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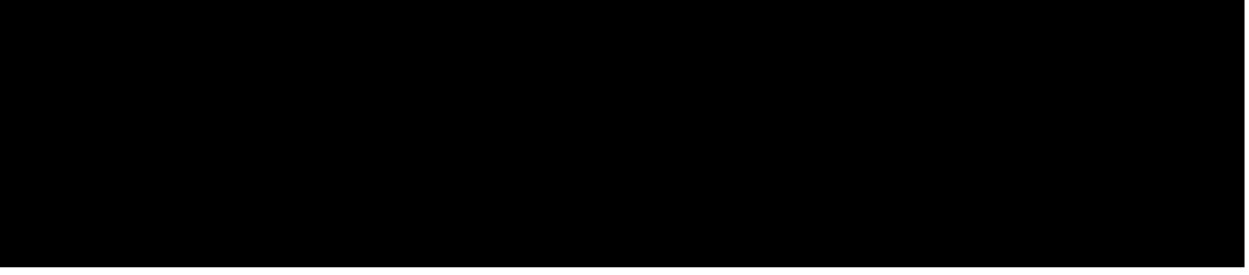
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1. It is reported that a Shikak courier saw large gatherings of Soviet troops, including horses, on the Soviet bank of the Araxes River, near a village named Kara Kby, close to the spot at which the Barzani Kurds crossed into Russia. The courier claimed that these troop gatherings appeared to be more of a permanent than of a temporary nature.
2. It is further reported that the Kurds and the Iranian Government are worried, and that Prime Minister Qavam plans to make a protest to the Soviet Embassy concerning the above information.

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*Comment: Soviet border concentrations have been rumored for some time. The report that Soviet deserters gave the same information to members of the Iranian army seems doubtful. Despite the tendency of Ambassador Firuz (Iranian Ambassador to Moscow) to exaggerate Soviet threats, it is doubtful that the Iranian Government planted the report of Russian troop gatherings as a means of obtaining outside help. The answer to these reports may be either that these gatherings are normal troop movements or attempts at intimidation by the Soviets in order to get the oil concession by a show of force.*

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