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## GENERAL

1. UK may be more cooperative on Palestine--In a recent discussion with the US delegation to the UN, UK representative Creech-Jones, while stressing overwhelming British public opinion against further UK participation in Palestinian affairs, indicated that the UK Government does not want to continue indefinitely in a negative position on Palestine but wants to follow a positive and constructive policy. Creech-Jones expressed a desire to cooperate with the US in working out terms of a possible trusteeship agreement.

## EUROPE

2. YUGOSLAVIA: Estimate of possible politico-military action--US Ambassador Cannon believes that recent internal developments in Yugoslavia suggest the possibility that the Yugoslav Government is preparing for politico-military action following a Communist defeat in Italy. Cannon suggests that one reason for Yugoslav failure up to the present to pursue a more aggressive policy in Greece may be that Yugoslavia is expected to act elsewhere.
3. GREECE: Likelihood of Cabinet reshuffle increasing--US Charge Rankin reports an increase of political maneuvering for changes in the present Greek coalition Cabinet together with further evidence of public and press dissatisfaction with the Government. According to Rankin, Sophocles Venizelos (a leader in Prime Minister Sophoulis' Liberal Party) maintains that the present Cabinet must make at least a few changes in order to survive the reconvening of Parliament on 10 May. Rankin expressed concern to Venizelos lest anything resembling a "crisis" develop as a result of efforts to obtain Cabinet revision.

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**NEAR EAST-AFRICA**

4. **IRAN: Government expected to fall--US Ambassador Tehran reports that the Bakhti Government, which is under heavy attack in the Majlis, may fall.**

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the weak Bakhti Government, which is now facing a vote of confidence, will fall in the near future and will be replaced by a stop-gap government of similar conservative tendencies. It is possible that this interim government will be replaced in turn by a government headed by Gavan.)

**THE AMERICAS**

5. **COSTA RICA: Latest compromise solution rejected--US Embassy San Jose reports that the rebel leader, Figueres, has found "unacceptable" the most recent compromise solution of the civil war. The Embassy transmits a statement from the diplomatic commission in San Jose suggesting the desirability of putting pressure on Nicaragua to cease intervening in Costa Rica. (The diplomatic commission, which includes the US, Chile, Mexico, and Panama, has been attempting to assist in finding a solution ending the civil war.)**

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