said informed the French Ambassador in Baghdad on 27 March, before Tunisian Premier Chenik was dismissed, that Iraq planned to "intervene" with the French Government on Tunisia's behalf. Nuri, who showed friendliness for France but doubted the wisdom of its North African policy, said that he believed France could negotiate effectively only with Chenik and his supporters, whom he considered representative of Tunisian general opinion.

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He recommended the inclusion of Tunisia in a structure analogous to the British Commonwealth as a way of maintaining its ties with France.

Comment: Intervention by Nuri Pasha, who has been trying unsuccessfully to mediate the Anglo-Egyptian dispute, is not likely to be acceptable to the French.

Iraq is one of the Arab-Asian states that have brought the Tunisian case to the Security Council. Two others, Lebanon and Syria, which have not joined the bloc on the Tunisian problem, are also reported to have approached the French directly on this case.

7. Syria favors closer relations with Spain:

The Syrian Government favors close political, economic, and military collaboration with Spain,

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This attitude stems in large part from Syria's desire to be equally independent of the Soviet Union and the West.

The Syrian Foreign Minister reportedly said that his government will take advantage of Spanish Foreign Minister Martin Artajo's coming visit to complete plans for closer relations.

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that some of the Arab states may be willing to consider a Spanish-Arab pact. There have been many rumors that the matter would be discussed by the Spanish Foreign Minister during his tour of the Arab capitals which began on 4 April.

EASTERN EUROPE

8. Czechs require recommendation of US Communists before granting asylum to Americans:

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[redacted] Czech Foreign Minister Siroky stated [redacted] [redacted] to the Legation in Mexico City that since the Ministry had not received "a recommendation of the Communist Party through our diplomatic office in the United States," he could not suggest asylum for persons "not known to us." The [redacted] "high political offices" decide the matter of granting asylum.

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Comment: This is the first evidence that Czechoslovakia ever coordinated requests for asylum, presumably made by United States citizens, with the Communist Party of the United States.

In a 28 January message to Mexico City, Czechoslovakia refused requests of asylum made by two United States Communists, in one case because of insufficient information, and in the other because of the applicant's Polish origin.

LATIN AMERICA

9. Chilean free-disposal copper sales reduced:

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[redacted] [redacted] official in Chile has reported that there are practically no new orders for copper from Chile's 20 percent free-disposal quota, and that current shipments are on old orders. The United States Embassy in Santiago accepts this version and believes that President Gonzalez Videla's optimistic statements on this subject are intended for internal consumption in Chile.

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The continued failure of free-disposal copper to be sold at the Chilean official price of \$1200 per metric ton may considerably weaken Chile's position in the current Washington conversations in which that country is seeking an increase of about six cents per pound in the price of copper sold to the United States.

Chile's free-disposal copper quota for the first year of the US-Chilean agreement of May 1951 may approximate 100,000 metric tons.

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