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1. FAR EAST. Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai's recent foreign policy speech supports previous indications that the Chinese Communists and the Soviets are holding in reserve a proposal for an international conference on Far Eastern questions, CIA comments. Chou for the first time explicitly stated that the Peiping desires "a pact of collective peace" among the Pacific powers, including the US. "to replace antagonistic military blocs..."

2. COMMUNIST CHINA. The designation of the Red Cross of India or the UK to assist in the repatriation of Chinese in the US would remove any doubts in the minds of the Chinese Communists as to the sincerity of the US in returning these people, according to Prime Minister Nehru. Nehru pointed out that although he realized that the Chinese in the US were free to return to the Mainland or stay in the US, the Chinese Communists continue to make the point that a practical means of repatriation is lacking. Ambassador Cooper in New Delhi believes that Nehru is sincere and this move might be useful in removing doubts of US intentions. New Delhi 217, 1 Aug. 55, S.

3. USSR. Soviet officials have said that the USSR will have a jet transport in operation to the Soviet Far East by the first of January, according to the Embassy in Moscow. CIA comments that if the aircraft is introduced into commercial passenger service by early 1956, it will be the only jet passenger aircraft operating in the world. The Soviet Union would consequently derive considerable prestige from such an achievement in commercial aviation.

4. ATOMIC ENERGY. The British and French delegates to the UN have indicated that while they are willing to have the US introduce the "dangers of radiation" item alone, it would not be advisable to include in the text of the proposal a sentence to the effect that properly safeguarded nuclear testing does not constitute a danger to human health. Since the final text as approved by the General Assembly would probably not contain this sentence, it would give the appearance that the General Assembly had failed to back up the US judgment. New York 71 & 74, 1 Aug. 55, C.

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