

# Veteran Writer Tells of Serious Russian View on Iran's Treaty Signing

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Editor's Note: Henry Shapiro, a veteran of more than 15 years in Moscow as United Press manager, has returned to his assignment in the Soviet capital after two years leave of absence during which he lectured on Russian affairs in the United States and undertook special study at Harvard University. In the following dispatch, his first since returning to Moscow, this leading student of Soviet affairs points up the extreme gravity with which Russia regards Iran's accession to the pro-Western Baghdad pact.

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Moscow — (U.P.) — The Communist Party newspaper Pravda charged today that Iran's accession to the pro-Western Baghdad pact violates Iran's own agreements with Russia.

One of these, the Soviet-Iranian treaty of 1921, provides Russia the right to send its troops into neighboring Iran if Soviet security is threatened from there and Iran's government cannot cope with this threat.

Diplomatic sources here foresaw the theoretical possibility that the Soviet Union might invoke this 1921 treaty if it felt its security threatened by Iran's membership in the Baghdad pact.

That Moscow considers itself threatened was clearly and sharply affirmed yesterday in Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's official protest to Iran against the Baghdad pact.

This feeling was made more clear today in Pravda's three-column front page editorial containing one of the bitterest attacks on Western policy in the Middle East in recent months.

Pravda said Iran's accession would constitute violation of the two nations' 1927 treaty on guarantees and neutrality.

The 1927 pact supplemented the 1921 treaty under which Russia reserved the right to meet any threat to its security within Iran's borders.

Iran formally notified Iraq yesterday it intended to join the Baghdad alliance. Iraq already has mutual security treaties with Pakistan and Turkey.

Pravda, the Communist Party's most authoritative organ, characterized the Baghdad pact as an "aggressive anti-Soviet military grouping" and another link in a chain of cold war measures like NATO in Europe and SEATO in Southeast Asia.

The editorial was published less than a day after Communist Party Leader Nikita S. Khrushchev urged the abolition of NATO.

Khrushchev proposed this to Canadian External Affairs Min-

ister Lester Pearson during their talks yesterday with Soviet Premier, Nikolai Bulganin in the Crimea.

Pravda coupled its attack on Iran with an attack on Iraq which it described as a "lick-spittle" of Middle East colonizers.

Pravda said Iran's World War II neutrality helped the nation avoid catastrophe and that "if Iran's neutral position served national interests in the past, it does so even more in the present."

The Soviet and Britain occupied Iran in August, 1941, to prevent German infiltration of the oil-rich country that became one of the major stations on the U.S. lend-lease supply line. The action was taken under terms of the 1921 treaty.

In Washington, U.S. strategists said the United States does not expect Russia to take direct action against Iran for joining the defense pact but is remaining alert to the possibility nevertheless.

### Siskiyou Clarifies Prison Labor Plan

Yreka, Calif. — A member of the Siskiyou county board of supervisors declared this week that the board has no intention of using jail prisoners on construction work requiring special trades experience.

The statement, by Supervisor Don Avery, followed protests by organized labor against use of prisoner labor for construction of a jail administration building.

Avery indicated that prisoner labor would be on a volunteer basis and he said such use is in accord with policies intended to aid prisoners to keep busy as an aid to their physical well-being and rehabilitation.

A representative of the Carpenters and Building Trades union had appeared before the board recently to protest use of jail labor as a violation of the California state labor code.

### Italian Government Honors Patterson

Portland — (U.P.) — The Italian government last night honored Gov. Paul L. Patterson of Oregon with its Star of Solidarity at a Columbus Day banquet here.

The decoration was presented in behalf of the president of the Italian Republic by Consul Baron Quaranta de San Severino. Other state officials attending the ceremony included Chief Justice Harold Warner of the Oregon Supreme Court; State Treasurer Sig Unander, and Multnomah County Circuit Judge Alfred T. Sulmonetti.

### Portland, Seattle Said Targets of Ship Discrimination

Washington — (U.P.) — Ports of Portland and Seattle have been unfairly discriminated against in favor of San Francisco by a group of ship lines, according to a ruling released by the Federal Maritime Board.

The board said the Pacific Westbound Conference of three shipping lines had been guilty of attracting traffic away from the Seattle and Portland ports by absorbing the inland transportation costs of products sent to San Francisco instead of to ports in the northwest.

Oregon Shipments Affected Particularly affected, the board said, were shipments of Oregon onions, explosives and newsprint. Equalization payments for shipments of apples, pears and dairy products were approved temporarily by the board until adequate shipping facilities at Portland and Seattle are available.

Officials of the two ports said fruit and dairy shipments as facilities would be available for soon as the equalization payments were prohibited.

Lines Mentioned Specifically mentioned in the ports' complaint against the Pacific Westbound Conference were Pacific Far East Lines, Pacific Transport Lines, Inc., and American President Lines, Ltd.

The board said that to the extent "that the ports of a given geographical area give or can give adequate transportation services, we look with disfavor on equalization rules or practices which divert traffic away from the natural direction of the flow of traffic."

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