

FRENCH POLITICAL SITUATION AND INDOCHINA

- I. Laniel faces Indochina debate on 1 June
 - A. Besides hostility within coalition to his Indochina policy, new factors may induce anti-EDC forces to quit cabinet:
 1. Socialist Congress 29-30 May expected to call for disciplined vote on EDC.
 2. Popular Republican Congress 29-30 May may bring threat to quit government if stalling on EDC continues.
 3. Official announcement of Saar agreement expected after Socialist Congress.
 - a. Gaullists intend to criticize negotiations on Saar.
- II. Deputies will hesitate to create crisis,
 - A. While there is hope of Geneva settle-

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- B. Particularly since no substitute for Laniel is in sight.
 - 1. On 13 May enough deputies switched at last minute to give Laniel his 289-287 victory.

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