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1. UK to protest Corfu mining incident--A British Foreign Office official has told US Charge Gallman in London that the British Government (a) has come to the "definite conclusion" that the Corfu mine field was laid by the Albanian Government and (b) intends to present "an extremely sharp note" to the Albanian Government demanding compensation and assurances of no repetition. If the British do not receive a favorable reply within ten days, they may present the matter to the Security Council or the International Court of Justice.
2. Spain seeks US intervention with Belgium--The Spanish Minister in Brussels has asked US Ambassador Kirk to intervene with the Belgian Government to moderate its UN policy toward Spain, particularly on the question of breaking relations. The Minister also declared that the Spanish Foreign Office "is completely and thoroughly on the side of the US State Department." The US Military Attache, who knows the Spanish Minister intimately, believes this "may be a significant hint of possible willingness within the Spanish Government to sacrifice Franco in the interests of better relations with Western Powers."

EUROPE

3. POLAND: Mikolajczyk's plans concerning elections--US Charge Keith reports that Mikolajczyk's proposed "appeal" to the Yalta Powers concerning pre-electoral violations (see Daily Summary of 19 November, item 2) actually is intended to be "an informative communication" setting forth the situation which confronts his Peasant Party and the repressive measures being taken against it. Keith therefore recommends that the State Department reconsider its decision to discourage Mikolajczyk from sending the communication which, Keith believes, would not worsen the US or Mikolajczyk's position and would provide needed evidence of the Government's repressive actions. Mikolajczyk also told Keith that no decision on a possible boycott of the elections would be made until 20 December at the earliest, and possibly not until 5 January.

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4. **RUMANIA: Government pressure during the elections--US Delegate ACC Bucharest has submitted "just a few of the better authenticated and obvious instances of flagrant pressure" by Government agents during the 19 November elections. They include: (a) only 16 of the 125 US Mission civilian employees received voting cards; (b) despite a cordon of armed Communists guarding all roads to the US Mission, 8,800 persons slipped through the barrier on election day to report that they had been denied the right to vote; (c) thousands of cases were reported "on good authority" to the Mission of individuals who voted two or more times and one man declared that he had voted six times; (d) many instances were reported of Opposition Parties being denied by "threats of force" their legal right to maintain delegates at polling places to insure fairness of voting; (e) the National Peasant Party headquarters was blockaded by armed Communists and all persons therein prevented from leaving to vote; and (f) voting in many places was not secret.**
5. **ITALY: US and UK to urge Italian control of DP's--Acting Secretary Acheson has informed US Embassy Rome that, as a result of the recent bombing of the UK Embassy at Rome and the "Communique" alleging Irgun Zvai Leumi responsibility, the UK proposes (a) to urge the Italian Government to take necessary action to prevent irregularities in DP camps, and (b) to ensure that vehicles and personnel of UNRRA and the American Joint Distribution Committee are "plainly distinguishable" in order to facilitate proper control by Italian authorities. Acheson has instructed the US Embassy to avoid associating itself with the specific British aspects of this problem but to urge the Italian Government to increase its efforts to control DP's to prevent further acts of terrorism.**
6. **GREECE: Yugoslav complicity in bandit attacks--US Military Attache Athens reports that US Military observers confirm reports that many of the bands operating in northern Greece originate in Yugoslavia and return with the cooperation of Yugoslavian officials. The MA further believes that the bandits will attempt, probably unsuccessfully, to sever Salonika-Athens land communications before winter.**
UK reviews its military program--Embassy London has been informed by the UK Foreign Office of its fears that an "Azerbaijan Area" may be created in northern Greece and that the Cabinet is now reviewing "what the British Government can do militarily over the coming months."

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Suggested procedure on appeal to UN--State Department has informed the Greek Ambassador that, should the Greek Government decide to bring its case before the United Nations, it would be well advised to present the case to the Security Council and request the appointment of a commission to conduct an on-the-spot investigation.

- 3.3(h)(2) 7. FRANCE: Views regarding Communist participation- [redacted] informed Caffery of the General's belief that the Communists do not desire to head the next Government, but actually prefer to participate in a broad coalition in which they can at once avoid isolation and escape responsibility for the unpopular measures which the impending financial crisis will necessitate. By claiming the premiership now they enhance their bargaining position with a view to obtaining Ministries useful in furtherance of their program of infiltration. De Gaulle anticipates that the Socialists, MRP, and Radical Socialists will join the Communists in such a coalition, although he regards it as suicidal for them to do so.

Caffery reports that a number of observers agree that, in any case, the Communists would be unable to form a government. He believes that they have more to gain by limited participation and further infiltration, in accordance with the tactics indicated above.

8. GERMANY: Soviet banking measures prior to unification--According to Acting Political Adviser Heath, a recent Army intelligence report indicates that the Soviets have instructed the German presidents of provincial and state banks in the Soviet zone to submit plans for the creation of banks of issue in their sectors by 5 December, in view of the "forthcoming economic unity of Germany."

THE AMERICAS

9. ARGENTINA: Messersmith comments on Argentine request--Messersmith, commenting on the Argentine Government's request for landing privileges at Miami for a plane it is sending to the Mexican inauguration, states that any obstacle placed in the way of such an unofficial visit to an American port would be "resented by the whole Argentine people."

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