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3. CHINA: Mao reported against "foreign" war-

a meeting of Chinese Communist leaders, reported to have been held in Peiping in late September, at which Mao Tse-tung is said to have declared that the Peiping regime would "in no circumstances" involve itself in war with a foreign power. Mao reportedly added, however, that China would cast its lot with the USSR "regardless of consequences," if the USSR should become involved in a world war.

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