

Russian Rulers See Selves as Undisputed Power in Middle East

Ancient Ambition Seen Without Setting Off World-Wide Conflict

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Russia's rulers think they are on the verge of becoming the undisputed major power in the Mideast.

They think they can achieve this ancient Russian ambition without setting off World War III.

And they want to achieve it now, despite the revulsion against Communism flaring and smoldering in their own front yard—partly just for the purpose of distracting attention from their bloody crushing of the Hungarian revolt.

The Kremlin has one muddy boot in the Mideast door, and it reckons it can move in bag and baggage by taking advantage of the disunity and confusion among America, Britain and France, and of the clear determination of the West not to let a global nuclear war begin.

These are the reasons for the drumfire barrage of Russian diplomatic moves in support of Egypt's Col. Nasser.

Yesterday it was indignation demands that Britain, France and Israel pay Egypt reparations for their attacks.

The day before it was threats of armed Soviet "volunteers" for Egypt.

More of Same

Tomorrow it will be more of the same, and new moves designed to frighten, divide, and confuse the West—and to tinkle the music in Arab ears.

This Russian music is well-rehearsed. The pro-Arab tunes have been plunked out for years in the columns of Pravda and all other Communist propaganda organs, always louder and more insistently.

This is the Russian technique for the Mideast: to woo the Arabs, encourage the Arabs, inflame the Arabs, arm the Arabs—until the Arabs themselves invade their Russian friends into the harem.

This Nasser began with the military technicians who accompanied Communist arms to Egypt, and he carried it further when he called for foreign "volunteers."

When tens of thousands of Russian—and Chinese—soldiers and officers immediately "volunteered," Washington finally growled, and Egypt suddenly decided she didn't need the "volunteers" just yet.

This is the complicated part of the Soviet operation, deliberately designed to confuse and alarm the West. It is to pretend willingness to risk major military involvement, without letting it really come to that.

Because that would inevitably mean American intervention.

It is still the consensus of Western expert opinion that the Russians don't want the "big" balloon to go up.

Game of Pretend

But still the Russians must pretend to be warlike very realistically—if they want to succeed in scaring off the British, French, and Israelis, and convince the Arabs they are with them all the way.

The latest box scores show they are doing well on both counts.

American Mideast policy is caught between two fears: first, of losing all hope of Arab friend-

ship if the U.S. does not compete with the Russians in supporting Arab moves against Britain, France, and Israel.

Second, of so weakening the Atlantic alliance that America herself would be dangerously vulnerable. Additionally, the U.S. is committed to support the existence of Israel as an independent state.

So American policy straddles the two fears, tries to keep the uneasy truce, and warns Russia against moving into the Mideast with the military might of the Red army.

But the final decision may not be by a simple military knockout. The danger is that the Russian tactics are designed to win by a TKO, by continuing to score points with the Arabs.

Stampede of Hungary Refugees Expected

Vienna — (U.P.) — American authorities expect a "stampede" of Hungarian refugees who want to go to the United States, U.S. Consul R. L. Heacock said today. He said that finding the 5,000 the United States has agreed to accept will be easy.

Heacock scoffed at suggestions that red tape has snarled President Eisenhower's goodwill gesture toward the victims of the Hungarian uprising, who fled across the border into free Austria.

"The only difficulty is to prevent a stampede in our direction," Heacock said.

The U. S. Refugee Relief Act under which they will be admitted expires Dec. 31.

Heacock said U. S. doctors have been giving the necessary medical examinations to nearly 300 persons a day among a list of candidates submitted by U. S. welfare organizations.

Presley Said Help To Mental Patients

Independence, Iowa — (U.P.) — A music therapist credited with helping singing star Elvis Presley and his guitar with being helpful in curing mental patients.

Dr. Florence Chambers of the Iowa Mental Health Institute here said rock and roll music aids the mentally ill to restore their rhythm.

Mrs. Chambers, a former concert pianist, said the mentally ill—according to Freud—have lost their rhythm which music can give back to them. She added that music therapy was not a soothing therapy, but a cure.

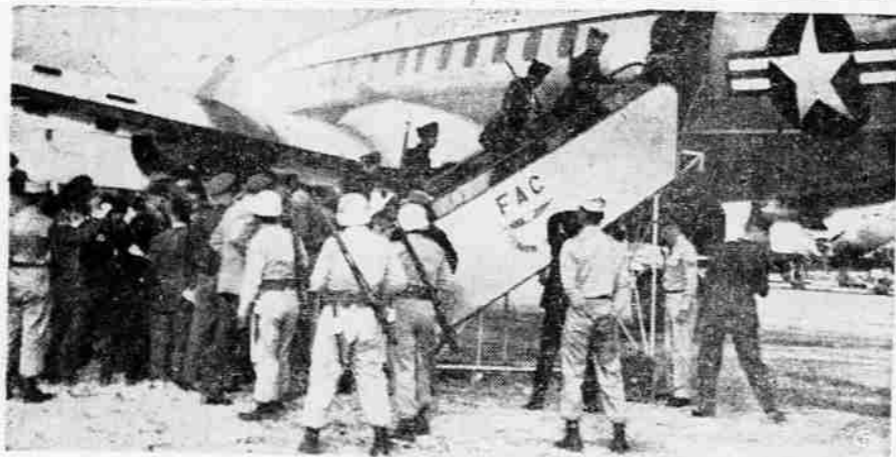
As for Elvis, she said, "I can't stand the boy . . . myself, but his music is very good for the patients."

Companion Makes Trouble for Police

Columbus, O. — (U.P.) — Columbus traffic patrolmen recently arrested Ray Beebee on a traffic violation without any trouble but Beebee's companion, Christopher, almost made a monkey out of the whole force.

Until Beebee arranged for bail, officers tried to keep Christopher in a cell, but not one in the whole jail would hold him. Finally, in the Humane Society to take charge.

After cavorting around headquarters for several hours, Christopher, a two-year-old Capuchin monkey, was carted off to the pound until his master was set free on bond.



BOARDING AMERICAN PLANE at Bogota, Colombian troops head for Egypt where they will act as United Nations police force to prevent new hostilities. (International)

Squealing Thru Greets Presley Film

New York — (U.P.) — A squealing mob of girls, a few boys and at least one middle-aged mother and father, mobbed a Times Square theater yesterday to see Elvis Presley on film.

His first movie, "Love Me Tender," opened at the Paramount theater. There were "free gifts from Elvis Presley" for the first 2,000 comers, scarves, hats, campaign buttons, charm bracelets, all decorated with Elvis.

The girls started queuing up at 10:30 Wednesday night. Many of them thought their rock 'n roll hillbilly hero would be there in person. They weren't happy about it when they found he wouldn't be. But they stayed.

"I'd stand in line for a week," said Mrs. Anne O'Connor, 48. "I love that boy to death."

Her husband, Edward, 44, a railroad fireman, nodded. They arrived at 3 a.m. from Jersey City, N. J., with their 17-year-old daughter, Louise. Louise squealed.

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