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3. French Communists ready to end strikes:

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[redacted] [redacted] the French Communist Party Committee on Strike Strategy has recommended to the Party Politburo that the current strike wave be ended now, so that Communist forces can plan a new strike campaign against the higher prices that will result from war preparations. The Committee believes that prospects for exploiting future strikes for political purposes have now improved, inasmuch as the Party and the Communist-led General Labor Confederation have recovered some prestige and labor's bargaining position has been strengthened.

Comment: This realistic French Communist Party decision is in accord with the original preference of some General Labor Confederation leaders for strikes of limited duration, which would not overtax labor's present capabilities; the decision will forward the Party's future strike efforts.

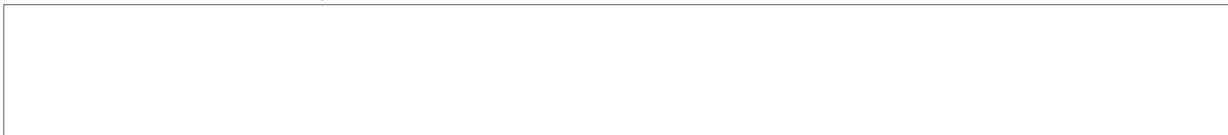
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