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- background briefing for U.N. correspondents on the plans for a Gen. Assembly resolution on the Hungarian question.

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Frank Carpenter of the US Mission held a background briefing for UN correspondents at noon today on the plans for a GA resolution on the Hungarian question. The briefing was not for attribution.

Carpenter made the following ~~points~~ points:

1) The US delegation has been consulting with a number of delegations regarding such a resolution. He named the delegations of the UK, France and Sweden but said that there had been others. Consultations would now begin with Western European delegations and Asian-African delegations would be also contacted. Before submitting the resolution the US expects to have consulted practically all delegations, except the USSR and Hungary, he said.

2) The US expects that the resolution will have a number of co-sponsors. Whether all 24 delegations who co-sponsored the GA resolution last time, will again co-sponsor the new proposal, is still unknown.

3) The resolution should be submitted by the time the GA reconvenes.

4) The main provisions of the resolution will be as follows:

(a) The Hungarian Committee will be asked to continue its work with "somewhat enlarged terms of reference". Asked what this meant, Carpenter said that the Committee would be asked "to bring its report up to date" by studying the present situation in Hungary. This would naturally entail the submission of a new report to the GA;

(b) The resolution would note that the USSR had not complied with the GA's call for withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary;

(c) The resolution would also note that political persecutions and arrests were continuing in Hungary. In this connection Carpenter said that the US would expect that the USSR would "pay some attention" to the GA's renewed call for Soviet troop withdrawal and that the call for putting an end to political persecutions and arrests would be heeded.

Carpenter said further that so far no decision had been taken regarding a new request to the S-G. to go to Hungary.

He also said that "for the US" the question of Hungarian credentials at the resumed GA session "does not arise" as the GA had already taken

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a decision as to the credentials of the delegation of Hungary at the eleventh Assembly session.

Carpenter said that there might be other provisions included in the resolution but that the one's he had mentioned were the "core" of the resolution.