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1. FRANCE: Communist reflections on violence--US Military Attache Brussels reports that at a 16 May meeting of the French Communist Politburo, Party Chief Thorez expressed pessimism about the 2 June elections and again invited members to "reflect seriously" upon violent action "if the possibility of liquidating the Socialist Party through fusion or any other means definitely disappears." Thorez asserted that (a) "the problem is extremely grave, because Moscow is not in favor of opening action in France without being decided" on world war; (b) Soviet diplomacy "needs peace today and will not take undue chances;" and consequently (c) if action is decided upon, it must be "without counting on help from Russia." Another member of the Politburo declared that the Soviets consider the results of the Conference of Foreign Ministers "absolutely negative" and that Molotov's tactics were "checkmated."
2. SWITZERLAND: Opposition to UN meetings on Swiss soil--Stettinius reports that the Swiss have indicated that they do not wish to have the Security Council meet on Swiss soil, apparently because they fear Swiss neutrality would be adversely affected. UN Secretary-General Lie, therefore, has taken the position that no League of Nations facilities in Geneva should be used by any UN unit.
3. POLAND: French industrial delegation rebuffed--Charge Keith has learned from the French Embassy that a French delegation, representing "nearly all French industrial enterprises which have operated in Poland," has been informed by the Polish Ministry of Industry that the Polish Government (a) definitely does not intend the delegation to visit former French properties "for the present," and (b) will allow no claim by any company which ceded its rights to the Germans during the occupation.
4. HUNGARY: Soviets deny US air landing rights--Minister Schoenfeld reports that although the Hungarian Cabinet voted unanimously to accede "in principle" to the US request for air transit and landing rights, Soviet military authorities vetoed the Cabinet's proposal on the ground that the "Soviet Army alone has control over air fields and air space in Hungary." (The US had pointed out that Hungary's civil air

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