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Belgium-Congo: [Former NATO Secretary-General Spaak, in a conversation with the American chargé in Brussels, voiced strong criticism of the Congo policies of the Belgian Government and was very pessimistic regarding the role of the UN. While Spaak does not feel that all Belgian political advisers should be withdrawn from the Congo, he favors immediate removal of the military "adventurers" and the progressive removal of paramilitary and military personnel. Recent reports indicate that of the 200-230 Belgian officers and NCOs serving in the Katanga army, only 30 have so far been ordered back to Belgium. In addition, there are several hundred advisers and technicians in Katanga and elsewhere. The embassy comments that Spaak, who is running for parliament on the Socialist ticket in the 26 March national elections, will remain cautious in voicing any public criticism of Prime Minister Eysken's government because of Socialist participation in the original Brussels round-table conference which outlined plans for the independence of the Congo. As a member of a Social Christian - Socialist coalition government that may be formed following the elections, Spaak would exercise a more stringent influence over the control of African affairs.]

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India - Communist China: The border incident revealed by Defense Minister Krishna Menon on 14 March, while apparently only a minor skirmish between Indian and Chinese border guards, may set off new protests in the Indian Parliament and increase New Delhi's determination to remain unyielding. Menon said that a Chinese soldier had been captured by an Indian patrol four miles inside the Himalayan state of Sikkim.

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In view of the deadlock in diplomatic efforts to solve the border dispute, New Delhi may feel it expedient to keep Peiping under pressure by playing up its "aggressive" activities. Peiping will probably minimize the incident.

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