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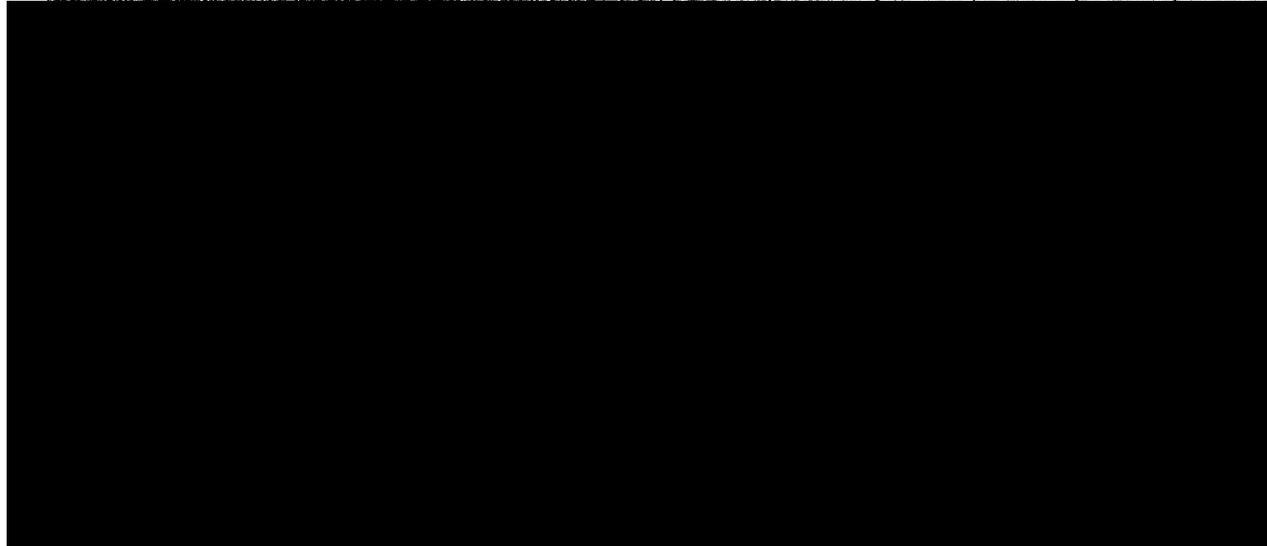
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Moroccan Nationalists Request Russian Support
Nationalist Activities in Morocco and Tangier
(paragraph 4)
Policies of Proposed Nationalist Front in
Morocco (paragraphs 2, 4 and 5)

1. Nasiri, observing that Syria obtained some measure of independence only after an armed revolt, stated that he is beginning to believe that violence is the only means of gaining independence for Morocco. Accordingly, he added, he has set up the following tentative plan:

a. The members of the Wehda Nationalist Party in the Spanish Zone (particularly the Western Rif) aided by the Derkawa* members would collect as many small arms as possible. They would then attempt to capture additional arms from the Spanish.

* Sidi Ahmed Ben Seddie, Sherif and head of the Derkawa religious sect of Morocco, was recently reported to favor direct and violent action as the best means of obtaining Moroccan independence. He recently requested a visa to travel from Tangier to Egypt where he intends to confer with the Grand Mufti and to urge the Arab League to consider the Moroccan request for independence.

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- b. These Nationalists, joined by some of the native troops now under the Spanish command, would take to the hills, disrupt communication lines and attempt to cause as great a stoppage of economic and commercial life as possible. (According to Nasiri, the Nationalists will confine their action to the hill areas in order to avoid excessive loss of lives.)
 - c. Appeals would be sent to the Communists in the French Zone requesting them to obstruct any action the French Army might consider taking to aid in the suppression of the revolt in the Spanish Zone. Simultaneous appeals would be made to the Spanish Communists to overthrow the Franco regime.
 - d. Embassies would be dispatched to the Arab League asking them to use their influence to bring the matter before the UN and, by threat of trouble in the Near East, to cause the big powers to take note of the situation.
 - e. An appeal for aid would be made to Russia at this time.
2. Reportedly Communist Party members have encouraged this scheme and have hinted that it might be possible for Russian ships to disembark small arms and ammunition on the Rif coast.
 3. Nasiri believes that with a fair supply of small arms and ammunition he could hold out for five or six months in the Rif mountains because the mountain area is not easily reached by tanks and because the Spanish have few planes and almost no high octane gasoline.
 4. The Shoura and Bahda Parties have reached an official agreement to place a representative in the United States and in Egypt before any further local action is taken. Until that time they will reportedly not antagonize either the French or Spanish authorities. The Nationalist leaders agree that it will be better to attack Spain first because any uprising against the French would be quickly crushed by the French.

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