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FINNISH OBSERVER AT POWERS' TRIAL

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(Text) Professor Goeran von Bonsdorff from Finland has received an invitation to attend the trial starting in MOSCOW on Tuesday of Captain Francis Powers, pilot of the American aircraft shot down in the Soviet Union early in May. Professor Von Bonsdorff will be present at the trial during the first three or four days.

FINNS REFUTE FRANCIS POWERS' TESTIMONY

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(Summary) According to TASS, Francis Powers during interrogations in Moscow said that he was told that in an emergency he could make a landing on Sodankylae airfield in Finland. The Sodankylae airfield was destroyed by the Germans during the war in Lapland. The airfield was completed just before the war and Finnish airlines used this airfield for some time before the outbreak of the winter war. After the war the airfield was rebuilt. It is unlikely that its 900-meter runway, which has a gravel surface, would offer the Lockheed U-2 piloted by Powers a good chance of a successful emergency landing. During the past 15 years the field was sometimes used by small aircraft.

DENMARK NEED NOT FEAR NEW BUNDESWEHR

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(Text) Copenhagen--According to Danish Major General Eigil Wolff, chief of staff of the Danish Army, the officers corps of the Bundeswehr is democratic and thinks in terms of Europe. Wolff, who expressed his impressions as former military attache in Bonn in BERLINGSKE TIDENDE, links this attitude of the German officers corps with the strategic positions of the Federal Republic, which needs military cooperation with neighboring countries in NATO for its defense.

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"The armed forces of the individual nations are dependent on one another," said the general. "Germans stress that this circumstance can set at ease those circles, for example in Denmark, which might fear that German NATO armed forces could set out on an adventure purely nationalistic in character. Under present conditions, the German units are not in a position to undertake a military campaign independently."

Wulff, who after one year in Bonn has been promoted from lieutenant colonel to major general as chief of the army general staff, refers to the need for military cooperation between the Federal Republic and Denmark.

In the field of sea defense, there are strategic interrelations in the Baltic Sea which affect both countries and for whose understanding neither Great Britain nor the United States has any precedents, since they operate only in great open seas. In the field of land defense, close cooperation at the joint frontier is necessary. To this end the greatest possible effort must be made to strive for standardization in organization.