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1. US scientist's views on French military research--A War Department scientist who accompanied British military scientists on a recent visit to French military research establishments has told US Military Attache London that German scientists working for the French are doing "high class work" and apparently will be fully exploited by the French. French scientists have found Soviet representatives in Paris "unco-operative, apparently on orders from Moscow."

## EUROPE-AFRICA

2. VENEZIA GIULIA: SACMED again requests reinforcements--Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean, after a personal tour of Venezia Giulia, reports that the forces at his disposal are inadequate to maintain law and order indefinitely, if current CFM negotiations break down or result in a decision unfavorable to Yugoslavia. He recommends that CCS (a) transfer to SACMED the regimental combat team previously requested (see Daily Summary of 17 June, item 4); (b) press for the withdrawal from Zone A of the Yugoslav detachment under his command; and (c) arrange to station XIII Corps troops "on a more tactical basis." SACMED believes that the US and UK will be "taking grave military risks in Venezia Giulia" unless his recommendations are followed.
3. POLAND: US to observe referendum--Ambassador Lane plans (a) to inform the Polish Government that under the Yalta decision the US is obliged to observe the 30 June referendum; and (b) to send members of his staff to as many parts of Poland as possible to report on polling conditions and public reaction to the methods and results of the referendum. Lane adds that many Poles, aware of the Government's policy of violent intimidation, will probably abstain from voting and are showing indifference to the referendum result.

Apprehension over election results--Former Social Welfare Minister Stanczyk, before leaving to assume his new post as Assistant Secretary General of UN, admitted to Lane that there is no freedom of speech in Poland today. Stanczyk expressed fear that (a) if Mikolajczyk wins the Polish elections next fall, the Government will refuse to acknowledge his victory, and (b) such Government action might result in

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war, Soviet intervention, and the complete extinction of Polish independence.

4. PALESTINE: Arabs to propose joint appeal to UN--US Charge Childs in Jidda has been informed by the Secretary-General of the Arab League that the Arab states decided unanimously at the Bludan Conference to open negotiations on Palestine with the British Government under provisions of the UN Charter. The Arabs propose joint Arab-UK submission of an "agreed-upon project" to the UN Assembly in September; if such joint action is impossible, the Arabs will submit a separate proposal. The Secretary-General further stated that the Arabs are prepared to accept British trusteeship for Palestine for a ten-year period, provided Palestine is assured independence at the end of that period.

Ambassador Harriman in London reports that the British Government has received these Arab proposals but has not yet decided on its reply.

5. IRAN: British pessimism continues--Harriman reports that the British still are "generally gloomy" about the Iranian situation and particularly about the future of Anglo-Iranian oil installations. The Foreign Office expects that, barring unforeseen circumstances, the Tudeh Party will have a "practically clear field" in the forthcoming elections and feels that the situation is developing beyond the point where "remedial" measures, such as propaganda, might have any effect.
6. EGYPT: British policy on Grand Mufti--Harriman reports from London that the British have instructed their Ambassador in Cairo to present to the Egyptian Government the following views on the Grand Mufti: (a) the Mufti should not be allowed to remain in Cairo or Alexandria but should "be domiciled in some remote place"; (b) the Mufti should promise not to participate in "political activity"; and (c) if the Mufti breaks either of these conditions he should be expelled from Egypt.

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7. **SIAM: Reported UK move regarding Bangkok-Rangoon RR**--The State Department has instructed Embassy London (a) to ascertain the truth of reports that the British are considering unilateral disposition of the Siamese section of the Bangkok-Rangoon railroad (which was built by Japan and traverses what is believed to be a newly discovered rich tin area) and (b) to inform the British that the US considers the railroad an external Japanese asset and as such subject to joint Allied disposition.
8. **CHINA: Communication with Consul General Dairen**--Embassy Nanking, in view of Soviet refusal to permit operation of a radio station by the US Consul General at Dairen, recommends that a US naval vessel call at Dairen each week to clear dispatches. He believes that the USSR might prefer the operation of a radio station ashore.

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