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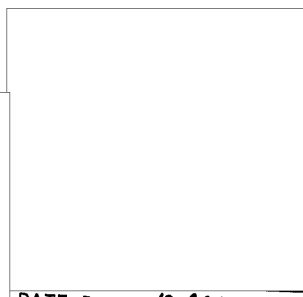
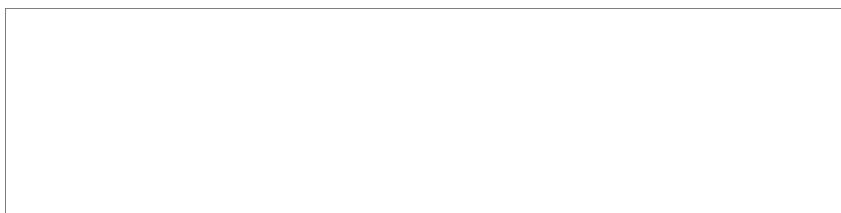
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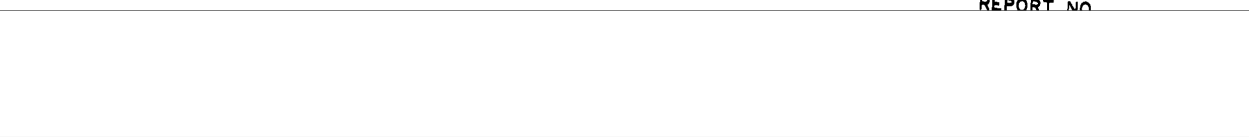
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1. The reorganization of the Czechoslovak General Staff and Defense Ministry is now in progress.
2. Major Gen. Miroslav Šmoldas, former Vice Minister of National Defense, who was relegated to the command of the High Technical Military Academy at Brno, will be brought back to active service as commander of the Second Military District in Moravia.
3. Lt. Gen. Vaclav Tchoř, former Vice Minister of Defense, who has been awaiting orders for several months, will be completely rehabilitated and charged with directing the commission for the production of war materiel and fortifications.
4. Lt. Gen. Juraj Tokaň, former commander at Bratislava, will have charge of liaison between the office of the Soviet military attaché, N. I. Gusev, and the Czechoslovak General Staff. Gen. Tokaň is a Slovak by nationality, but a Soviet citizen.
5. Col. Gen. Čeněk Hruška, Vice Minister of Defense, will be retired, and the SVSARM, of which he was the head, will be reorganized. The situation of Col. Gen. Václav Kratochvíl is in a state of revision.
6. The new organization will include Col. Gen. Bohumil Lomský as First Vice Minister of National Defense; Maj. Gen. Jan Zeman as head of political administration of the army, and Col. Gen. Karel Weger, as head of military information.

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7. New commandants of the four military districts will be named. Two for promotion are Col. Gen. Karel Kytř in the First District, Lt. Gen. Karel Hečko, of the political-administrative office, Maj. Gen. Vladimír Janko of the Moto-Mechanized Army, and Maj. Gen. Jan Bárta of the Fourth District.
8. The new commission for atomic arms will be set up very soon at Košice. This commission will be under the command of the Fourth District, which in principle is organized by Soviet officers. The list of officers has not yet been drawn, and must be approved by the Soviets when submitted.

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