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1. Comment on departure of Soviet diplomats:

The recall during the past few weeks of numerous high-ranking Soviet diplomats, including Vyshinsky and the ambassadors to London, Paris and Washington, suggests that high-level talks may soon be held in Moscow on outstanding international issues. The talks would probably cover the current difficulties in East Germany and Eastern Europe, Korea and other Far Eastern subjects, Balkan policy, and general tactics for breaking Western solidarity.

There are indications that the Kremlin

still desires a Korean armistice followed by a Far Eastern political conference. The USSR will probably make every effort to exploit US-UK-French differences over such problems as the status of Formosa and the recognition of and UN membership for Communist China.

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