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Principal object of meeting of last Friday of the Supreme War Council was to ascertain **meeting** policy which governs the employment of Franco-British Forces in the event of a German invasion in the near future of either Belgium, or alternatively of Holland with Belgium intervening on our side. There was a general feeling that these contingencies were not as imminent as they had appeared the previous week, but that possibility could not yet be ignored. There was complete agreement on all points.

The press notice issued after the meeting referred to arrangements which have been made by the Allies for the

pooling of all their resources. These arrangements, which arose out of discussions at an earlier meeting of the Supreme War Council, had been concerted after exhaustive examination by technical experts. It was thought that Friday's meeting of the Supreme War Council was a suitable occasion on which to announce their completion.

At the end of the meeting, the French representatives urged that the possibility of a German offensive in southeast Europe should not be overlooked, and it was agreed

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