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GENERAL

1. Increased Bulgarian-Greek tension expected after Peace Treaty-- General Robertson, US ACC Representative in Sofia, believes that the Bulgarian Government's attitude toward Greece will become more belligerent when the Bulgarian peace treaty has been signed and that Bulgaria will provide increased military support to help Greek insurgents gain control of western Thrace. Bulgaria might thus obtain an outlet to the Aegean as a result of the formation of an autonomous local government which, Robertson states, would seek union with Bulgaria.

US Representative Barnes reports that Foreign Minister Georgiev has publicly denied every Greek charge of Bulgarian frontier violations and the organization of Greek partisan bands on Bulgarian soil. Georgiev has retaliated by accusing Greece of violations of Bulgarian territory.

2. Greek partisans trained in Northern Yugoslavia--According to a "reliable" report received by US Naval Attache Belgrade, 8,000 Greek irregulars, wearing US and UK uniforms, are in training at Bulkes, fifty miles northwest of Belgrade. Detachments of these troops commanded by Yugoslav officers have been moving south via Belgrade.

EUROPE

3. POLAND: US exchange difficulties eased--The State Department has informed US Embassy Warsaw that the Polish Minister of Industry, now in Washington, has agreed to a temporary solution of the urgent financial problems of the US Embassy in Warsaw "on terms satisfactory to the US." (The US had protested the "intolerable situation" caused by the arbitrary exchange rate of 100 zlotys to the dollar; see Daily Summary of 3 December, item 12.)
4. HUNGARY: Tildy not to visit Moscow--Premier Nagy has informed US Minister Schoenfeld that President Tildy will not visit Moscow (see Daily Summary of 11 December, item 4), and that rumors of the proposed visit were "put out for propaganda purposes." Schoenfeld "has no doubt" that Nagy's "firm opposition killed the plan for Tildy's visit."

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5. **FRANCE:** Blum's election fails to solve crisis--US Ambassador Caffery, commenting on the almost unanimous election of Blum, points out that speeches by party leaders made it clear that no agreement had been reached as to the parties which will participate in the Government. Duclos' bitter attack on a national union government "clearly indicated" that the Communists would press their demand for additional ministries, while leaders of other parties made it known that their participation also would depend on the distribution of Ministerial portfolios as well as on the governmental program. While the election of Blum is regarded as a hopeful sign, Caffery believes that the crisis is by no means over.

FAR EAST

- 3.3(h)(2) 6. **BURMA:** Opening of diplomatic relations foreseen--US Consul General Rangoon was informed

[redacted] that a request by the Government of Burma for complete freedom in conduct of foreign relations has been forwarded to London and that a request for admission to the UN will be forwarded soon. The informant expects that Britain will assent to these requests and that Burma will then seek to establish diplomatic relations with the US, India, China and the Philippines.

7. **JAPAN:** Chinese Mission defends Formosans--US Political Adviser Acheson reports that the Chinese Mission to SCAP has strongly protested the verdict and sentences imposed on Formosan black-marketeers by a military tribunal of one Chinese and two US officers. Though the Chinese Mission previously agreed to the trial, it is now threatening adverse publicity in the Chinese press, and charges that the US officers on the court were "unqualified, biased, and prejudiced against the Formosans" (see Daily Summary of 30 September, item 9).

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