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1. Britain backs UN stand on Korean prisoner exchange issue:



British Foreign Secretary Eden has instructed the Foreign Office to prepare a paper for circulation to the other Commonwealth members recommending support of the United Nations' refusal to repatriate prisoners of war against their will.

Comment: The Foreign Office had previously submitted to Eden a brief recommending compromise with the Communists on this issue if necessary to prevent the collapse of the truce negotiations. Prime Minister Churchill had informally expressed the view that prisoners held by the UN must not be handed over to face reprisals.

The other Commonwealth countries contributing to UN forces in Korea have not committed themselves on the prisoner exchange issue.



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5. Additional armor arrives in North Korea:

North Korean Military North Korean messages of 24 and 25 April refer
24, 25 Apr 52 to the arrival of additional tanks and self-pro-
SUEDE pelled guns in the Pyongyang area.

SK-I-728 - 24 April
SK-I-753 - 25 April
The messages suggest that at least 43 tanks
and 22 self-propelled artillery pieces have been brought into Korea on
freight cars from China. The unidentified North Korean unit which origi-
nated these messages is to receive some of this armor.

Comment: Both the North Korean 105th Tank
Division and 10th Mechanized Division are located in the Pyongyang area,
and could reasonably be the recipient of these tanks.

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