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GENERAL

1. Peiping meeting commitment to export rice to USSR:

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Comment:

[Redacted] Peiping had contracted to deliver to the USSR 50,000 tons of rice in 1953. Peiping's fulfillment of this agreement should probably be interpreted as further evidence of a determination to pay for imports by maintaining food exports, despite relatively poor harvests, rather than as evidence of Soviet pressure. This desire was shown in barter talks this summer with Finland and Ceylon in which the Chinese insisted that both countries accept more foodstuffs than they desired.

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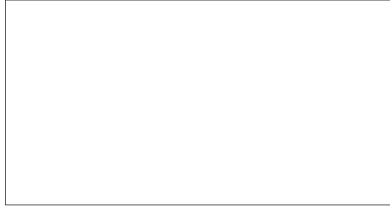
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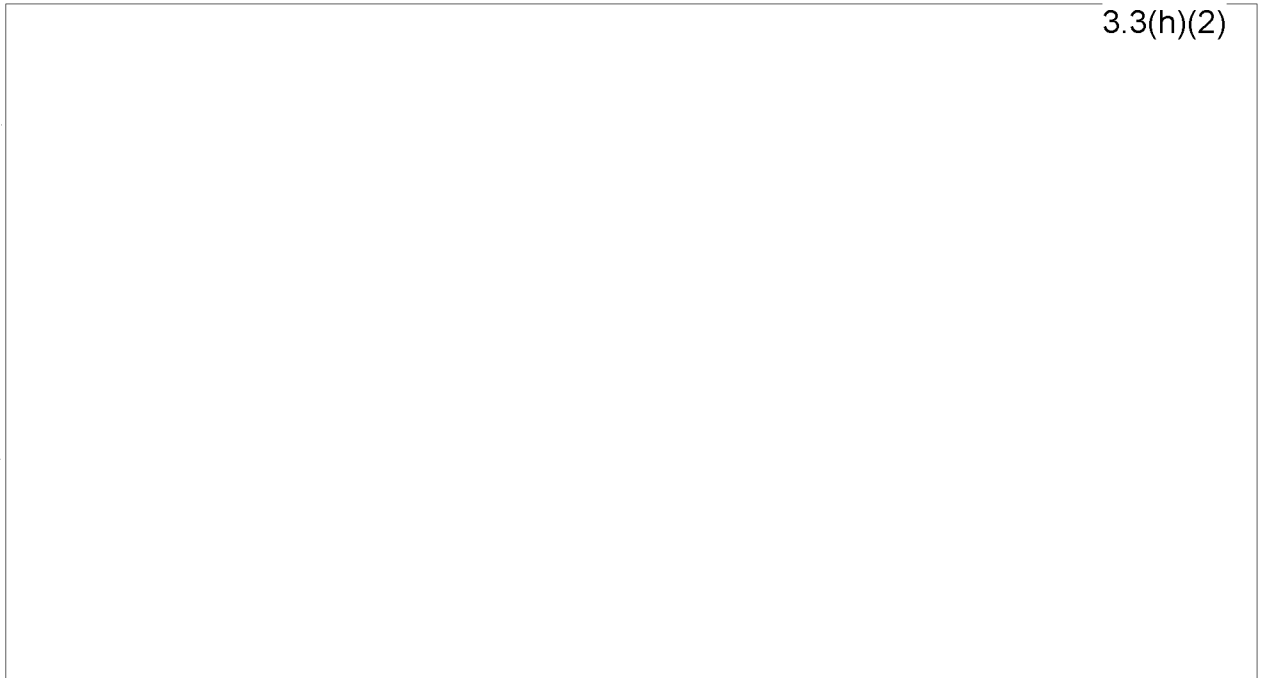
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SECURITY INFORMATION**NEAR EAST - AFRICA****3. Arabs seek punitive action by UN against Israel:**

At its 23 October meeting in Amman, the Arab League decided to request the UN Security Council to take punitive measures against Israel as an aggressor in accordance with articles 39 and 41 of the UN charter. ^{3.3(h)(2)}

The league also decided to reject any UN decision calling for peace negotiations with Israel and to insist on Israeli compliance with UN resolutions on partition, the refugees problem, and the status of Jerusalem as a prerequisite to peace in the area.

Comment: This report, supplementing earlier summaries of the league's decisions, indicates that the Arabs hope for UN sanctions against Israel in support of their own economic blockade.

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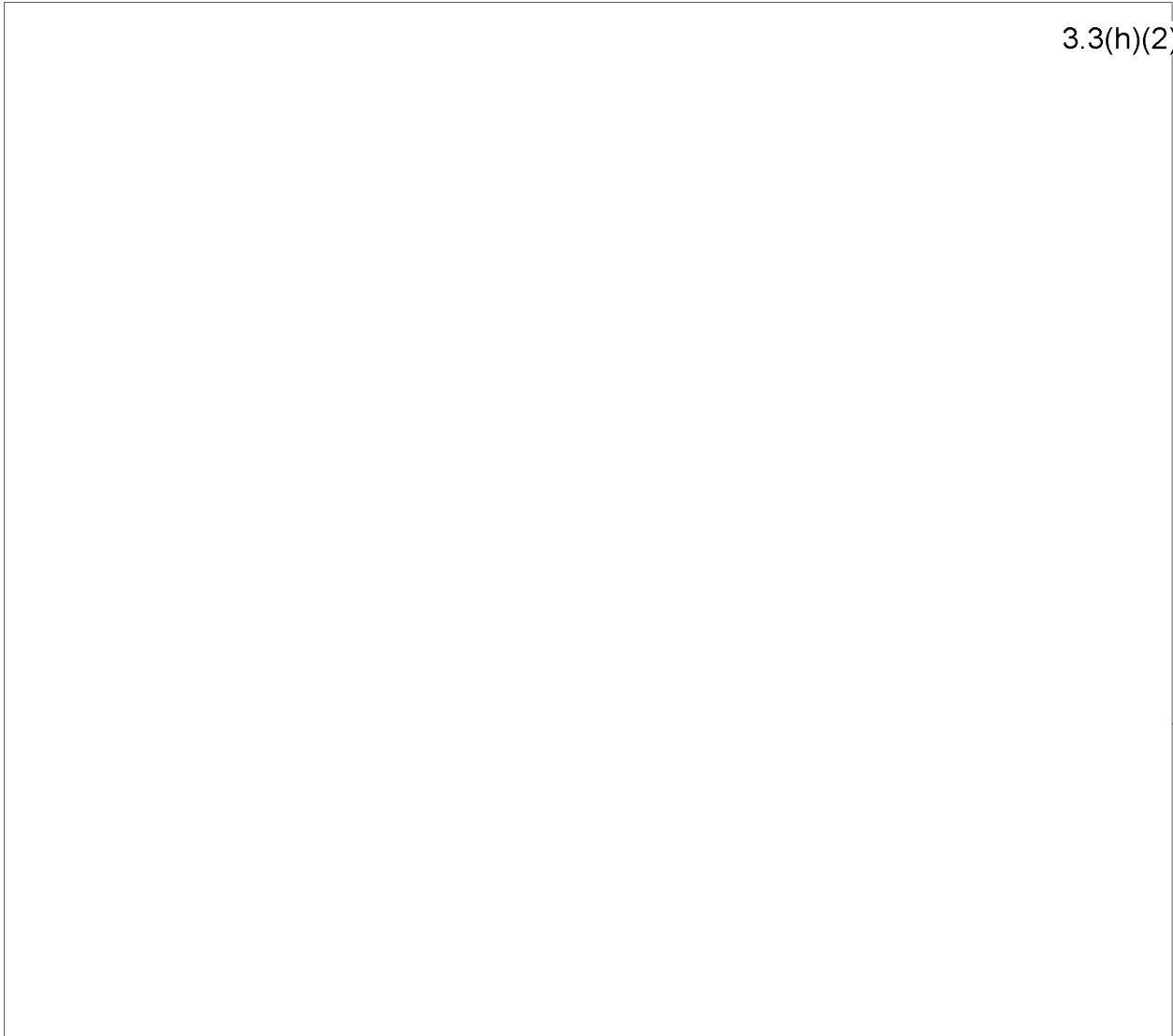
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EASTERN EUROPE

6. Yugoslavs seen willing to make concessions on Trieste:



In the opinion of the American charge in 3.3(h)(2) Belgrade, Yugoslavia is prepared to make substantial concessions in a five-power conference on Trieste in return for a face-saving solution. Yugoslav leaders hinted in recent conversations, however, that the conference would fail if they were "backed into a corner" by the other four powers. They suggest that some agreement on substantive points be reached in advance of actual talks.

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The charge reports that the Yugoslavs have not modified their earlier opposition to a conference based on the 8 October decision and to any action implementing the decision in advance of a conference.

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