

Iraqi Commies Angry As Moscow Calls Shots

Editor's note — William L. Ryan, AP news analyst, is making another tour of the Middle East. Because all dispatches sent from Baghdad are censored, Ryan waited until he reached Beirut to report on Iraq.

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BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—There is a strong suspicion in Baghdad that the Kremlin, in a calculated gamble, checked the Iraqi Communists' bid to grab power.

Some such move apparently aroused disagreement and resentment in the ranks of less disciplined party members. It looks as if there has been a serious split. But there seems little question that Moscow has prevailed.

Moscow seems to want to hold Iraq's Communists back so they can handle the country like a chesspiece in the game for global power. Thus it may be months, even years, before the Communists try anything akin to a total takeover.

Actually Moscow is toying with a powderkeg. None can say how long the fuse is, but the Middle East seems expecting a new explosion which will echo throughout Iraq and the world.

The Communists are enormously strong in the key Arab country. Their press has become the bellwether for all newspapers. In the city streets, Red Communist banners are eclipsing the traditional green standards of Islam.

They have supporters, if not members, high in the government.

To the casual onlooker Iraq, a key to the Persian Gulf, seems a pushover for the Communists, so far gone as to be beyond rescue.

But the Communists seem unable or unwilling to press their huge advantage to the utmost. Indeed they seem to be quarreling over the methods and pace to be employed in the attempt gradually to turn the country into a Middle East version of a people's democracy.

Moscow apparently is insisting on an internationalist approach. This clashes with the impatience of some local Communists who emerged from jails and underground hideouts in July, eager to strike for power.

Iraq should be an alluring prospect for Moscow: a foothold in the Arab East, authority in an oil producing state, access to the Persian Gulf. If Moscow is willing, Iraq might be a Communist state in a matter of weeks.

But Iraq is hot Hungary. It has no border with a Communist power. While Turkey and Iran stay with the West, there is little immediate prospect of a land bridge for direct control of Soviet troops. Isolated Iraq might prove difficult to hold.

An explosive overturn would be a Communist black eye won at the price of economic political penetration elsewhere.

From Moscow, Baghdad's Communist leaders heard a stern warning against opportunism. In Red jargon that means attempting a decisive step without advance assurance of success.

Moscow seems to want a patient program along tested lines such as made Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania people's democracies with the help of Soviet troops over a period of years.

Iraqi Communists would continue to support the premier and cur-

rent hero, Maj. Gen. Abdul Karim Kassem.

The party would participate with others in a national union front, dominate it and prepare carefully for the time when it is able to take power in its own name.

Moscow has a bigger goal than Iraq in mind — a long run stab at a large slice of the Middle East.

Westerners keep telling themselves that Iraq is a highly volatile and unstable land where things change suddenly. Yesterday's hero can be tomorrow's monster, as President Abdel Gamal Nasser of the United Arab Republic learned.

Many Iraqis still look to the West for help and support. If the Communists are not able to strike, the contest would seem far from over.

Pair Complete 2,300 Hike From California To Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Two Californians boasted they could walk 2,300 miles to Mexico City. Twelve pairs of shoes later they made it.

Bill Tynan and Bill Bates, both from Los Angeles and 28, quit good jobs for adventure. They don't regret it.

But both Bills say: "We're through walking for a while. We'd even accept a ride on a bicycle." The 7-month trip started from Los Angeles Oct. 18, 1958. Unshaven, they soon looked like Fidel Castro's Cuban rebels.

"In fact, we were mistaken for Cubans several times," said Tynan, who resigned from Walt Disney Studios for the jaunt.

"And once in Sinaloa de Leyva, in the state of Sinaloa, we were arrested as Russian spies."

Bates, who worked for Douglas Aircraft, said they had been warned that Yaqui Indians might cause trouble in remote areas.

"People told us they would cut our throats. Instead, they ran every time they saw us coming."

The walkers carried no weapons of any kind.

We were often stopped and searched. Indians would come up, sort of surround us, make a thorough search, and as soon as they found we were unarmed, they became friendly."

Actually, Indians helped make the trip possible. The two started from Los Angeles with \$400 between them, hoping to live on \$1 a day.

Suit Names DeMille Son

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—The late Cecil B. De Mille's son, John, 45, is defendant in a divorce suit filed Friday by Louise De Mille, 44. She alleged cruelty.

She said community property consisted only of \$5,000 insurance on her husband's life and asked that he be compelled to maintain the premiums with her as beneficiary.

She asked only \$1 monthly alimony but \$200 monthly support for two of their three children. The eldest, Allan, is 21; John is 16 and Dianne, 11.

The couple was married in 1934 and separated last December.

Air Engineer Back On Job

BOSTON (AP)—E. Arthur Bonney returned to Johns Hopkins University yesterday for brief resumption of a career as an aeronautical engineer which won him the Navy's Meritorious Public Service citation, the second highest award to a noncivil servant.

But it will be only a summer-long return to that career. Bonney, 40, left his job of 13 years with the Applied Physics Laboratory of Johns Hopkins last year to enter the Gordon Divinity School, a nondenominational school at Beverly Farms, Mass.

"It was just the calling of the Lord," he said.

He will resume his studies next fall.

He was presented a citation Friday for his leadership in the development of the aerodynamic design of the Terrier, the Navy's first operational surface-to-air guided missile.

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