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- 3.3(h)(2) 1. Soviets plan to move small naval units--The Commander of the US

The Soviets have requested that these vessels be permitted to make calls at four UK and Mediterranean ports. The Admiralty has not yet decided on its reply to the request.

EUROPE-AFRICA

2. POLAND: Mikolajczyk believed in personal danger--Ambassador Lane reports that Mikolajczyk, in contrast to his "usual phlegmatic calm," is seriously alarmed by recent measures of the Warsaw regime. The Government is making a definite attempt to link Mikolajczyk and his Polish Peasant Party with the increasing terrorist activities of rightist underground groups, and newly-established Summary People's Courts are "putting away" for two years all opposition leaders on whom they can lay their hands. Mikolajczyk expects to be dismissed shortly from the Government and both Lane and his British colleague believe that his life is in danger.
3. BULGARIA: Reduction of Bulgarian armed forces--According to the US Delegation on the Allied Control Council for Bulgaria, the Soviet military representative reported to the Council that the Bulgarian Army and Navy have been reduced to a strength of 97,845 and 2,950, respectively. The Soviets consider that by this reduction Bulgaria has complied with the armistice agreement.
4. HUNGARY: Soviets lease agricultural land--Schoenfeld reports that the Minister of Agriculture has contracted to lease 70,000 acres of agricultural land to the Soviets, who reportedly plan to use it for provisioning their occupation forces. Hungarian officials told Schoenfeld that the Soviets were particularly interested in land belonging to Serbians, thereby causing apprehension that the Soviets will later claim ownership of the land on the ground that as German-owned land it belongs to the USSR under the Potsdam Agreement. Document No. 075

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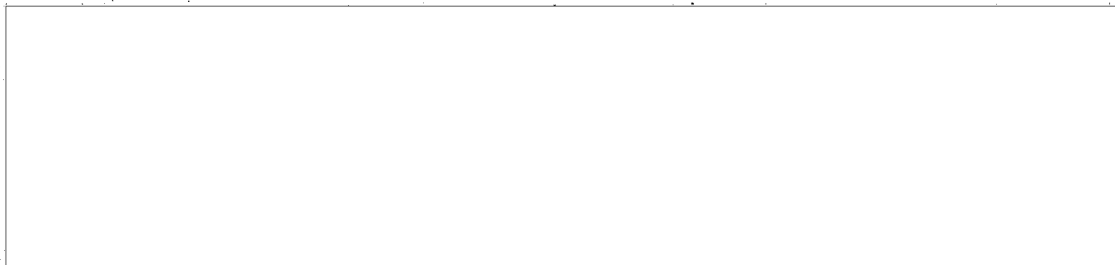
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5. HUNGARY: Premier supports Yugoslav claims to Trieste--Schoenfeld reports that Premier Nagy in a 31 March speech supported Yugoslav claims to territory in the Trieste area and stated that "it would lie in Hungary's interest to find an exit to the Adriatic Sea through the territory of a single country with which we are on good friendly terms." Schoenfeld believes that Nagy would not have made this statement without prior Soviet approval.

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7. ITALY: King seeks foreign asylum--According to Embassy Rome, Crown Prince Umberto has requested the views of the British Government concerning the future residence of King Victor Emanuel in the event of his abdication. The Prince declared that the King was considering Spain, Egypt, Palestine and Turkey and desired to settle the question at the earliest possible moment.
8. GERMANY: Ambassador Smith's views--Ambassador Smith, reporting on his brief visit to Germany enroute to Moscow, states that (a) there is no country, except France, to which the US could send food to better advantage than to western Germany, and (b) the US should seek immediately to integrate the western zones into a political unit oriented toward western Europe. He added that the Soviets will certainly use the food shortage in the western zones to further their political program in Germany and will seek to establish in their zone an "anti-Fascist republic" oriented toward Moscow.
9. GREAT BRITAIN: Negotiations for French alliance--According to Embassy London, the British Foreign Office has confirmed recent press reports concerning the negotiation of an Anglo-French alliance. As a result of Gouin's recent speech advocating the conclusion of an alliance, without insisting upon the prior settlement of the Levant and Ruhr questions, the Foreign Office is preparing a specific official approach.

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10. SOUTHEAST ASIA: Inactivation of the India-Burma Theater--The Joint Chiefs of Staff have directed that the India-Burma Theater be inactivated on 31 May.
11. AUSTRALIA: US opposes demands on Siam--Legation Bangkok reported on 30 March that Australia is demanding that the projected Australian-Siamese agreement (terminating a state of war between the two countries) include a clause denying Siam the right to enter any international commodity agreement without first consulting Australia and offering Australia an opportunity to be a party thereto. The State Department now has advised Legation Canberra to obtain Australian assurances that no such provision be included in the agreement.
12. JAPAN: US views on division of Japanese naval units--In February the Soviets requested an immediate division of certain units of the Japanese Navy (destroyers and vessels of lesser tonnage) in order to facilitate the repatriation of Japanese from areas occupied by the USSR (see Daily Summary of 13 February, item 5). The State Department has now instructed Embassy Moscow to reply that (a) the Soviets might request SCAP to assign a suitable number of such vessels for this purpose without prejudice to their ultimate disposition, but (b) final disposition of these vessels, as well as the Japanese merchant marine, should await the completion of repatriation and other tasks involved in carrying out the surrender.

THE AMERICAS

13. ARGENTINA: US recommendations--The State Department has suggested to the Latin American Republics (except Argentina and Haiti) that (a) the new Argentine Government should be given a reasonable time to comply with the obligations it assumed at Mexico City; (b) if Argentina does comply, its participation in a mutual assistance treaty should be welcomed; and (c) a committee of the Governing Board of the Pan American Union should be appointed to coordinate the five draft treaties into a single document.

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14. ECUADOR: Requests US withdrawal from Galapagos base--The Ecuadoran Ambassador to the US has formally requested the US to withdraw from the Galapagos base at the earliest possible moment. The State Department has asked the War and Navy Departments to set a date.

15. HAITI: US to recognize Junta--The State Department plans to recognize the Military Executive Committee of Haiti on 8 April. This action is prompted by the fact that three American Republics (Mexico, Uruguay and Peru) have already recognized it and 12 others favor doing so (so far only Venezuela has declared itself opposed to recognition).

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