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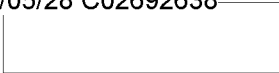
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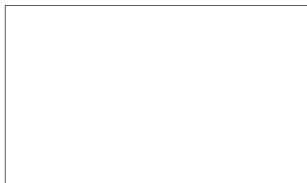
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1. Communist combat air stand-down in Korean war apparently ended:

The three-day stand-down of Communist combat air units involved in the Korean air war had apparently ended by 31 October.
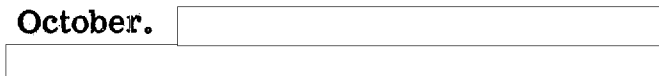
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2. More Soviet jet bombers scheduled to fly to Manchuria:

Nine Soviet IL-28 twin-jet bombers were scheduled to fly from Chita in the Soviet Union to Tsitsihar in Manchuria on 31 October.

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Comment: The arrival of these aircraft at Tsitsihar will bring the total number of IL-28 jet bombers involved in this movement to Manchuria to 19, ten of which are now as far south as Kungchuling. Although these bombers may be replacements for the Port Arthur area, the reuse of previously used callsigns suggests that the same Soviet pilots are ferrying these aircraft to Kungchuling. If the aircraft remain at Kungchuling, delivery to the Chinese Communists would be suggested.

3. Rice riot reported in South China:

Communist authorities in Kwangtung recently executed 38 persons in a town near Canton in reprisal for a rice riot

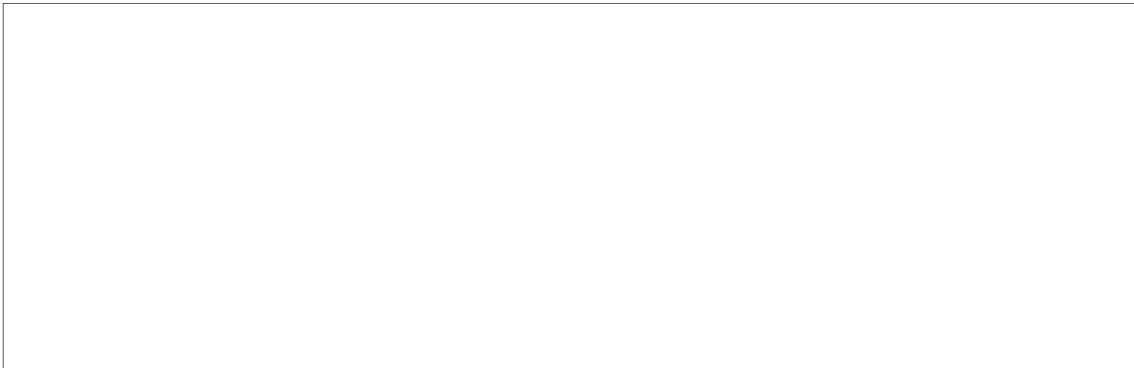3.3(h)(2)

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in August, in which five officials were killed. According to a resident, the riot started because the people were starving as a result of extreme taxation.

Comment: There have been frequent reports from Kwangtung of rural resistance, which is apparently greater there than in other areas of China. Communist concern has been evident in recent directives calling for a reduction in the tax burden on the peasants in the province.

Peasant antagonism in this area is also reflected in the lagging land redistribution program which, by July 1952, had been completed nearly everywhere else in China, but was only one-third effected in Kwangtung.

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4. Tudeh favored by present Iranian trend:

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The Ambassador believes that a real social and political revolution is under way, and that, except under the aegis of dictatorship, the former ruling class will probably not have the power to name any future government.
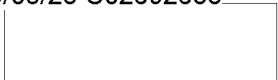
Comment: Despite his professed reform program, Mossadeq continued until the break with Britain to focus public attention on the oil issue. In severing diplomatic relations he has thus removed one of the last barriers to Tudeh and extremist pressure for sweeping social and economic reform.
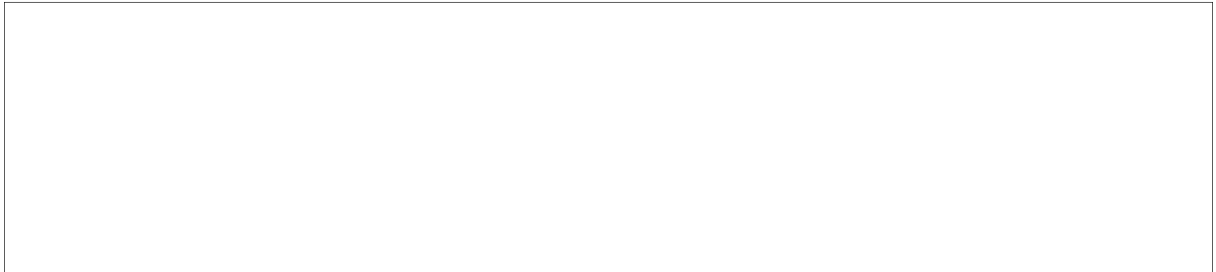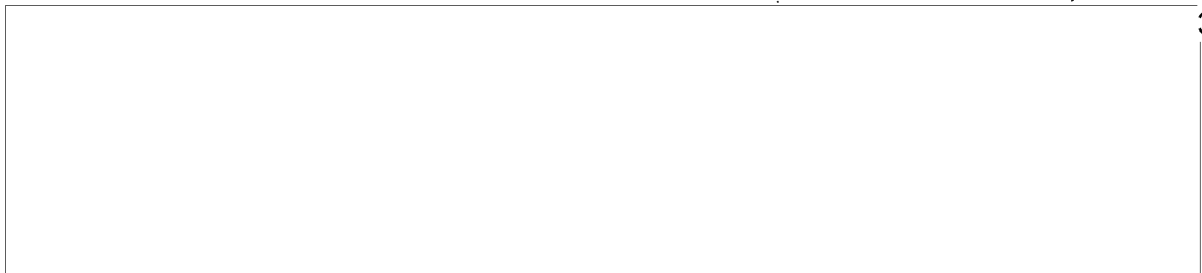
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5. <u>Turkey willing to mediate Anglo-Iranian dispute:</u>

<u>Comment:</u>   Since its entrance into NATO
in early 1952, Turkey has shown an increased desire to promote Middle
Eastern stability, as shown by its offer to approach the Arab states
on participation in MEDO.   Neither Iran nor Great Britain is likely to
consider mediation by a third country at this time.

6. _____ discontent in Egypt: 3.3(h)(2)

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<u>Comment:</u> There is little information on
the attitude of the Egyptian people or on the dislocations caused by
the army's arbitrary reform actions. General Nagib has so far
succeeded in consolidating the power of the army, but his position
could be undermined if the many disorganized dissident elements
joined forces against him.

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