

# Reds Warn Hands Off In Jordan

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Russia Monday warned the Western powers — and “above all the United States and extremist circles in Israel and Iraq” — against intervention in the affairs of Jordan.

“The new state of tension linked with the Jordan events is pregnant with grave dangers,” the Soviet government said. “It may lead to serious consequences.”

A Soviet foreign ministry statement, released by the official Russian news agency Tass, said the events in Jordan and their influence on the Middle East situation generally were “the product of a gross interference by foreign forces, the product of a new imperialist plot representing a serious threat to peace.”

The “plot” was intended to “re-impose the yoke of colonial oppression on the Arab peoples and to plunder them of their wealth,” the ministry said.

Referring to United States 6th Fleet movements in the eastern Mediterranean, it said: “This is an open military demonstration against the countries of the Arab East which even further exacerbates the situation in that area.”

“This is an example of how the imperialistic circles of the United States are trying to get a firm foothold in the Near and Middle East, to squeeze out of there the British and the French in order to take up their place, to submit the peoples of this area to an even heavier burden of colonial oppression.”

**MAKE MASTERS**

“The stubbornness with which these circles are endeavoring to carry out their plans shows that it is not a question of isolated episodes but a continued policy to achieve such a situation in the Middle East that American multimillionaires would become the masters there.”

The statement said the “imperialist content” of what it described as “the Dulles-Eisenhower doctrine” already had become clear.

“Yesterday it was Egypt, today it is Jordan, and tomorrow it will become the object of imperialist plotting.”

It blamed the doctrine for a “new tension” and “serious danger” represented by the events in Jordan.

# Estimate Cost Of Making Panama Canal Sea Level Way

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Panama, C.Z. (AP) — The Panama Canal probably could be made reasonably secure against bomber or missile attack or sabotage by spending about \$3,500,000,000.

That, says Governor William E. Potter, is the estimated cost of rebuilding the present three-lock system into a sea level waterway.

Potter, is talking to newspaper men, made clear he was neither advocating nor opposing a change in the present canal or building the long - discussed ocean level route across Nicaragua.

However, Potter, who is an arm major-general as well as governor of the canal zone, points out the following:

From the standpoint of national defence, the need is for a canal which could be repaired quickly and easily if damaged.

**THREE YEARS TO REPAIR**

The present canal could not. If an explosion should destroy a lock or the dam which holds the big lake of Gatun it might take as much as three years to repair the damage and get the waterway back into operation.

A study was made about 10 years ago of the possibility of a sea level canal.

The banks of such a canal would be sloped well back, with no high-walled areas like the Gaillard Cut. A crater produced by an atomic weapon would not cause a landslide to block the canal.

Because of the difference in tides between the Atlantic and Pacific (about 20 feet in the Pacific and only two in the Atlantic) a

tidal gate or lock about 18 feet high might have to be built. But this would be of reasonably simple construction and easy to repair.

However, the amount of excavation for a sea level route across the Canal Zone would be tremendous.

**COST BILLIONS**

The estimated cost for modernizing the existing canal into a big-lock system which could handle the largest ships is about \$2,500,000,000. The present canal cannot handle some of the biggest carriers nor even some of the new oversized tankers now operating or being built.

The defence of the canal now rests on jet planes of the U.S. Air Force and navy and missiles to come later. Primarily, that defence must be oriented against attack from submarines firing missiles from the approaches to the canal.

The military men like to think that an enemy would want to capture rather than destroy the canal, putting the waterway to its own wartime use, then later using it for commerce.

It is on this theory that the military demonstration called Caribex, just completed, was based.

The script of that manoeuvre was written around the theme that an aggressor had landed and was holding the canal. The effort was to recapture it.

But at no point in exercise Caribex was there any manoeuvre or operation aimed at the idea of fending off an enemy bent upon destroying the waterway.

# Smaller Auto Manufacturers Appear In Optimistic Mood

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Some dismal things have been said during the last year or so about the so-called independent or smaller automobile manufacturers, but the companies themselves seem cheery enough and to flounder about of recent years.

In fact, one gathers, they feel to put away their weeping towels that the time has come for people because they are no longer needed.

Latest to be heard from in this regard is Studebaker-Packard of Canada Ltd. at Hamilton.

The reasons for its confidence are told in an interview by Milford Smith, business editor of the Hamilton Spectator.

“So many versions of the Studebaker - Packard story have been current in recent months,” says Mr. Smith, “that I sought out the black-and-white answers to questions which have been in the air for some time.”

On the basis of interviews with D. C. Gaskin, the company's president, and Gordon E. Grundy, vice-president, Mr. Smith presents the following as part of the framework for the company's long-term program.

The Canadian company's own strong financial position and the American parent company's prospects of operating in the black by the end of this year.

A full line of competitive North American and European models. These include “a low-priced, no-frills, standard-sized, solid - color, cylinder - economy Studebaker,” and addition of the Mercedes-Benz' full line of European domestic and sports cars, as announced recently.

The Mercedes-Benz agreement, says Mr. Smith, is a long-term deal in which the Curtiss-Wright Corporation of the United States and Daimler-Benz of West Germany are staking important resources on Studebaker - Packard's sales organization in Canada, the United States, Mexico and Cuba.

**NO DEBT IN CANADA**

There is no debt on the Canadian company's 300,000 - square - foot plant and head office in Hamilton, and the Canadian operations served as a model for the parent company's consolidation program at South Bend.

The Canadian company, the interview continues, enjoys a unique degree of autonomy for a wholly-owned subsidiary and South Bend has maintained a hands-off attitude towards its subsidiary's “money-in-the-bank.”

Mr. Smith also quotes Harold Churchill, president of the parent company, as saying: “Studebaker-Packard has turned an important corner. The entire picture has turned to one of confidence for the year ahead.”

# Propose Self-Government For New Guinea And Papua

PORT MORESBY, New Guinea (Reuters) — While cannibals and head-hunters who have never seen a white man still roam the New Guinea highlands, their more sophisticated brothers in the coastal towns may soon join with the European settlers in another step towards self-government.

At present, an administration appointed by Australia controls the destinies of about 11,700,000 natives, 23,000 Europeans and 2,000 Asians in this wild tropical territory north of the Australian mainland.

The territory, comprising the Australian possession of Papua and the mandated territory of New Guinea, now both under international trusteeship, wants to bring the country to self-governing status.

**NOT COUNTED YET**

But it is faced with the problem of first educating the native population to take part in its own government.

This is more than simply a matter of education. The administra-

tion has not yet been able even to count all the natives.

Many of the natives are learning about the problems of government by taking part in village councils under the district officer or one of his patrol officers who call frequently to give advice or adjudicate, or by taking part in co-operative business ventures, many of which are large.

**ROYAL TRAVELOGUE**

LONDON (Reuters) — Prince Philip will appear on television May 17 to tell about his Commonwealth tour last winter. The lecture will last about 45 minutes, during which the prince will show his audience films and photos as well as some of the gifts he received during his tour.

**CROSSED CONTINENT**

The first transcontinental railway was completed in the United States in 1869, and in Canada in 1885.

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