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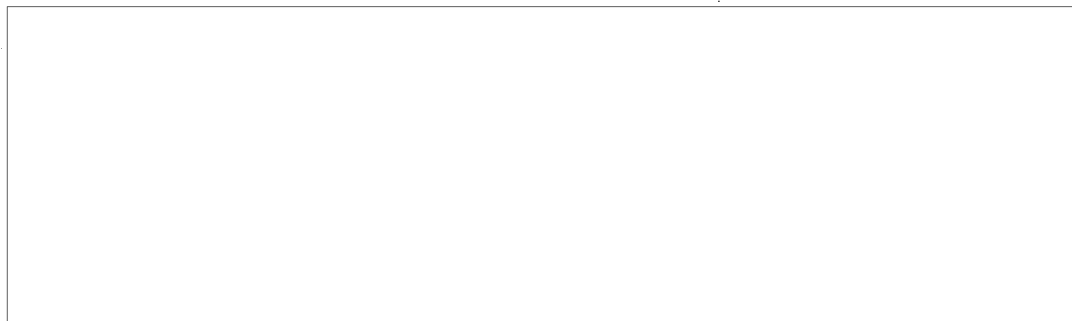
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1. SOVIET PLANS TO RECRUIT DISCHARGED SERVICEMEN INTO THE TIMBER INDUSTRY

Comment

[redacted] the USSR will repeat this year its policy of active recruitment of demobilized military personnel for work in key industrial and agricultural enterprises. In the late summer and autumn of 1954, urgent measures were taken to recruit demobilized personnel for these purposes, including extensive publicity in the Moscow and local press, assignment of labor recruiting officers to demobilization centers, and awarding of special allowances and privileges to recruited personnel.

Labor recruitment efforts at this time presumably would apply to any personnel released under the special demobilization announced by the USSR following the Geneva conference, as well as to those conscripts who will complete their normal terms of service next month.

The timber industry has consistently underfulfilled its production plans in past years, and thus would have a high priority in recruiting labor. (Concurred in by ORR)

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2. COMMENT ON PROBABLE CONSEQUENCES OF LONDON TALKS ON CYPRUS

Indications on the eve of the tripartite conference on the Cyprus issue are that the talks will be unsuccessful from the Greek point of view and may end abruptly. The failure of the talks will probably cause the fall of the Greek Rally government.

Greek Foreign Minister Stephanopoulos told the American embassy that Prime Minister Papagos has approved immediate termination of the talks if Turkey is intransigent from the outset. King Paul believes Papagos might resign as a "hero who has done his best" if the talks fail. In that event, the king may either appoint Stephanopoulos provisional prime minister or summon a Rally caucus which would be expected to nominate Minister of Public Works Karamanlis for the post. Any new Greek government will have to push the Greek UN appeal aggressively in order to gain popular support in the Greek general elections which will probably follow.

Ankara's refusal to compromise on the present status of Cyprus makes an early break-up of the conference almost certain. Ambassador Warren believes Menderes' recent all-out attack on Greek policy on the Cyprus question was designed to prevent any British concessions to Greece, to dramatize the issue before the conference opens, and to protect his government against opposition charges of laxity in defending Turkish interest in Cyprus.

As a result of the London conference, Greek-Turkish relations will probably worsen. Renewed violence is likely to erupt in Cyprus.