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FAR EAST

1. British doubt Chinese Communists are colonizing North Korea:

[REDACTED] The British Foreign Office believes there is insufficient evidence to conclude that the Chinese Communists are colonizing North Korea. It notes that Chinese civilians traveling to Korea for even short visits normally take bedding and packs with them, and suggests that the 4,000-man Chinese "delegation" which toured Korea last October or Chinese civilian technicians may have been mistaken by Western observers for permanent settlers.

Comment: The presence in North Korea of Chinese construction workers and technicians to assist in reconstruction has been well established, but there is no firm evidence that any of them are actually settling in the area.

In spite of China's increasing importance in the conduct of Korean affairs, the Soviet Union still retains a dominant position through Soviet-trained Koreans who occupy most of the top party and government posts, and through Soviet advisers in all the ministries and important industrial installations.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

2. Closer collaboration of Indonesian government leaders with Communists noted:

[REDACTED] The parliamentary leader of the Indonesian Communist Party has become President Sukarno's chief adviser, [REDACTED]. The chairmen of the National and Communist parties are said to be meeting more frequently now, and Prime Minister Ali is completely under their control.

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Comment: President Sukarno's recent moves indicate a determined effort to prevent the downfall of the present National Party government. Although he is not believed to be pro-Communist, by siding with the pro-Communist defense minister in a recent dispute with anti-Communist army commanders, he dealt them a heavy blow. At present, these commanders not only lack the political support necessary for a successful coup but are also faced with disunity in their own commands.

NEAR EAST - AFRICA

3. Iran forbids Orbit diplomatic missions to distribute propaganda:



The Iranian Foreign Ministry has formally requested the Polish minister to stop importing Communist literature into Iran,

 The ministry also asked the Rumanian and Czech legations to stop publishing their daily Persian-language news bulletins. Iran based its request on the grounds that the Iranian legations in Rumania and Czechoslovakia are not permitted to publish news bulletins.

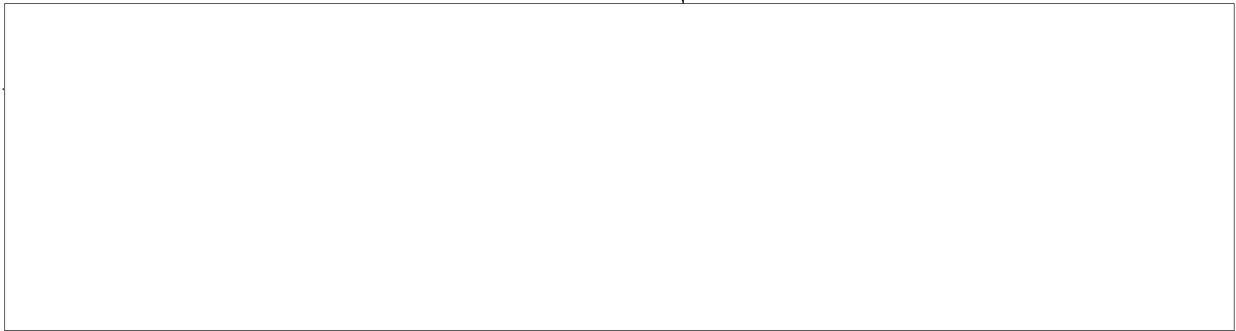
The Soviet embassy may also be requested by the Foreign Ministry to cease distributing news bulletins if the Iranian embassy in Moscow is not allowed similar privileges. Postal authorities in Iran have intercepted shipments of Polish-language Communist propaganda leaflets destined for the Polish legation in Tehran.

Comment: This is the first direct step the Zahedi government has taken to limit the distribution of Orbit propaganda. This action, together with the recent rudeness of the Soviet ambassador to the Iranian foreign minister and Moscow's protest against recent anti-Soviet articles in the Tehran press, suggests that relations between Iran and the Soviet bloc are becoming increasingly strained.

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Comment:

[redacted] the Qashqai chiefs proposed a coalition with opposition leaders Baghai and Makki. This proposal and the tribe's adherence to Mossadeq are probably the immediate causes for the government's decision to exile the chiefs.

The exiling of the Qashqai leaders could heighten tribal opposition to Tehran. This in turn might encourage local army commanders again to undertake armed action against the tribe.

5. Replacement of Resident General Guillaume in Morocco expected:

French officials in Morocco told the British consul on 11 January that Resident General Guillaume will be replaced in the near future by General Pierre Koenig. They also stated that important and far-reaching changes in the residency government could be expected within three months.

Comment: The appointment of Koenig, a rightist deputy who is close to General de Gaulle, probably would be the result of a political deal in France. It would not represent a change in French policy in Morocco. His intimate connection with Marshal Juin, foremost backer of El Glaoui, powerful chieftain of the Moroccan Berbers, also presages a continued influence for Juin on Moroccan affairs.

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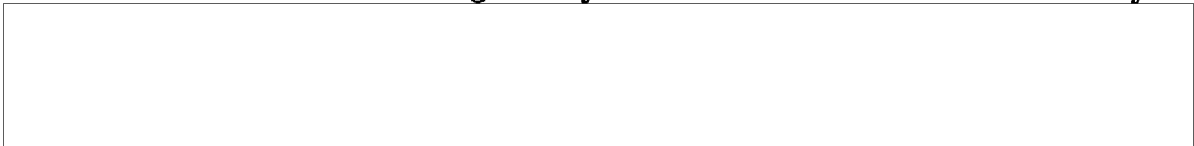
6. Sudeten Germans in Czechoslovakia resisting regime:



Some of the Sudeten Germans who were moved into the interior of Czechoslovakia in 1945 "are even refusing to register for military service," [redacted]

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They are also demanding the right to return to their former homes in connection with the government's operation "for founding settlements in the border territory."

Comment: This is the first reliable report of overt resistance to the regime by elements of the German minority.

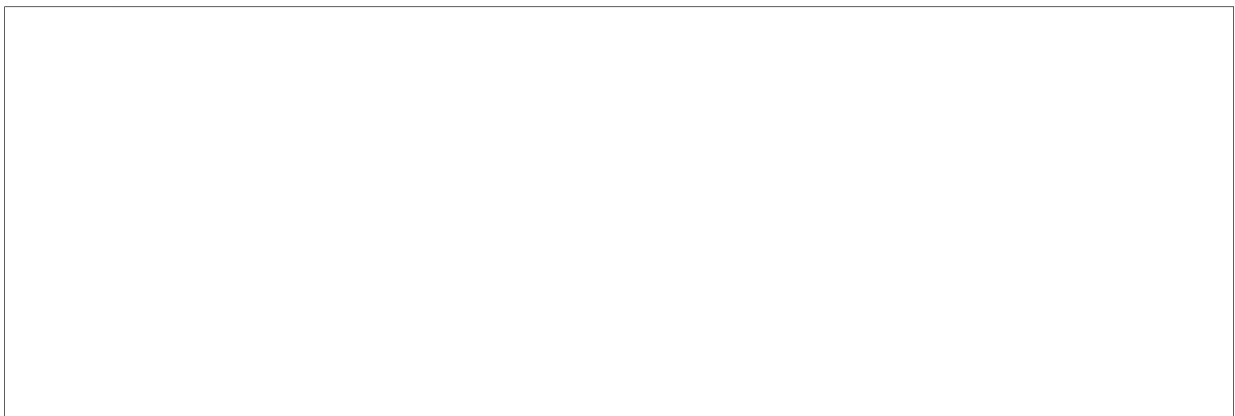


Efforts to placate the Sudetens, including the restitution of Czechoslovak citizenship last April, have apparently met with little success.

The Sudeten Germans have been particularly anxious to return to their homeland since Premier Siroky announced in September that the government would take special steps to revive the economy of the border areas.

LATIN AMERICA

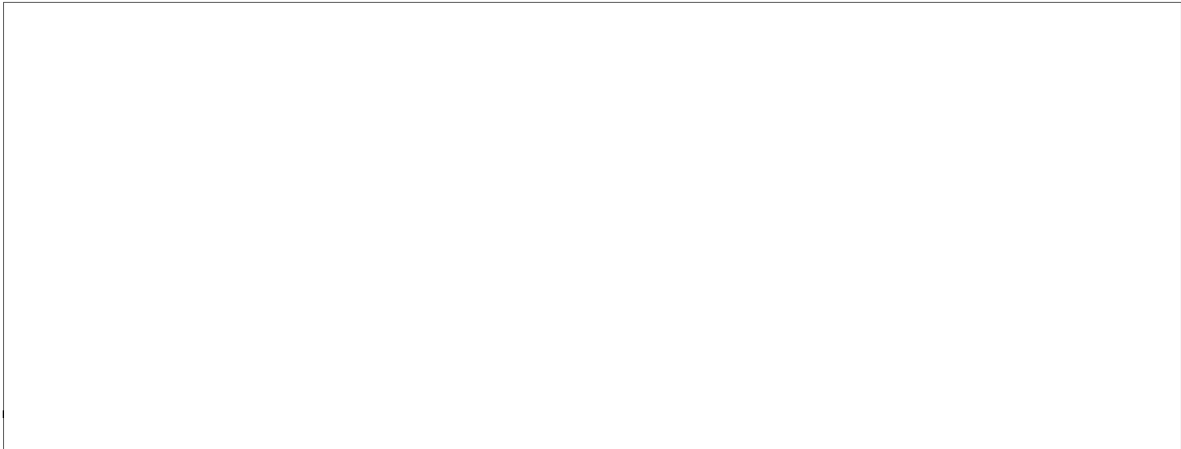
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