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1. Philippine bid for Pacific union--The Department of State has been informed that Philippine UN representative Romulo has issued an invitation to eight Pacific and Southeast Asian countries to meet during March 1950 "to ascertain whether agreement could be reached" on a non-Communist regional association limited to political, cultural, and economic affairs. According to Romulo, Burma, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Thailand have already indicated their willingness to attend the meeting; Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, and India were also invited. Meanwhile, the Department has learned that although New Zealand would be interested in a Pacific security pact which included the US and the UK, the New Zealand Government "does not look with favor" on Romulo's projected organization.

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