

Harry Truman Discusses New Crisis in Middle East Area

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It therefore took a greater effort for us and our Allies to regain our strength to be able to meet the emergency in Korea. We had to rehabilitate our whole military program. It took time, effort and money.

I hope that all of us have learned from that experience that we can never again let our guard down so long as the masters of the Kremlin persist in their purpose of world conquest. This is no time to fool with our defense requirements.

Many Problems
We have many problems, including the difficult problem of domestic inflation. But let us not go "economy mad" and get ourselves into position to encourage the enemy to do what he is doing in Syria, Egypt and all over the world.

Because we are a peaceful people and because we are reluctant to appear militaristic, let us not go so far the other way as to make the historic and characteristic American mistake of being the first to disarm, as we did in 1920 on the false promise of "outlawing war."

I suggested in a previous dispatch that we should take steps through the United Nations to stop the shipment of Russian arms which are clearly earmarked for aggression, as openly distinguished from the shipment of arms for purposes of defense of legitimate national interests.

Military Dictatorships
We distrust military dictatorships, even those established on the pretext of internal security. And certainly we should do little to encourage military dictatorships that openly declare themselves determined eventually to invade and destroy their neighbors.

It would appear that the new dictators of Russia are currently having difficulties with their political hierarchy at home and with the peoples of their satellite nations. All through history, whenever military dictatorships get into difficulties, they in-

variably embark on military adventures.
We must be alert, therefore, to the possibilities that the Soviets are now combining their ancient dream of possessing the Middle East with its vast strategic wealth, while at the same time using their penetration of Syria and Egypt to divert attention from their own troubles.

I would suggest that the United Nations Security Council be summoned to deal with this new threat to peace.

Should Take Steps
At the same time our Government should take immediate steps to correct the prevailing impression that our policy is to "wait and see." As matters stand now, the Suez Canal may be all but lost. The Middle East could well be lost. And if the Russians achieve their ultimate goal of control of the Middle East and its resources, we may well lose all of Europe.

From my experience with the Russians, I have learned that they are bound to move where we fail to make clear our intentions.

For example, shortly after the end of the second World War, Stalin and Molotov brazenly refused to keep their agreement to withdraw from Iran. They persisted in keeping their troops in Azerbaijan and Northern Iran. Formal steps were taken through diplomatic channels and the United Nations to get the Russians to withdraw. Russia persisted in her occupation until I personally saw to it that Stalin was informed that I had given orders to our military chiefs to prepare for the movement of our ground, sea and air forces. Stalin then did what I knew he would do. He moved his troops out.

Falter in India-China
More recently, in 1954, the Russians saw us hesitate and falter in Indo-China. I fear this, along with other indications of indecision, emboldened the Soviets to embark upon their long-planned adventure into the Middle East which they had not

dared to do even during the period when they were militarily superior to the Western forces in that part of the world.
Some may say that we are in the position of locking the barn after the horse has been stolen. But I do not think so.

I believe that we can save the situation not only for the free nations but even for the people of Syria and Egypt who for the moment are being misled. But we must deal with the problem realistically and in time, if we are to succeed.

One of the effects of the unsettlement of the Middle East may be to put a stress on the economies of Britain, France and other Western nations.

Already Raise Question
It is evident that the Russian moves have already raised the question of the continued availability of oil—the lifeblood of the Western countries—with the result that severe strains have already been imposed on their economies. This, too, could be serious.

We cannot stand by and allow these nations to drift into situations beyond their capacities to cope with them. Before even a danger point is reached, we might well consult with the British and French, indispensable Allies, about what steps may be needed to prevent any trade or currency strains upon them.

I understand and sympathize with what the President has to face at this time. I know the great pressures on him and the many conflicting counsels he must get. It is not my intent to be critical of the President at this time. The President, alone, of course, must make the final decision since he is in a position to know all the facts.

But since I have had to deal with the Russians during the discouraging Stalin-Molotov period of intrigue and subversion in many areas of the world, I hope that I may have the right to make this observation:

The Russians are forever prob-

ing and testing our resoluteness. Doctrines and pronouncements of policy mean nothing to the men in the Kremlin unless they believe we are ready and determined to back our words with deeds.

The firm was accused of picking up less than truckload shipments and combining them with other small shipments.
The government said shippers were then given allowable discount for a full shipment, a practice contrary to federal law.
Representatives for the firm asserted that this practice has since been discontinued.



NEW TALENT POST OFFICE—Talent Postmaster Roger Smoot moved into a brand new building Saturday. The new building is located at 107 South I st. This will be the second postoffice in the Northwest of the "two-lobby" type. One lobby will contain all lock boxes while the other will house the stamp window. The government will lease the building from the contractor, W. R. Winkler of Jacksonville.

\$1,500 Fine Levied Against Truck Lines

Portland — A \$1,500 fine was levied against United Truck Line Corporation of Spokane, Wash., here Friday after attorneys for the firm had pleaded guilty to 20 counts of illegal pooling of shipments.

Federal Judge Gus Solomon also warned the firm that if it is brought back into court against the maximum sentence will be imposed.

The firm previously was judged guilty of an illegal leasing arrangement.

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Nuclear Device Has No Fallout, AEC Says

Angels Peak, Nev. — The latest detonation of a nuclear device was made so high above the ground—about 1,500 feet in the air—that it resulted in virtually no radioactive fallout, scientists reported Saturday.

The Atomic Energy commission said the shot, fired Friday from a helium-filled balloon, was virtually "clean" because it was detonated so high above ground it did not suck up dirt from beneath the balloon.

Observers said the stem of the mushroom cloud formed by the blast failed to touch the earth. The flash of the fireball, however, was visible as a brilliant orange glow in the sky to the observers on this peak 55 miles from ground zero.

The AEC announced its next test was scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 29, and would be a tower shot.

WEATHER

By United Press
Northern California: Fair except morning fog near coast; chance of few thunderstorms in Sierra Nevada.

The road to Provincetown from the Cape Cod canal is built on a sandspit where bedrock has never been found.

Logging Camp Near Lebanon Destroyed

Lebanon — Fire Friday night caused between \$50,000 and \$70,000 damage at the Snow Peak logging camp of the Willamette Lumber company near here.

The fire started from an explosion during welding operations. Five buildings were destroyed during the blaze, which was confined to the camp except for a few small spot blazes in nearby timber. They were quickly extinguished.

Fire fighting equipment from the camp and the Linn county fire patrol association was used to extinguish the fire.

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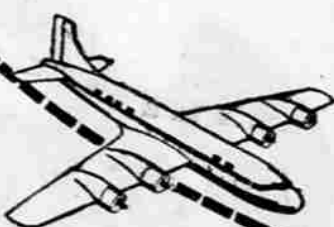


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