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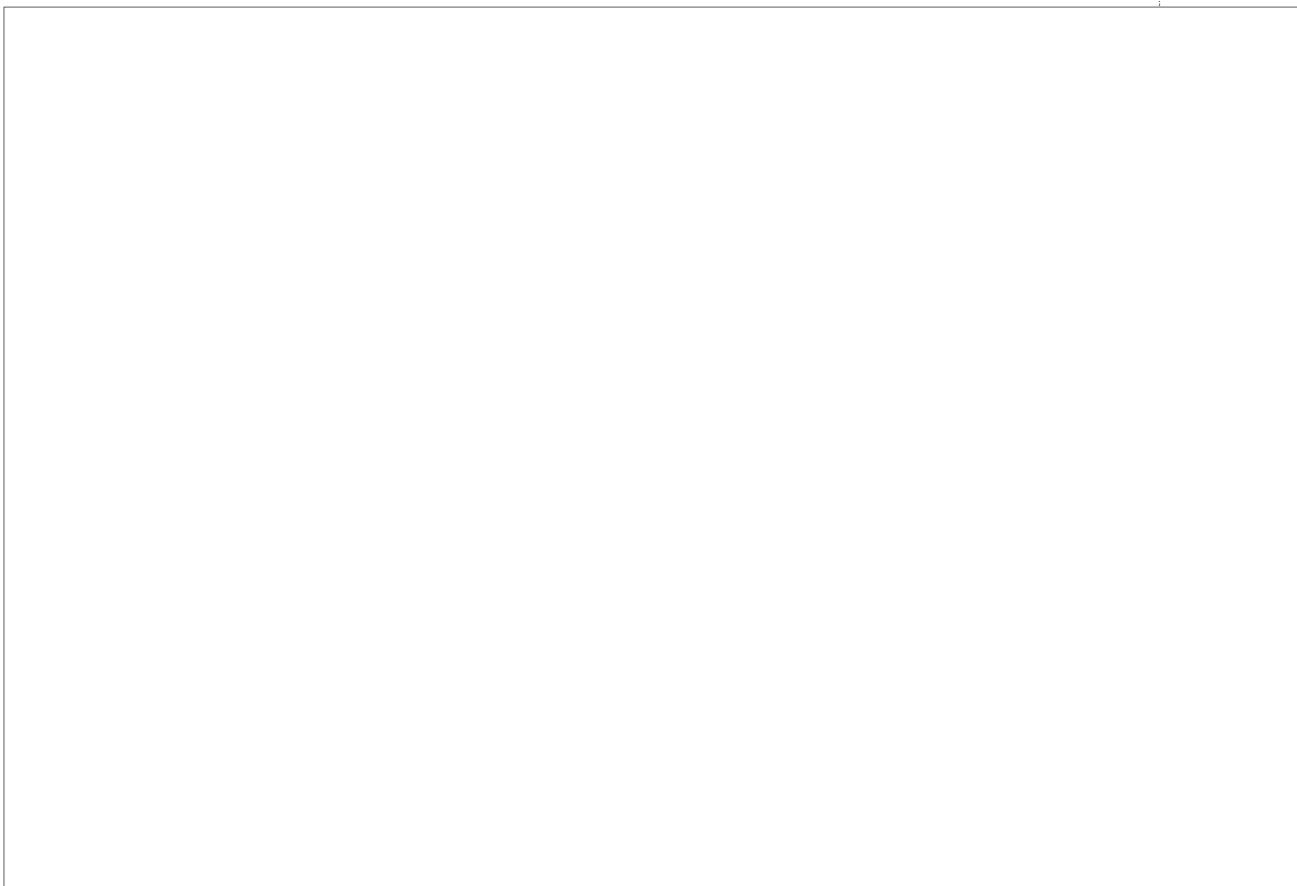
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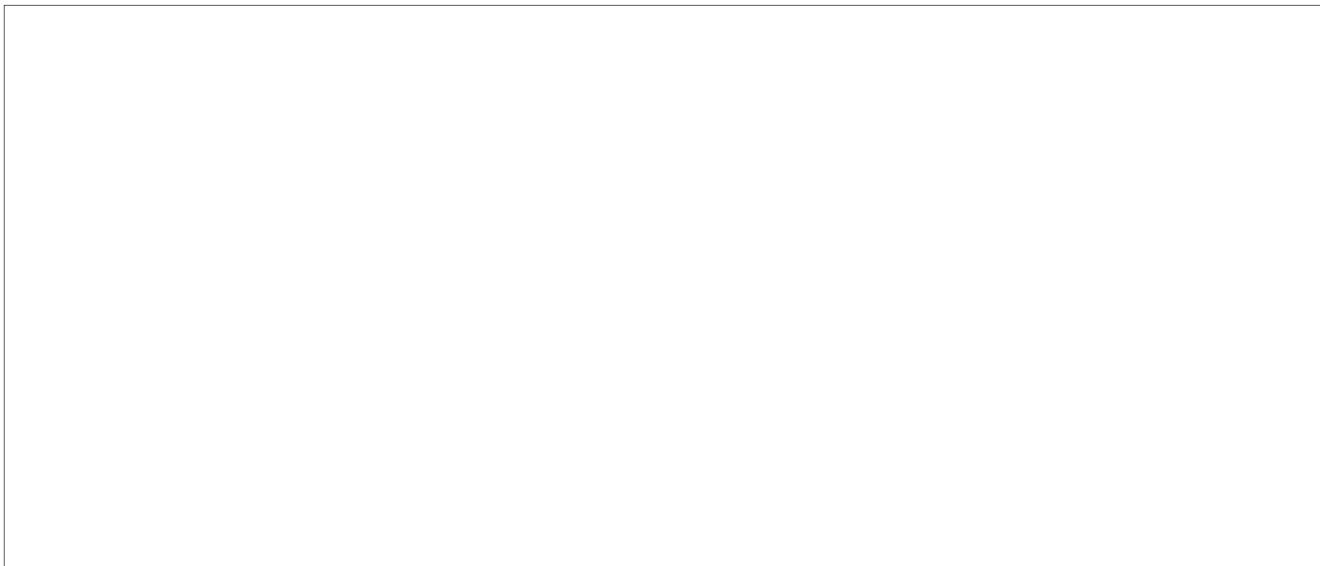
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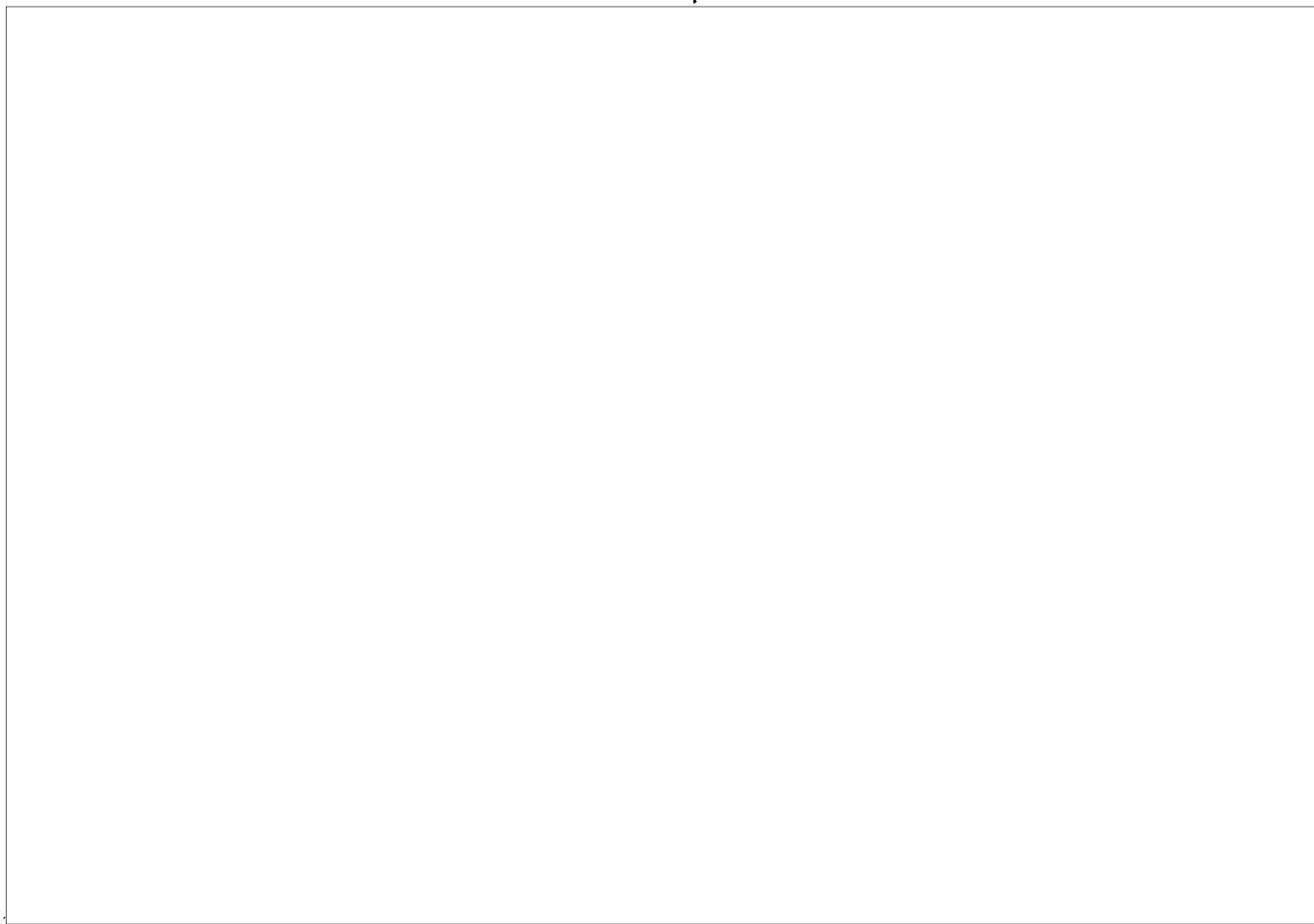
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## WESTERN EUROPE

4. Social Democratic Party leaders resent Schumacher tactics:

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US officials in western Germany report new evidence of rising resentment among Social Democratic Party leaders against the "completely dictatorial" rule of Chairman Kurt

Schumacher. While US officials see no immediate prospects of a successful rebellion, they feel that increasing opposition may well force Schumacher to modify some of his policies.

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Comment: In recent months there has been growing dissatisfaction within the Social Democratic Party, not only with Schumacher's dictatorial methods, but also with the substance of his policies, particularly his opposition to the Schuman Plan and to a West German contribution to Western European defense. Recent evidence indicates, however, that Schumacher's position remains secure.

5. Franco reportedly outlines Spain's policy toward Western defense:

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[redacted] [redacted] the government does not regard it necessary or desirable for Spain to participate in Western defense as a member of NATO. The reasons given for this attitude were:

(a) a bilateral agreement with the US would be adequate for Spanish defense; (b) the Spanish people dislike cooperating with nations that "have attempted to affront and injure Spain"; (c) because of the unique geography of the Iberian Peninsula, only US economic aid would be needed in order to develop an adequate defense; (d) Spain's contribution (presumably, to Western defense forces) must be limited to "token" or "volunteer" units; and (e) Franco distrusts France and the UK and believes that, in any future conflict, these countries might initially adopt a neutral position.

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Comment: According to an 18 March press report allegedly emanating from "responsible officials" in Washington, Franco informed US Ambassador Griffis that, if the US provided the Spanish Army with military equipment, he would be willing to send troops beyond the Pyrenees to participate in the defense of Western Europe.

More recent press reports originating [redacted] in Washington stated Franco also told Griffis that, if the US agreed to a bilateral military pact, Spain would accept the commitments of a NATO member; that is, Spain would provide full military assistance to any NATO member who was attacked.

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