

Ben Bella Hopes To Be Undisputed Ruler of Socialist North Africa

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PARIS (UPI)—Algeria's left-leaning "strong man" President Ahmed Ben Bella is driving all-out to overthrow his neighbor and fellow Arab ruler, King Hassan II of Morocco.

Ben Bella has launched his offensive against Hassan on three fronts: —On the Sahara battlefields. —In a violent anti-Hassan campaign by press and radio aimed at strong opposition forces in Morocco itself that are a constant threat to the 33-year-old monarch.

Ben Bella has taken a big gamble. The French are convinced that in a stand-up fight without foreign intervention the tough, well trained Moroccan army could smother Ben Bella's raw troops, who have had little experience of real war aside from guerrilla fighting in the independence war against France.

to save him if it should come to all-out war. Without guarantees of such support the French are convinced Ben Bella would have backed down hastily.

Francisco Franco, Portuguese Premier Antonio Salazar, former Katanga President Moïse Tshombe and various other "enemies" of the Communist bloc.

international field to supplement the propaganda offensive already launched in Algeria itself.

archy is anathema to him. The struggle between the two men has become a life-and-death showdown for both.

He hopes to make himself undisputed leader of a socialist North Africa, backed by Soviet Russia and President Gamel Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic.

—In the United Nations, where Ben Bella has sent his envoy M'hammed Zaid to seek to drum up support from the Communists, and Afro-Asians and other "uncommitted" nations.

But Ben Bella clearly is banking on arms and other aid from the Communist bloc and Nasser

Said Imperialism Tool Algerian propaganda has attacked the young king as a "feudalist," a "tool of imperialism" and a "paw of colonialism" and has compared him with Spanish Generalissimo

The aim of this campaign appears to be to encourage the anti-Hassan groups in Morocco, including labor unions and other leftist organizations, to overthrow the king.

Personal Enemy It now is clear that King Hassan is Ben Bella's No. 1 personal enemy.

So far it apparently has had little effect. But it could be a danger to the young ruler.

Those, in the belief of informed French officials, are the stakes in the "war that is not quite a war" raging on the Algerian-Moroccan border in the Sahara.

Big Gamble On the strictly military side

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SUCCESS STORY — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sullivan pose in San Francisco after his success story came to light. Running a thriving business empire, Sullivan did not start this way. He is a former slave and is now one of the richest Negroes on the West Coast. Sold into servitude at the age of two, Sullivan went on to be able to support his former master as well as his master's entire family. The information was revealed when welfare authorities tried to get Sullivan to take over welfare payments for his former master whom their records showed as his adopted father. (UPI)

Senator Promises Data for Hearing On Baker Interests

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Sen. John J. Williams, R-Del., said today he would provide Senate investigators with "notes and memoranda" to support information about business deals of former Senate Democratic Secretary Robert G. Baker.

Williams, who triggered the inquiry into Baker's outside activities, is scheduled to be the first witness before the Senate Rules Committee Tuesday when closed hearings begin on the case.

Baker resigned his \$19,600-a-year Senate post on Oct. 7 following reports that he had an interest in a food vending firm serving defense plants. This was followed by other revolving a \$134,500 Washington residence for his family, a \$28,000 Washington town house occupied by his secretary, and motel interests.

Partner With Hodges The motel interests included a partnership with Commerce Secretary Luther H. Hodges in Charlotte, N.C.

Reward Offered In Rancher's Death PRINEVILLE (UPI)—Crook County Sheriff J.T. King announced today a reward of \$5,000 has been offered for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death of Phillip Reinhardt, 72.

The body of the Powell Butte farmer was found in an irrigation ditch Aug. 11.

Sheriff King said the reward has been offered by Mrs. Reinhardt.

He said no leads have been found in the case.

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