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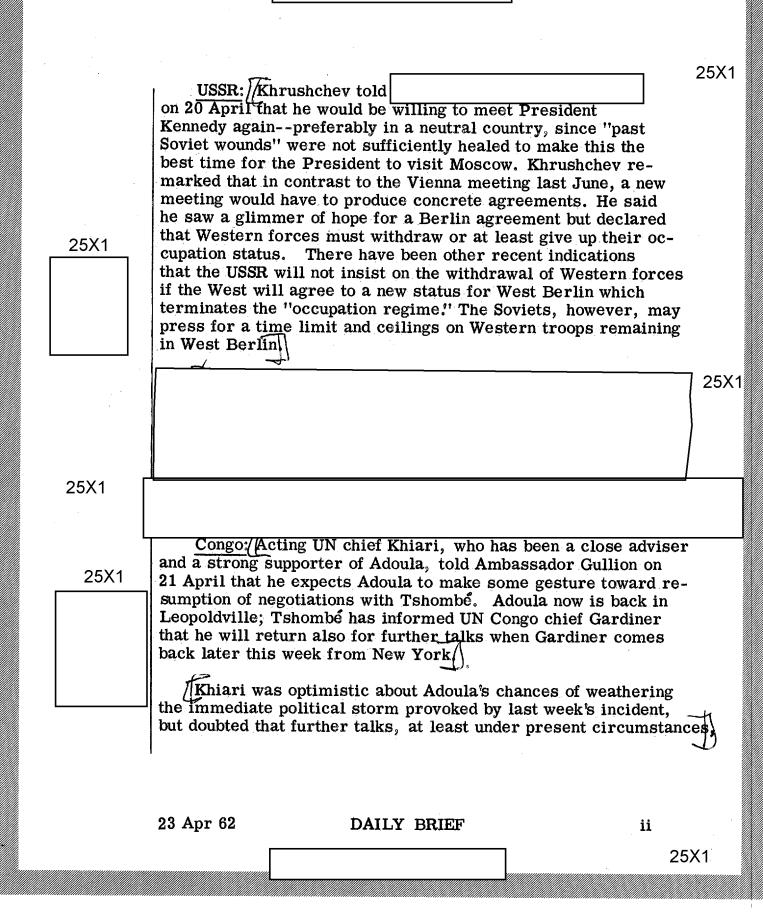
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would gain Tshombe's assent to any meaningful reintegration of Katanga. The UN official thought that mounting domestic pressure would finally force Adoula to seek bilateral assistance from radical African states—he specified Egypt and Ghana—and to carry out his threat of asking UN withdrawal. Khiari, who apparently is not aware of the plan now under consideration to have UN forces support a move by the central government to collect taxes in Katanga on mineral exports, said he saw no solution without the use of force. He indicated that in order to stimulate useful negotiations and quiet Adoula's critics, he favored allowing the Congolese Army to undertake new initiatives in northern Katanga

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Syria: Prime Minister Azmah's 21 April general policy statement, while avowing an interest in encouraging private capital, reflects the socialistic and pan-Arab pressures which induced the army to overthrow the conservative parliamentary regime three weeks ago. Azmah emphasized the necessity for state-directed economic planning and the limitation of private capital investment. The prime minister announced the renationalization of Syria's largest industrial combine and his intention to reinstitute the agrarian reform law decreed by Nasir during the union with Egypt. With respect to inter-Arab relations, Azmah emphasized Syria's close ties with "sister Egypt" and endorsed the standard goals of Arab unity, support for liberation movements throughout the world, and the "liquidation" of imperialism in Asia and Africa.

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Greece: The non-Communist opposition appears to have been encouraged by the response so far to the campaign of public demonstrations it launched last month in an attempt to force the King to install a caretaker cabinet and call new parliamentary elections. They may be further encouraged by the rioting and publicity which

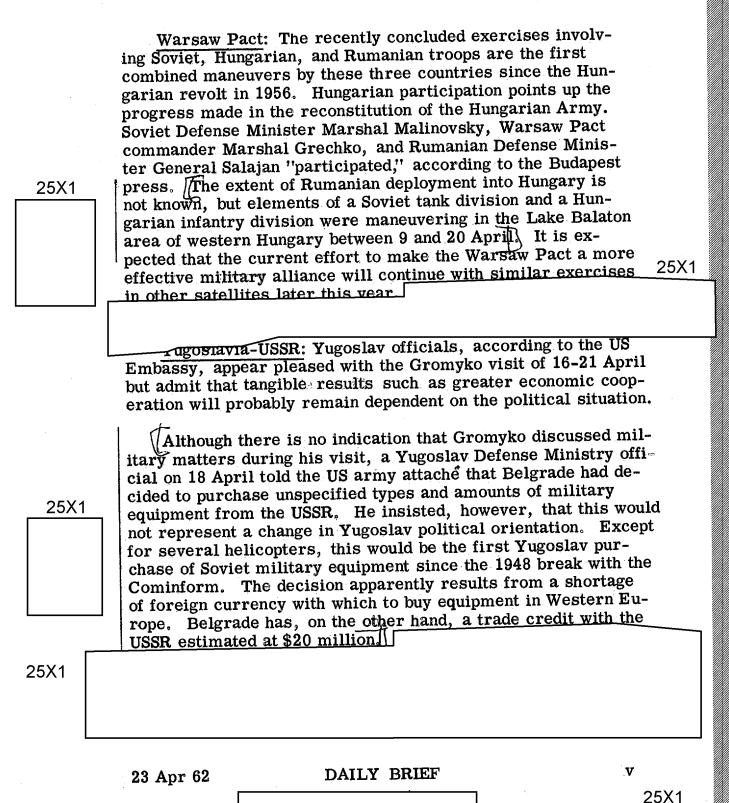
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Greek Politics Embittered by Opposition Campaign Of Demonstrations

The major charge which Center Union leader George Papandreou and his associates are making in their campaign is that widespread corruption and intimidation accompanied the parliamentary elections last October, in which Premier Karamanlis' right-of-center party won 176 of the 300 seats and over 50 percent of the popular vote. Most American observers regard the elections as having been neither more nor less corrupt than others in recent years.

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(Regarding the widely publicized Center Union rally on 20 April, the American Embassy in Athens reports that the only significant disorders occurred after Papandreou had concluded a half-hour speech and his audience had dispersed from a cordoned-off area in downtown Athens. Organized leftists, including Communist-tainted construction workers, provoked violence by smashing windows in one area while small groups of demonstrators elsewhere chanted slogans. About one hundred demonstrators suffered minor injuries during the window-smashing episode, and some 400 persons

were arrested.

The Communist-dominated United Democratic Left, which suffered a severe setback in the October elections, has been seeking ever since to gain respectability by associating itself with the Center Union's campaign. Papandreou, who has publicly rejected Communist offers of support, has indicated that further rallies are planned. These will give the extreme left further opportunities for violence.

At the same time that it has been encouraged by the attention its campaign is receiving, the center leadership is probably increasingly frustrated by the absence of any real lever to use on the King or the government. Karamanlis' parliamentary

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