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Russians Urge Big Four Deal

Shepilov Sets Six Point Plan For Keeping Middle East Peace

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union today proposed that the Big Four co-operate in economic aid to the Middle East, maintain peace there by negotiations and otherwise keep hands off the tension-racked area.

Foreign Minister Dimitri Shepilov told the Supreme Soviet, Russia's parliament, that the Russian government had transmitted such a six-point proposal in notes handed Monday night to the ambassadors of Britain, the United States and France.

Shepilov said in effect that the Soviet Union is "ready to stop sending arms to the Middle East if the Western powers will do likewise" and will abandon their military bases there.

The immediate reaction of Western diplomats appeared to be that their governments would

prefer to handle Middle East issues where they are now, in the United Nations, rather than in a big power conference or through a big power declaration such as Shepilov seemed to suggest.

The foreign minister said the most urgent Middle East question is "the complete withdrawal of Israeli troops from Egyptian territory." He said his government supports Egypt's "just demand for full compensation of the damage caused" by the British-French-Israeli attacks on Egypt.

Backs Egyptian Demands

Shepilov also lined his government up again with Cairo's demand that Egypt alone control and operate the Suez Canal. He said "law and justice are wholly on Egypt's side."

Shepilov said his six-point proposal had been made to Britain, the United States and France:

• "The maintenance of peace in the Near and Middle East through settling disputed questions exclusively by peaceful means by negotiations."

• "Non-interference in the internal affairs of the Near and Middle East; respect of the sovereignty and independence of those countries."

NO ALLIANCES

• "Bringing any attempts to include these countries in military blocs with the participation of the great powers (a direct slap at the Western-sponsored Baghdad Pact but not at the Arab League alliance which Egypt has been promoting).

• "The liquidation of foreign bases and the withdrawal of foreign troops from the territories of the countries of the Near and Middle East."

• "The mutual renunciation of the supply of arms to countries of the Near and Middle East."

• "Co-operation toward the economic development of the countries of the Near and Middle East without making any political, military or other conditions whatsoever incompatible with the dignity and sovereignty of these countries."

KREMLIN'S ANSWER

The six points appeared to represent the Kremlin's answer to President Eisenhower's doctrine to stabilize the Middle East. The U.S. president offered military and economic assistance against Communist aggression, if requested, to any country in the strategic oil-rich area.

Papers Assail Palace On Handling Rift Rumor

LONDON (Reuters) — Two mass-circulation newspapers today condemn in outspoken editorials the officials handling of U.S. press reports alleging a rift between the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

The tabloid Daily Mirror accuses the cabinet, the Queen's advisers and Buckingham Palace officials of having "botched" the affair by not issuing a firm denial.

The newspaper repeats its call to the duke to "kill the rumors once and for all" by flying home immediately from Gibraltar, where he is scheduled to remain this week before joining the Queen for a state visit to Portugal.

The Daily Herald, official Labor party organ, asserts that "scandalous injustice has been done to the Queen, the duke, and to this country by the incompetence with which this matter has been handled."

Peterborough columnist in the right-wing Daily Telegraph says this is not the first time American newspapers have commented on the private lives of the Royal family. "Their conjectures have lacked both truth and taste," he adds.

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were drawn up months ago in the light of imminent gasoline rationing.

"The duke thought that a special flight from Gibraltar to London would be inappropriate at the present time," he says.

Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express publishes an interview with Mrs. Joan Graham, London correspondent of the Baltimore Sun who filed the first "rift" report.

The newspaper quotes the 38-year-old Mrs. Graham as saying: "I personally didn't think it would have such a snowball effect, but I do not apologize for reporting rumors."

"If you are a foreign correspondent it is your duty to report rumors."

The Daily Mirror asks: "Why do the people upstairs take so long to get moving when they come face to face with mischievous?"

"They finished their tea and assigned a minor Buckingham Palace official to issue a curt denial," the Mirror adds. "Not to the British press or to the Commonwealth press, but to the Americans."

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A LADY WITH A BEAST is Mrs. Glenn Diel, Anchorage, Alaska housewife, who was lion-hearted enough to choose an African lioness as pet. The first of her kind to invade the far north of Alaska, the big cat was raised in captivity at Halifax, Mass., and purchased for \$1,000. Local residents, who were somewhat perturbed at first at the thought of having a beast of prey in their midst, are getting used to her idea after Mrs. Diel declared the lioness is "strictly a house cat."

"MILITARY MEASURES"

Arabs Plan To Use Force If Israel Doesn't Move

AMMAN, Jordan (AP)—Prime Minister Suliman Nabulsi of Jordan said today that the Arab states will "use military force" to drive Israel out of the Gaza Strip and Sharm El Sheikh if the United Nations fails.

In an interview the premier said Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Iraq have already agreed to "take military measures" against Israel if she refused to budge.

He said the Arab states agreed to do this last November at their summit conference in Beirut. This meeting was held shortly after the invasion of Egypt by Israel, Britain and France.

Toddy, Nabulsi said the Arabs blame Britain and France for

Israel's "defiance of world public opinion."

He praised the United States for insisting that the Israelis withdraw from Gaza and Sharm el Sheikh.

GOODWILL EXISTS

The 50-year-old premier, preparing to leave for the fifth meeting of negotiations on ending the British-Jordan treaty, commented that these talks were running "in the right direction."

He said goodwill exists on both sides.

He said no basic differences exist between Britain and Jordan except on the wording of the communiqué announcing the end of the treaty and the withdrawal of about 5,000 British troops from three Jordan bases.

He said artificial barriers may exist regarding estimates of equipment and installations the British will leave behind, but these will be smoothed out after the treaty is terminated.

Nabulsi declined to comment on President Eisenhower's Middle East doctrine, saying he prefers to wait until the return of King Saud, who will report on clarifications made to him by President Eisenhower.

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Worker Charged In Fatal Knifing

BROCKVILLE, Ont., Feb. 10.—A 20-year-old electrical worker was stabbed to death with a butcher knife early today and police charged a fellow-employee with murder.

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Regular Habits of Ex-Essington Man Credited for 92 Full, Active Years

By PAT MUNNON

DAILY NEWS CORRESPONDENT.

SMITHERS—If you want to have personal revolutions of nearly a century of history, you can stopbuffing yourself with Einstein's "Theory of Relativity" and start studying Jim Kirby's "Theory of Regularity."

Mr. Kirby will be 92 years old on February 26, but he still has a sound set of teeth, good hearing and sharp eyesight. He likes long walks, exercises with dumb-bells and teaching neighborhood children to skip. Indeed, he looks a safe bet to keep going for at least another 92 birthdays.

Eventually, Jim Kirby settled

in County Court and Clerk of the Peace.

It will be "open house" at the Kirby's home on February 26. They have lived there more than 30 years and dozens of friends will help celebrate Kirby's birthday for her husband.

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His "Theory of Regularity" has three main points—regular eating,

Terrace To Kitimat Runs To Replace Local Train

Lack of Revenue Forcing Change

Proposed changes in Canadian National Railways service effecting Prince Rupert, Terrace and Kitimat were announced today by W. H. MacLroy, superintendent of the CNR's Smithers division.

The CNR proposes to inaugurate a twice-daily service between Terrace and Kitimat and discontinue trains No. 57 and No. 58 between Prince Rupert and Terrace.

The change would take place approximately the same time as daylight saving comes into effect.

Asked why the Prince Rupert to Kitimat run was to be discontinued Mr. MacLroy said that it was purely a matter of simple economics.

For returning home from Kitimat train No. 58, the departure time of the eastbound passenger train will be advanced one or two hours to ensure that local residents can make the Terrace connection.

For returning home from Kitimat to Prince Rupert the westbound mainline passenger train will reach Terrace in time to meet passengers who have come up from Kitimat on the 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. run.

Under the new set-up, the CNR official said, it will be possible for passengers coming into Prince Rupert from Kitimat to now spend only one night in the city instead of the two they had to under the present schedule.

In anticipation of the proposed change, the CNR has completed construction of a new rail yard at Terrace which incorporates two miles of trackage and two additional sidings to facilitate diesel operations.

The train would leave Kitimat at 8 a.m. and arrive in Terrace at 10 a.m. It would leave Terrace at 11:30 a.m. arriving back in Kitimat at 1:30 p.m. The train would then leave Kitimat a second time at about 8 p.m. It would make its final return trip to Kitimat about 11 p.m. reaching its destination about 12:30 a.m.

To make up for the loss to Prince Rupert of the earlier daily service, Mr. MacLroy said that arrangements would be made to have the mainline eastbound passenger train connect with the 11 p.m. Terrace to Kitimat.

Contributions towards the McIntyre Block fire relief fund only boosted the fund by \$12 today bringing the total effort since the fund was re-opened last Thursday to \$45,80.

A fund of \$140 has been held in the Royal Bank of Canada ever since it was deposited there in 1953 by the Daily News to aid victims of the King George Rooms fire which claimed five lives.

The Daily News re-opened the fund after last Wednesday's disastrous fire to help clothe the 28 tenants, including seven children, who lost most of their possessions in the McIntyre Block fire.

Contributions to the fund can be sent to the Daily News Editorial Department, Prince Rupert.

Contributions received today were from Mrs. T. Black (\$10) and Mrs. Thomas Boulter (\$2).

The Prince Rupert department of the Canadian Red Cross Society has contributed \$200 towards the fund.

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Ship Officials Greeted Here

Captain J. A. MacDonnell, executive vice-president and Charles Guy, traffic manager, of the Union Steamships Ltd., met old and new friends in Prince Rupert at a reception in Canadian Legion Club 27 yesterday evening.

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Rail Chief Donald Gordon Says CNR Not Buying PGE

VANCOUVER, Feb. 10—Donald Gordon, president of Canadian National Railways, Monday denied reports the CNR may purchase the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, owned by the British Columbia government.

He told a press conference here: "As far as I am aware, the PGE is not for sale."

The reports followed an announcement two weeks ago that Mr. Gordon would attend last Thursday's opening of the British Columbia legislature on Premier Bennett's invitation.

Government authorities in Victoria did not deny them.

The CNR president said he and Premier Bennett had no discussions affecting the purchase or sale of the PGE.

He talked with Mr. Bennett about B.C.'s railway needs as they affected the CNR.

WEATHER

Gale warning in effect. Intermittent rain today and Wednesday except locally snow at the heads of some mainland inlets. Continuing mild. South-west gales 35 over some exposed waters offshore southerly 20. Low tonight and high Wednesday.

Dr. Bannister, wife of the Superior Court Justice, was granted permission to leave the province.

He has returned from a vacation in California and is now back in Victoria.

He is expected to be in Victoria on Saturday morning.