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1. US planes warned to keep on course over Albania--US Political Representative Jacobs in Tirana has asked that US pilots on the Tirana-Sofia flight be "urgently advised" not to deviate from the prescribed course over Albanian territory. In view of the insistence of local authorities, Jacobs considers it "highly dangerous" for US planes to fly over the possibly fortified coastal areas of Saseno and Saranda or the oil fields south of Tirana.
2. UK denies British intrigue in southern Iran--According to US Charge Gallman, the British Foreign Office has stated that neither Consul Trott nor any other British official has been guilty (as charged by the Iranian Government) of "complicity, connivance or even indiscretion" in alleged plotting in southern Iran.
3. Greek estimate of Soviet forces in Bulgaria--According to US Military Attache Athens, the Greek General Staff believes that Soviet forces in Bulgaria have been "increased to slightly over 100,000," and that Soviet troops are concentrating near the Turkish border. The General Staff refuses to speculate on whether the concentration manifests a definite aggressive intent or is merely part of the war of nerves.

EUROPE

4. ICELAND: Communists organize protests against base agreement--US Minister Dreyfus reports that on 22 September the Icelandic Federation of Labor Unions called a two-hour general strike for the following day and that the Communists have organized worker and student demonstrations in an attempt to intimidate the Althing in its consideration of the US base proposals. Dreyfus states that demonstrators already have manhandled a leading Conservative and that the situation is "fraught with consequences which cannot be predicted."

FAR EAST

5. N.E.I.: Status of Dutch-Indonesian negotiations--US Consul General Batavia states that at the first meeting of the Truce Commission the

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Dutch rejected Indonesian demands that no further troop arrivals from The Netherlands be permitted. Van Mook and Sjahrir have agreed that when negotiations are resumed in Batavia, Lord Killearn should preside at the first meeting and thereafter stand by in readiness to assist if necessary.

THE AMERICAS

6. PANAMA: Long-term base agreement doubtful--US Ambassador Hines believes that the US will have difficulty in obtaining base leases in Panama of greater duration than three to five years (see Daily Summary of 10 September, item 11). Panama's Foreign Minister has emphasized, in talks with Hines, his country's great sensitivity to possible infringement of its sovereignty by the US.
7. CHILE: Bowers urges special mission at inaugural--US Ambassador Bowers reports that delegations to Gonzales Videla's inauguration may include a British cabinet member, the Vice President of Argentina with a battleship escort, a cruiser-escorted special ambassador from Uruguay, and special ambassadors from Spain and Brazil. Bowers believes the US should counter imminent attempts to divert Chile from her close cooperation with the US by sending a special ambassador accompanied by a military air squadron.

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