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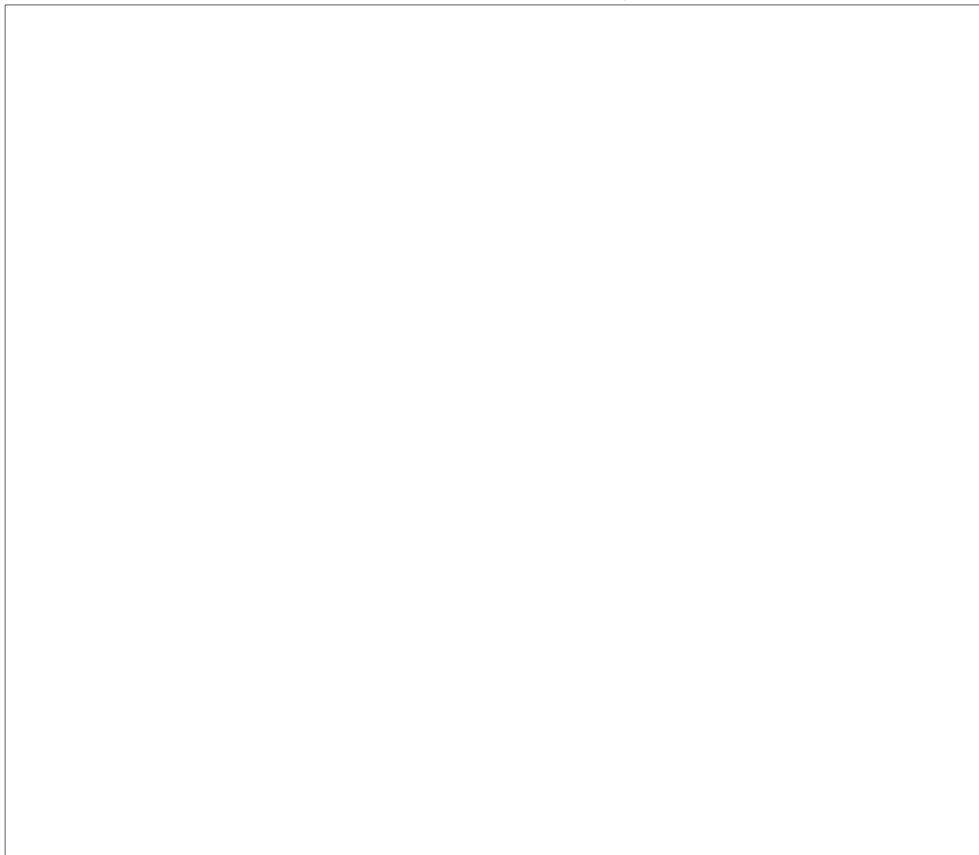
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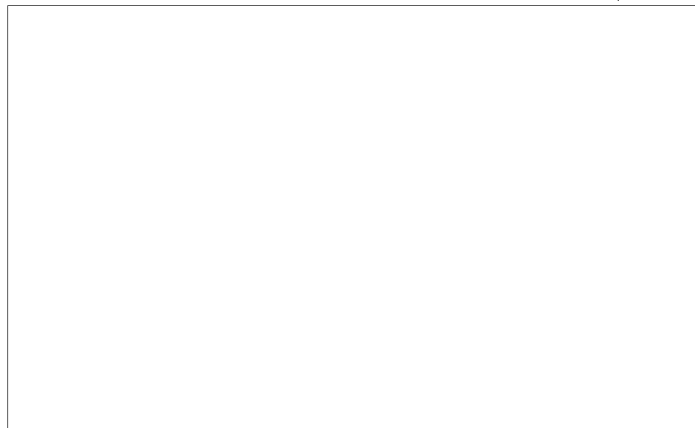
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1. PARIS MAY BE PREPARING FOR WEST
GERMAN POSSESSION OF NUCLEAR ARMS

Comment on:

The French public is apparently being prepared for possible West German production or possession of nuclear weapons.

The most pointed statement has come from French air force General Chassin, air defense coordinator for SHAPE's Allied Air Force Central Europe. The French press on 20 September quoted an article he had written for a semi-official German military monthly stating that West Germany should take up atomic arms production in order to strengthen its military defense and achieve full equality with its allies. The French

Press Agency on 26 September quoted Raymond Aron, special writer for the influential conservative Paris daily Figaro, as having told the Canadian Institute of Public Affairs that both France and Germany should possess nuclear arms.

On 27 September, the rightist Paris daily Aurore published an exclusive interview with West German Chancellor Adenauer in which the chancellor warned that if a disarmament accord could not be reached, the West German army would have to be equipped with atomic arms. French Marshal Juin on 26 September in Duesseldorf publicly called for supplies of atomic weapons for "European nations."

There are no known previous instances of public statements to this effect by prominent French figures.

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[REDACTED] During the recent disarmament negotiations in London, French delegate Moch repeatedly warned that France would begin manufacture of nuclear weapons unless a disarmament agreement was soon reached. [REDACTED]

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2. NASIR'S VIEWS ON US-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS

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[REDACTED] President Nasir believes that the present American policy in the Middle East will fail because of the Israeli question, and that then the

United States will have to "come to him," [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] "the United States cannot plan for the future without Egypt, and Egypt cannot plan without the United States."

[REDACTED] although Egypt's ambassador in Washington was constantly pessimistic over any possibility of a rapprochement, Nasir appeared more optimistic. However, Nasir was not willing to comment on whether he would act to bring about any improvement in relations. [REDACTED]

Comment

Nasir's statements reveal his hope that an eventual reconciliation with the US can be achieved, although he appears determined not to be the one to take the first step. His previously reported statements that "there is no point in trying a reconciliation," and that he "would feel lonesome without the Soviets," appear to reflect his current thinking on the state of his relations with the United States and the USSR.

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