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4. There have been no official Bidault-CP negotiations but Communist leaders hope that Bidault will be Premier as they fear his Russian policy less than one of an Anglo-ophile Socialist.
5. As to intra-CP matters, Thorez and Duclos have regained all their old influence, source continues. The majority of the Central Committee supports their recommendation that an attempt to secure the Ministry of National Defense be abandoned and that a concentrated effort be made to obtain only the cabinet posts formerly held. Mauvais and Marty who opposed this policy now admit their error and all CP members are said to realize the disastrous consequences of non-participation of the CP in a future government as has been demonstrated by the current Socialist government.

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6. [REDACTED] recently the Central Committee voted on the Thorez policy concessions and compromise versus the Marty activity. Result of the vote was 13 votes for Thorez, 5 against, and 7 abstentions. This, source continues, is considered a fairly serious threat against Thorez position and policy.

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7. [REDACTED] a stormy pre-Christmas session of the Communist Party Politburo between Marty and Thorez camps. After the session Marty is said to have declared it impossible to allow Thorez to continue as head of the Party as he is too compromised.

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8. Casanova's influence in the Communist Party is apparently weakened, [REDACTED]. He is said to have sent four Communists on a mission to Spain without the clearance of the Central Committee.

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