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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

NORTH ATLANTIC  
COUNCIL

At the third meeting of the Council, General Gruenther presented the SHAPE report on Soviet military capabilities and the estimated Soviet strengths in various branches, along with the SHAPE estimates for Western requirements. Mr. Harriman presented a progress report on the Temporary Council Committee, and General Eisenhower spoke to the Council on the necessity for making real contributions to the effectiveness of the Western military machine rather than merely projecting statistical plans for the future. Eisenhower also made a strong plea for concerted effort and launched into his "favorite topic", European unity, calling for an immediate European army and further implementation of the Schuman Plan.

The fourth meeting of the Council took up the Defense Ministers' report on the revised Medium Term Defense Plan, and adopted a resolution stating that: 1) the need for creation of a NATO defense force adequate to deter aggression has not lessened; 2) the NATO military principle of realizing the greatest operational readiness while defense preparations move forward must be effectively applied; and 3) that the need to take economic measures necessary to support defense preparations, as well as the need for every possible economy in defense preparations, requires the most careful consideration by NATO agencies and member countries of the findings and recommendations of the TCC. The resolution directs the TCC to submit its final report sufficiently prior to the next NAC meeting to permit action by the governments at that meeting, and requests member nations meanwhile to proceed immediately on the 1952 portion of the MTDP plan and to bring about the greatest feasible defense combat capability of the NATO forces in 1952.

MIDDLE EAST  
COMMAND

Prince Faisal delivered a note from King Ibn Saud to our Embassy in Jidda on Monday concerning the Saudi Arabian attitude toward the MEC. The note says that all the Arab states are closely watching the

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Anglo-Egyptian dispute, and that, in deference to the feeling of the Egyptian people, the Arab people and their national consciousness will not permit them to take affirmative steps in regard to the MEC proposals. Therefore the Arab governments cannot come to an agreement with the sponsor governments of the MEC "even if they desire to do so." The note also expresses the hope that the US Government will "do something" to solve the problem. During a conversation following the presentation of this note Faisal assured our Charge that Saudi Arabia would not, on the other hand, take any action in Paris (such as participating in a joint Arab state denunciation of the MEC proposals) which would prejudice the reasoned consideration of the MEC by the Arab states at some later date when the time for a decision is reached.

UNITED NATIONS

Ambassador Jessup and his staff met with the French and British counterparts yesterday afternoon to consider further what our general approach should be to the sub-committee proposed by Iraq, Pakistan and Syria to work out a "compromise" proposal based on the Western and the Soviet proposals. Jessup says that in the light of the "ground swell" which has developed in Paris in favor of the establishment of this sub-committee, it was agreed that the three powers should come out promptly and unequivocally in favor of the sub-committee in order to avoid the impression that we were being dragged into acceptance of it. Accordingly, Mr. Lloyd (UK) will state in Committee One today that we agree in principle to the establishment of this sub-committee consisting of the four powers with the president of the General Assembly as the chairman.