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## EUROPE

1. USSR: Zhukov's presence in Odessa confirmed--US Military Attache Moscow reports that an American correspondent positively identified Marshal Zhukov in Odessa on 18 September.
2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: US relief no longer needed--US Ambassador Steinhardt reports that 1946 food production in Czechoslovakia is close to a record high and that substantial food exports are under way. Steinhardt recommends that all voluntary US relief be stopped, particularly since its continuance gives a decided political advantage to the Communist Party.
3. YUGOSLAVIA: Food production increases--Ambassador Patterson reports that despite a serious drought during July and August, Yugoslav food production for 1946-47 will reach a higher level than in 1945. The improvement is due chiefly to better transportation, the use of UNRRA agricultural equipment, cultivation of formerly idle land, and increased marketing freedom for peasants.
- 3.3(h)(2) 4. BULGARIA: Soviet military movements--AFHQ Caserta reports that [redacted] visiting central Bulgaria in mid-September saw evidence of heavy equipment moving southward, which he was told included tanks and amphibious jeeps. He learned [redacted] that a secret mission of 14 generals in civilian clothes was then visiting Bulgaria, some of whom had German names.  
3.3(h)(2) Greek and Turkish estimates of Soviet troops--US Military Attache Belgrade reports that Greek and Turkish officials there estimate that there are now between 200,000 and 250,000 Soviet troops in Bulgaria, and that each considers his own country threatened.
5. ALBANIA: Byrnes opposes recognition now--Secretary Byrnes has notified the State Department that, regardless of what Albania may do to accept the validity of US treaties, he is opposed to recognition at this time.
6. VENEZIA GIULIA: Ammunition at Pola to be dumped at once--According to US Political Advisor Byington, AFHQ has ordered General Harding to dispose of ammunition in the Pola area by dumping as soon as possible (see Daily Summary of 11 September, item 8).

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7. **GERMANY:** Election date reportedly deferred in Soviet zone--According to US Political Advisor Murphy, the Kreistag and Landtag elections in the Soviet zone have apparently been postponed from 13 to 20 October so as to coincide with the Berlin municipal elections, for the following possible reasons: (a) the size of the opposition vote in recent communal elections in the Soviet zone; and (b) fear that election results in the Soviet zone might adversely affect the Berlin elections.

## NEAR EAST-AFRICA

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## FAR EAST

9. **CHINA:** New offensive expected soon--The Commanding General of the First Marine Division transmits from Tientsin a report from a "very reliable" source that a widespread military campaign against the Communists in north China is likely soon, with a coordinated effort along all railways except the Peiping-Hankow line. National Government military commanders appear "optimistic" over prospects of quick success.
10. **N.E.I.:** Truce negotiations--US Consul General Batavia is not optimistic over the prospects for the truce negotiations which began on 20 September, because he expects the Indonesian representatives to make "impossible demands."
11. **JAPAN:** Prior consultation on Japanese whaling requested--The State Department has asked SCAP to approve its proposed statement to UK, Australia, New Zealand, and Norway that authorization for future Japanese whaling expeditions will not be given without prior consultation with "interested governments" regarding their security interests.

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