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Note by the United States Delegation

The Cairo Conference still does not appear to have generated any major organizational momentum. Following the Cairo meeting only one new local Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee has been formed anywhere and that has been in Thailand. ... Other an Solidarity Committee has also been formed but not in the ... This Committee is made up of exiled members of the former "United Peoples Populations Camerounaises", who are being subsidized by the Egyptian Government. Local governments in Libya and Sudan have blocked efforts by returning delegates to form committees.

2. The permanent Secretariat which was originally scheduled to meet on March 1, has not yet been able to hold its first constituent session. Most of the ten members of the permanent Secretariat have not yet arrived in Cairo. In addition to the Egyptian Secretary General, Yusuf al-Sibai, only three other delegates have taken their seats: (a) the Soviet Representative, ... (b) the Chinese Communist Representative, Yang Shu, a writer; ... (c) the Algerian Representative, Dr. Osande ... arrived in Cairo from ... exile in France.

3. Since January there has been almost no activity in the Cairo Conference in the Far East, either public or private. Coverage in Egypt and other parts of the Middle East has, at best, been fragmentary. The Cairo meeting has since then ... Africa both by the Cairo Conference and the meeting of ... Tunisian and FLN political leaders. Significantly neither ... nor resolutions at either of these meetings made reference to the Cairo Conference but frequent specific reference to the 1955 ... Conference was made at Accra.

4. Although it was spoken of in the Cairo resolutions, the March 1 "Peoples' Joint Action Day for the Prohibition of Atomic and Hydrogen Weapons" had publicly been sponsored by Communist-front organizations long before Cairo. It was celebrated in only a few countries. "Algeria Day" which was scheduled by the Cairo Conference for March 30 demonstrated that the permanent Secretariat was incapable of engineering a co-ordinated campaign. In Tunisia, Morocco, and Ghana, the governing ... listed parties ...

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initiative and re-scheduled the observance for a different day. The Secretariat played only a minor role in Egypt itself, while the Egyptian Government became the drawing force, not for an "Algeria Day" but for an "Algeria Week." Elsewhere in the Middle East and Asia, the Afro-Asian Solidarity Committees were seldom able to dominate, even in particular cities, the observance of this recurrent theme.

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