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FAR EAST

1. Soviet aircraft penetrates deep into Japanese territory:

[redacted] two aircraft,
presumably Soviet, on 1 October overflew
northeastern Hokkaido, one penetrating to
a depth of 55 miles. This aircraft flew
southward as far as Kushiro in the deepest
overflight of Japanese territory yet noted. The other plane reached
the vicinity of the radar site at Nemuro in a possible test of US
tracking capabilities.

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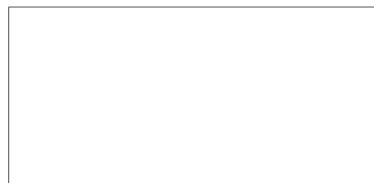
Comment: These overflights, together
with those of 20 and 24 September, suggest initiation of a Soviet
air reconnaissance program in the Hokkaido area.

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3. Independent home guard reportedly formed in Indian Kashmir:

[redacted] at least one home guard battalion

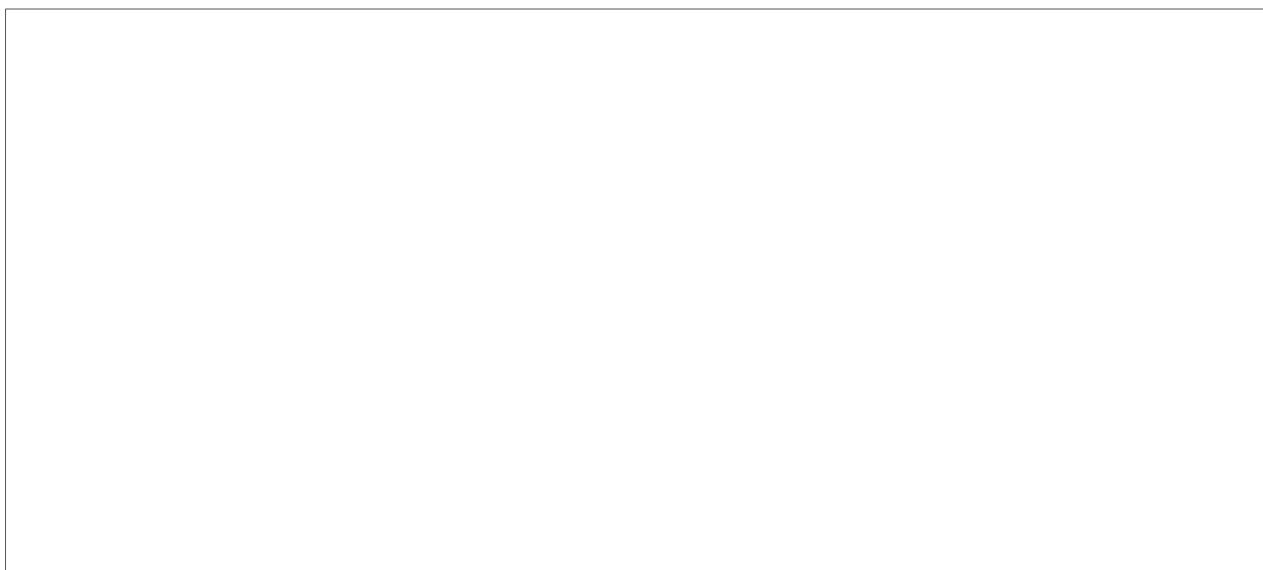
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was formed in Indian-held Kashmir between May and August. The new guard is composed entirely of Kashmiri Hindus. It

is said to be distinct from the Kashmir militia and the state police, and is not controlled by the Indian army.

Guard units operate independently along the cease-fire line between Indian-held and Pakistani-controlled Kashmir. The guard apparently has intelligence contacts in Pakistani territory.

Comment: Since the Kashmir militia is now controlled by the Indian army, the organization of a home guard would appear to be an unpublicized attempt by Sheikh Abdullah, who favors the independence of Kashmir, to develop an indigenous armed force completely independent of Indian influence.



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5. France is considering alternate solution to Tunisian question:

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President Auriol and Prime Minister Pinay are considering asking the Tunisian Government to present its case to the High Council of the French Union on condition that if an agreement is reached, Tunisia will request the Arab-Asian group to withdraw the case from the UN agenda.

The official added that a previous plan of Auriol's to settle the question was blocked by Foreign Minister Schuman on the advice of the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Senator Colonna of Tunisia.

Comments: Settlement in the High Council would be unlikely because French colonists in Tunisia will continue to exert pressure on Paris to make no concessions. It is difficult to envisage a Tunisian delegation which would be acceptable both to the colonists and to the nationalists.

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WESTERN EUROPE

8. Schuman's vulnerability on Tunisia stressed:

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[Redacted] Henri Teitgen, the Popular Republican leader in the French National Assembly, warns that unless Foreign Minister Schuman can demonstrate that the United

States is solidly behind France in the UN on the Tunisian question, he will probably be forced out of office. Teitgen, who anticipates a foreign policy debate soon after the Assembly reconvenes on 7 October, states that without Schuman the French Government could probably not carry out his European integration policies.

Comment: In any parliamentary showdown on Schuman's Tunisian policy, his critics would probably be joined by opponents of European integration who are unwilling to tip their hand on that issue, and by deputies who prefer an oblique attack on Premier Pinay's economic policies.

Deputy Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann told Ambassador Austin in New York last week that Foreign Minister Schuman would probably have serious difficulties on the Tunisian question both at the cabinet meeting on 7 October and later before the National Assembly.

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