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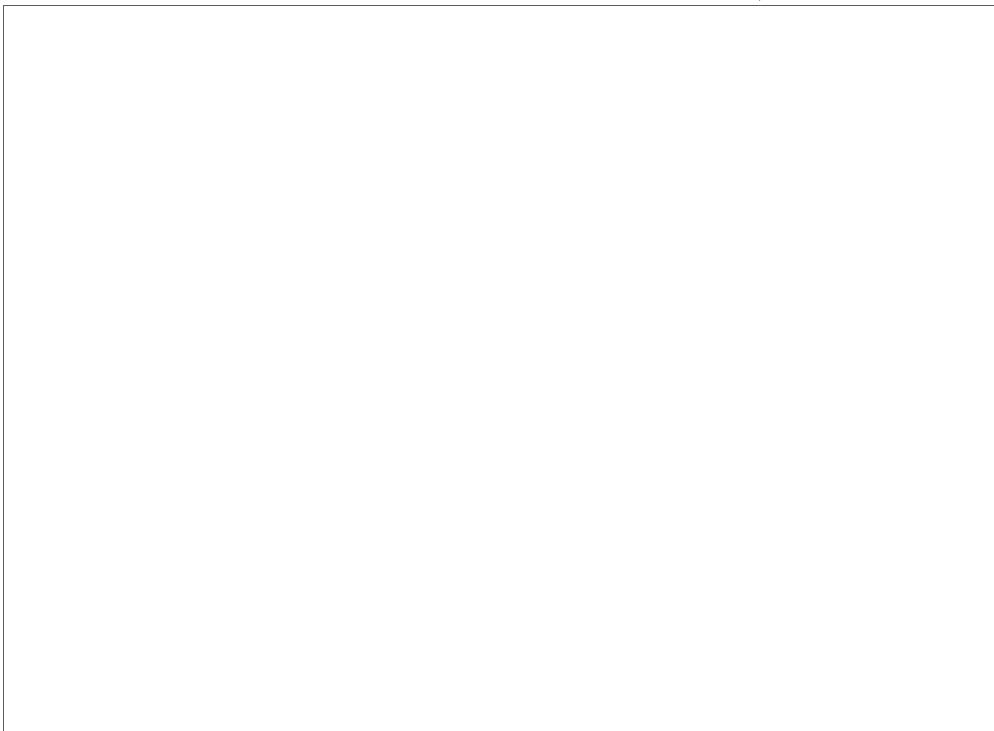


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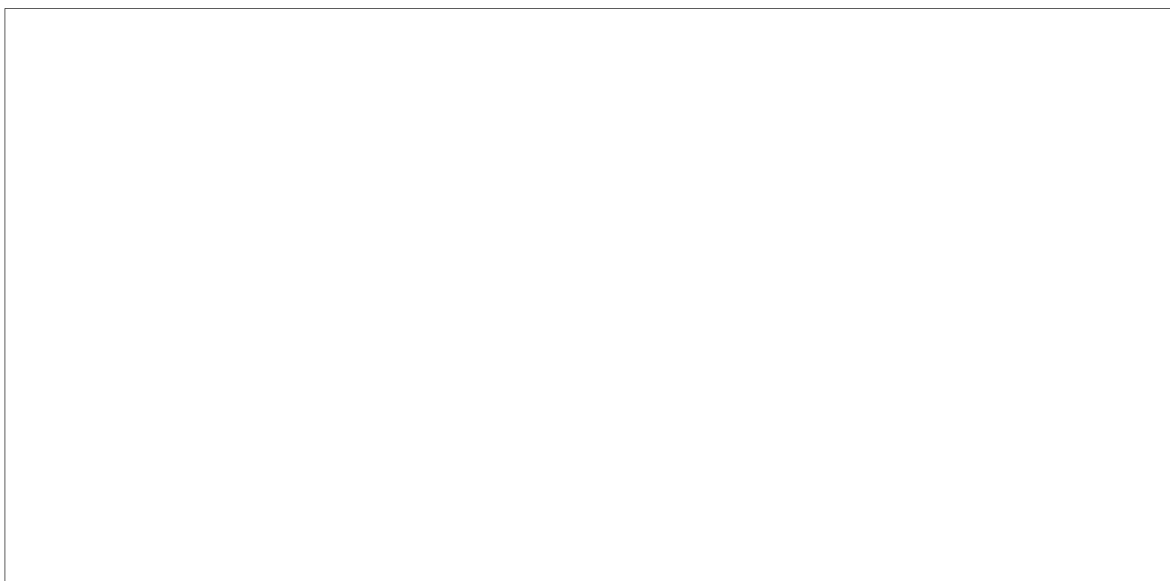
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1. YUGOSLAV PORT TO BE USED FOR SHIPMENT OF MIG's  
FOR SYRIA



Comment

In late January there were reports, denied by Yugoslavia, that the Yugoslavs had agreed with Czech officials to allow the transshipment of materiel to Egypt. Since then, there have been numerous reports alleging such transshipments. [redacted] [redacted] however, there has been no confirmation of any significant Soviet bloc military supplies transiting Yugoslavia for the Near East.

Syria and Czechoslovakia concluded an agreement in late May for Syrian purchase of 20 MIG-15's. The planes are apparently being sent to Egypt because Syrian pilots are taking their MIG training there.

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## 2. POLICIES OF THE NEW LEADERSHIP IN HUNGARY

Comment on:

The carefully worded resolution of the Hungarian Workers (Communist) Party of 23 July reveals the intention of major elements within the new regime in Hungary to dissociate themselves from the hard-line policies of deposed party boss Matyas Rakosi.

Although the resolution represents a compromise which promises virtually all things to all members, its over-all tenor and some specific statements reflect a major concession to the more moderate forces, particularly those which advocate party democratization. If Gero's appointment is a provisional one, as has been strongly suggested by some Western and Yugoslav observers, Hungarian policy appears to be on the road toward some relaxation.

The USSR's apparent approval of this trend, based in large part upon its desire to end Hungarian party strife, might, however, be withdrawn if serious threats to party unity, prevalent under Rakosi, continue under the new leadership.

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### 3. PROBABLE TRANSFER OF SOVIET WARSHIPS TO FAR EAST

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there are indications that a number of Soviet warships may have begun a west-east transit of the Northern Sea Route on 6 July. Reportedly involved in the movement are two Sverdlov-class cruisers, five Riga-class escort destroyers, and 12 submarine chasers.

Comment

These vessels probably are being transferred to the Soviet Pacific Fleet, which has been reinforced by way of the Northern Sea Route in each of the past four summers.

The cruisers and destroyers are believed to be the same units which were transferred from the Baltic to the Northern Fleet during June. Four "W-class" submarines and eight auxiliaries were similarly transferred to the Northern Fleet area this year. All of the submarines and some of the auxiliaries also are expected to be transferred to the Pacific this summer. [Redacted]

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#### 4. RATE OF SOVIET JET FUEL DELIVERIES TO CHINA REVEALED

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[REDACTED] the shipment to China of from 100,000 to 110,000 tons of jet fuel during the period August through December 1956.

#### Comment

The planned shipment for the last 5 months of 1956 is the first firm evidence of Chinese jet fuel requirements for an extended period. Apparently there will be no significant change in 1956 from 1955, when it was estimated that 200,000 tons were delivered. [REDACTED]

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