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1. Soviets ban local publication of US notes on Bulgarian election--The Bulgarian Foreign Minister has admitted to US Representative Barnes that General Biryusov, Soviet acting chairman ACC, has forbidden Bulgarian newspapers to publish the texts of the US-UK correspondence with Premier Georgiev and the USSR on freedom of elections in Bulgaria. Barnes pointed out to the Minister that the Soviet action proves the subservience of the Bulgarian Government to the USSR and the worthlessness of the Premier's assurances to Secretary Byrnes regarding freedom of the press for the Opposition.
2. French agree to repatriation of German refugees from Denmark--US Legation Copenhagen has been told by the Danish Foreign Office that the French have agreed to repatriation from Denmark of approximately 2,000 German refugees who formerly lived in the present French Zone of Germany. In view of this and previous similar British action (see Daily Summary of 18 October, item 4), the Legation recommends acceptance of up to 12,000 German refugees from Denmark into the US Zone.
3. UK views on credit to Poland--Embassy London reports that, according to a UK Foreign Office official charged with Polish matters, economic sanctions constitute "the most powerful lever the US and UK have on Poland" and are the best means of enforcing Polish adherence to the Yalta and Potsdam pledges of free elections. The UK official therefore believes that the grant of additional credits to Poland, except for the reconstruction of the coal industry, would be harmful.

EUROPE

4. RUMANIA: Communists await US reaction to electoral preparations--US Representative Berry reports that local Communists anxiously await US reaction to the Government's electoral preparations. A Rumanian Communist has told a US Mission member that it will be "unmistakable evidence that the US has abandoned Rumania to the USSR," if the US takes no action now.

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5. **FRANCE:** Bidault encouraged over MRP prospects--Bidault has told Caffery that he now is much more encouraged over MRP elections prospects than he was on 18 October when he rejected De Gaulle's offer (see Daily Summary of 19 October, item 5). "If De Gaulle stops picking on us, we will do very well on 10 November," Bidault added.
6. **AUSTRIA:** Food ration to be increased--Secretary Byrnes has informed US Legation Vienna of the substance of La Guardia's message informing Figi that possible improvement of food rations may be effected by a proposed UNRRA shipment of 120,000 tons of grain and wheat during the fourth quarter of 1946. The State Department believes this shipment, in conjunction with other sources of supply, will permit the Austrian daily ration to be increased to 1500 calories (see Daily Summary of 21 October, item 7, and 2 October, item 7).
7. **ITALY:** Government to follow opportunistic policy--US Military Attache Rome expects the new Foreign Minister, Nenni, to follow a policy of opportunistic neutrality between East and West. The MA adds that Premier De Gasperi wishes Italy to wait for the final text of the peace treaty before deciding whether to sign.

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8. **FRENCH INDOCHINA:** Implications of Chaiburi Border Incident--US Minister Bangkok reports that British authorities have received confirmation from a British observer regarding the French attack of 10 October on the Mekong River village of Chaiburi in which 5 Siamese were killed. Minister Stanton suggests, in view of the delicate stage of Franco-Siamese negotiations, that the incident be brought to the attention of the French Government.
9. **N.E.I.:** Reactions to truce agreement--Consul General Batavia reports that Dutch and Indonesian reactions to the 14 October truce agreement have been good and the political atmosphere is more cordial than ever before.

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10. **ARGENTINA: Foreign Minister denies alleged anti-Bolivian measures--** Messersmith has received assurances from the Argentine Foreign Minister that (a) the local Bolivian Charge has raised no question regarding non-delivery of Argentine foodstuffs to Bolivia; (b) Argentina has adopted no measures against Bolivia; and (c) despite difficult internal supply and transport conditions, Argentina "should be able" to meet Bolivia's cattle requirements. Messersmith comments that vital foodstuffs are in short supply even in Buenos Aires as a result of "real disorganization" of internal transport.

11. **PANAMA: Acting Foreign Minister's views on base agreement--**According to US Ambassador Hines, the Acting Foreign Minister favors a joint US-Panamanian statement that Panama, in view of "recent studies of defense needs," is requesting the US to occupy "temporarily" all defense sites not yet returned, pending negotiation of a new agreement under the 1936 treaty.

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