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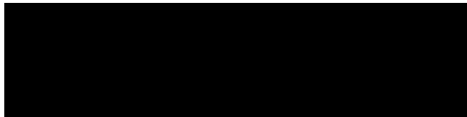
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[REDACTED] Comment. It is possible that the 26 May 1951 radio broadcast from Baghdad, Iraq, (concerning infiltration of Soviet officers into Iranian Azerbaijan to foment disturbances there) was based upon a 17 May account in the Iranian newspaper Farman [sic; probably Firman, anti-communist labor newspaper] by an anonymous contributor who allegedly recently defected from the Tudeh Party.

Source summarized the article as follows:

- a. In view of the failure of the Azerbaijan Democrat movement, the Soviets do not rely upon Iranian organizers of the Tudeh Party.
- b. The Soviets have sent 15 generals to Tehran, under cover of low-ranking officials of non-diplomatic Soviet agencies, in order to organize the Tudeh Party.
- c. Three of these generals are in charge of organizing the provincial Tudeh Party in Kurdistan, Azerbaijan, Gilan, Mazanderan, and in southern Iran.

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