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GENERAL

1. Soviets rescind flight ban over Hungary--US Delegation ACC Hungary reports that the Soviets have given no explanation for removing the ban on Allied flights over Hungary. (The reported ban on flights over Czechoslovakia apparently was never imposed but flights over Rumania are still prohibited.) The Delegation speculates that the reversal of the original Soviet decision was due (a) to a change in troop movement schedule or destination; (b) to the completion of troop movements; or (c) to a mistake or internal quarrel in the Soviet sector ACC.
2. USSR favors Paris as UN Headquarters--The US Delegation in New York has been told by "a well-informed newspaper correspondent" that the USSR now favors Paris as the site of permanent UN headquarters.
3. US to reject Soviet protest on travel restrictions in Italy--The State Department has instructed Embassy Moscow to reply to the Soviet protest over "obstacles" placed in the way of Soviet representatives in Italy (see Daily Summary of 18 September, item 4) by noting both that the alleged restrictions are far less rigid than those imposed on US representatives in Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria, and that Soviet representatives in Italy have indicated their complete satisfaction with present arrangements.

EUROPE

4. POLAND: Mikolajczyk's plea to Stalin--US Ambassador Lane has obtained a copy of a 3 October letter from Mikolajczyk to Stalin which defends the Peasant Party's internal and foreign policies and attacks the Communist Party for its persecution, political shackling and terrorization of the Peasant Party. The letter also states that the Polish masses have transferred their hatred of the Polish Communist Party to the USSR and the Soviet Army, to the detriment of the friendly Polish-Soviet relations which the Peasant Party seeks to establish.
5. ALBANIA: Albanian Red Cross requests anti-malarial drugs--US Representative Jacobs in Tirana reports, with reference to a request by the Albanian Red Cross for 15 million doses of anti-malarial drugs to combat an epidemic, that the malarial season is practically over and

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that such a request appears to be an effort to build up stocks for other purposes. He reports that the UNRRA mosquito control program was recently cancelled because of the Government's "unwarranted" suspicion of UNRRA personnel.

6. **GERMANY:** Soviet journalists to visit US zone--Murphy reports that the Soviets have made a "surprise request" for permission for 50 Soviet journalists to visit the US zone, which cannot be refused since an even larger number of US journalists recently have visited the Soviet zone as guests of the USSR.
7. **TANGIER:** French hesitate over sponsorship of Sultan's trip--The French Foreign Office has told Embassy Paris that, if the US and UK Governments anticipate unfortunate repercussions from the Sultan of Morocco's proposed visit to Tangier, the French "will consider suggesting" a postponement to the Sultan, but will, "of course," tell the Sultan that the suggestion is due to strong US and UK opposition. Ambassador Caffery adds that he can see no compelling reason for postponing the visit.
8. **PORTUGAL:** Present situation unclear--US Military Attache Lisbon reported at 0530 Lisbon time on 10 October (a) the start of a movement against the Government "in various provincial cities," (b) severance of communications to points outside Lisbon, and (c) opposition plans for a "revolt by all units outside of Lisbon" followed by a march on the capital. Embassy Lisbon earlier reported its inability to communicate with the US Consul in Oporto, where, according to an official Portuguese communique of 0500 on 10 October, 80 "Army officers and soldiers," later arrested at Coimbra, began a march south.

NEAR EAST-AFRICA

9. **LEBANON:** Resentment increased by Dewey speech--US Military Attache Beirut reports that Lebanese resentment over President Truman's Palestine statement has been greatly increased by Governor Dewey's similar remarks. He adds that this resentment is now assuming "menacing proportions."

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US Charge Beirut reports that, according to prevailing local opinion, secret resolutions of the Arab League Conference at Bludan will now be put into effect including abrogation of oil, aviation, pipeline and other agreements between Arab countries and the US, and a general boycott of US goods.

FAR EAST

10. **KOREA:** North Korean cultural mission--The former Chinese Consul General at Tashkent, Uzbekistan, has informed the US Consulate in Vladivostok that the "North Korean delegation" which has recently been visiting the USSR is composed almost entirely of Soviet nationals and Party members who have lived in Uzbekistan since the mass deportations of Chinese and Koreans from the border regions of Siberia ten years ago. After the defeat of Japan they were returned to Korea as agitators, posing as genuine Koreans.
11. **CHINA:** Chinese oppose US air rights over Manchuria--Embassy Nanking reports that Chinese negotiators have suggested the elimination of Mukden as an international traffic point from the proposed Sino-US civil air agreement, and have hinted that granting US lines the right to fly over Manchuria might set a precedent which would compel them to grant the same right to the USSR at some later date.

THE AMERICAS

12. **PANAMA:** Definitive base agreement negotiations to begin--The State Department has directed Ambassador Hines to begin negotiations with the Panamanian Government for a definitive agreement concerning base sites in the Republic, without concluding an interim agreement (see Daily Summary of 5 October, item 10).

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