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FAR EAST

1. Increased Chinese Communist pilot activity noted during December:

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that during December Chinese Communist pilots flew more sorties than in any month since August, The number of flights increased sharply during the last two weeks of the month.

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at least half the enemy jet fighters shot down during December were piloted by Chinese.

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Comment: Chinese Communist MIG-15 pilots have occasionally displayed an aggressive attitude, but more often they have been unwilling to engage UN jet fighters in combat.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

2. Chinese Nationalists in Burma reportedly reinforced from Formosa:

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The Burmese commander in north Burma, Brigadier Douglas Blake, has told the American Army and Air Attaches that Chinese Nationalist forces in Burma have reached a strength of 17,000. He said

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additional troops were arriving in Thailand by air from Formosa and proceeding overland into Burma.

The Army Attache comments that he has unconfirmed evidence of a Nationalist build-up but feels the figure of 17,000 is too high.

Comment: Brigadier Blake has a reputation for integrity. There is no evidence, however, from non-Burmese sources of a Nationalist build-up in Burma.

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3. Quirino asserts United States seeking to replace him with Magsaysay:


According to the governor of the Philippine Central Bank, President Quirino says that the United States has for more than a year followed a "carefully calculated campaign" to replace him with Defense Secretary Magsaysay and to get the Liberal administration out of office. To support his statement, Quirino cites the recent publication of two MSA reports on land tenure.


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Comment: Quirino may hope to counter the unfavorable publicity his administration has received as a result of the publication of these reports by diverting public attention to charges of American interference in Philippine politics.

SOUTH ASIA**4. Comment on Indian efforts to secure Communist China's admission to UN:**

Evidence is accumulating that India, as part of a renewed effort to achieve peace in Korea, is actively seeking admission of Communist China into the United Nations and that it hopes to promote an Arab-Asian request to this effect in the near future.

Despite Indian denials, Madame Pandit reportedly has broached the issue in Beirut, 

 The government-controlled Egyptian radio has suggested that Egypt could be persuaded to accept Chinese Communist UN membership.

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V. K. Krishna Menon of the Indian UN delegation explored the subject with the British Foreign Office in London early this month.

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NEAR EAST - AFRICA

5. Egypt reportedly demands evacuation of Canal zone as price for joining MEDO:

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Comment: Egyptian Government officials have previously indicated willingness to discuss Middle East defense, but recent public statements by members of the High Committee have demanded British evacuation. These statements indicate that the military regime is reverting to the traditional nationalist stand regarding evacuation in contrast to its originally moderate position.

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6. Egypt offers asylum to French North African nationalists:

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The Egyptian Ambassador to the United States has offered Egypt's hospitality to any North African nationalist unable to return to his own country, [Redacted]

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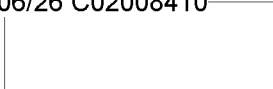
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The Ambassador has authorized the Consulate General in New York to grant Egyptian entry visas to two of the seven nationalist leaders who have been banned by the French from Tangier.

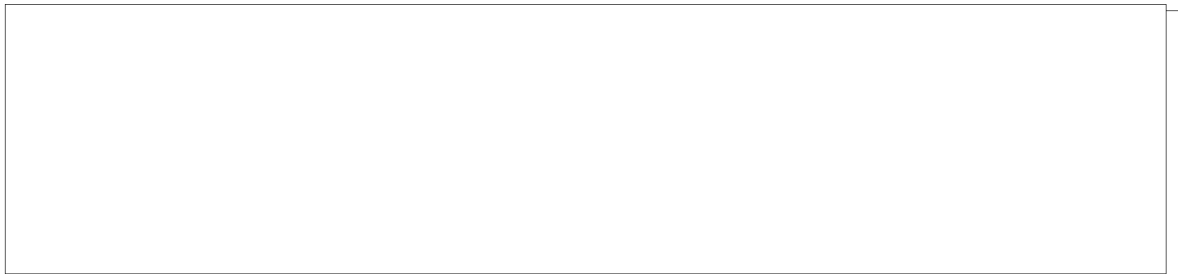
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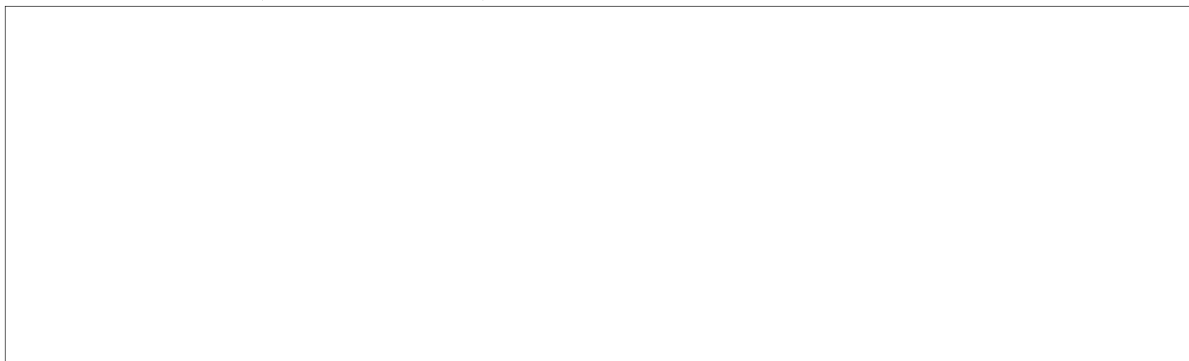
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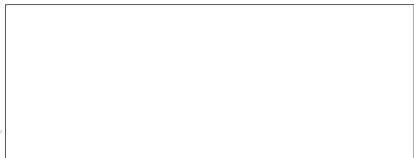
7. West German parliamentary leader sees threat to treaty ratification:



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Comment: While Chancellor Adenauer is willing to clarify or even modify certain objectionable provisions by annexing protocols to the treaties, he remains committed to having the treaties ratified in their present form. The Free Democrats will probably continue to support the Chancellor's foreign policy.

8. Paris Embassy takes optimistic view of Mayer's EDC policy:



The American Embassy in Paris considers that Premier-designate Rene Mayer has improved the chances of EDC ratification in return for minimum concessions to the treaty's opponents. The Embassy states that a third of the Gaullist deputies would desert their party to side with the government in a showdown on the treaty, and that Mayer continues in firm support of its basic principles.

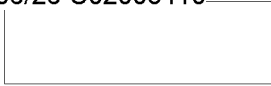
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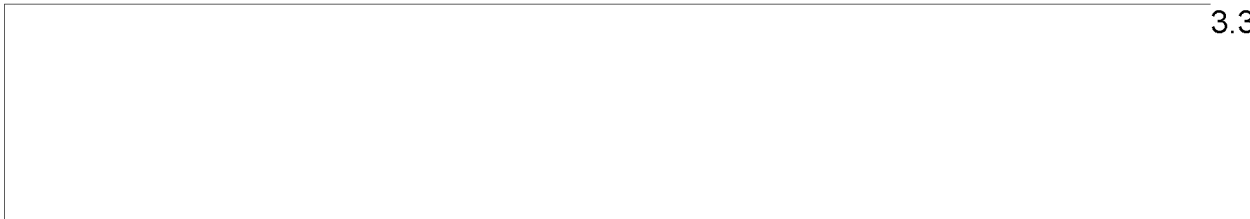
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Mayer's statement to the National Assembly, that a Saar settlement must be defined before the Bonn and Paris treaties are ratified, is viewed as the most troublesome aspect of his EDC policy.

Comment: This is the first indication that any Gaullists would support the EDC, and Mayer has evidently used the threat of a party split to undermine Gaullist opposition to the government's policy.

LATIN AMERICA

9. Cuban revolutionaries alerted for action:



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Comment:



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an armed revolt against Batista may soon be initiated by groups in Cuba and invasion forces of ex-president Prio. The Cuban army has established a special watch on the north coast, and is probably capable of defeating a revolutionary attempt.

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