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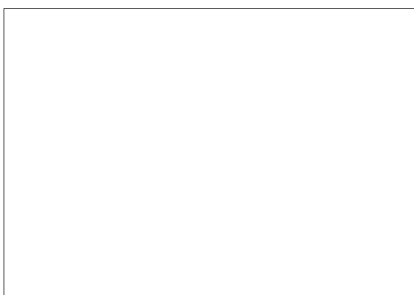
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GENERAL**1. France and Britain insist on immediate four-power talks:**

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The French Government has modified its proposal for four-power talks on Germany. It suggests that discussions begin immediately among the four High Commissioners or other designated officials on a limited agenda. Despite American opposition to such talks, Schuman, with British support, remains "very firmly" attached to his

position. He insists that should the Russians accept the proposal, the talks would be of short duration and would strengthen the Allied position.

Meanwhile, West German government leaders say that talks at this time might encourage wishful thinking on unity and would jeopardize ratification of the Bonn and Paris treaties. However, these leaders would welcome four-power discussions following German ratification of the treaties.

Chancellor Adenauer believes that for the moment the exchange of notes should continue since it will either demonstrate Russian insincerity or improve the chances for success in any future talks.

American officials assert that even though there is little official pressure in Germany for the meetings, it will be very difficult to dissuade the French and British from their present position.

SOVIET UNION**2. Soviet air defense shows increasing proficiency in Odessa area:**

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The Soviet Air Force used twin-jet IL-28 light bombers as target aircraft in two air defense exercises involving MIG-15 interceptors near Odessa during the hours of darkness on 26 May. The target planes operated at computed speeds of 390 to 400 knots and at altitudes between 20,000-26,000 feet.



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Comment: The use of high-speed targets in interception problems of this type indicates an expanding program for increasing the proficiency of Soviet air defenses. Conventional engine TU-4's have previously been noted in similar exercises in the Black Sea area.

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3. MIG-15's down B-29 on Korean night mission with air-to-air rockets:

[REDACTED] Rockets fired by MIG-15's downed a B-29 on the night of 10 June over northwestern Korea, according to the US Far East Air Force. Another B-29 was lost from unknown causes and a third was seriously damaged, but returned to South Korea.

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The Far East Air Force comments that "this attack was a well-planned, integrated effort, with seeming ground-to-air and air-to-air coordination" and that "the proficiency and aggressiveness of the Red attack may indicate the initiation of a concerted effort by well-trained Communist air and ground teams."

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5. Tam appointment benefits Viet Minh:

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The US Consul in Hanoi believes that the creation of the Tam government has provided the Viet Minh with a highly exploitable propaganda tool for the recruitment of new personnel at a time when the military balance in Tonkin is delicate. The Tam appointment, widely regarded as a "major victory for the Viet Minh," has even disgusted Letourneau's deputy in Tonkin and his staff.

The Consul observes that while another regime might have rallied considerable popular support, thus denying manpower to the Viet Minh more effectively than could military force alone, the best that can be expected from the Tam regime is that it will not too seriously harm the war effort. This, he emphasizes, is "a poor return for French blood and American money."

Comment: Recent French clearing operations have resulted in heavy Viet Minh losses, and a concomitant drop in rebel morale has been reported. The recruitment of personnel and the psychological reconditioning of present forces by the Viet Minh are therefore of first priority. The Tam appointment will considerably further their realization.

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