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## The Weather

MUSCLE SHOALS AREA—Fair and warmer tonight, high 68. Friday increasing cloudiness and warm, high 80.

R. HADLEY HOWARD—New first district director of Alabama Farm Bureau Federation. (Staff Photo).

# Florentine Named By Farm Bureau

## Hadley Howard Elected Director

The Goodwyn tax proposal, scheduled for a statewide vote Dec. 6, has been given a big boost by the influential Alabama Farm Bureau Federation.

Before ending its annual convention at Biloxi, Miss., this week the organization recommended the proposal by a one-sided voice vote. An hour of debate preceded the vote.

During the hour two substitute measures were turned down by standing votes. One was that no action be taken on the amendment, and the other would have had the convention go on record as saying, "We find that the Goodwyn amendment is one of the acceptable methods of providing funds for the minimum education program."

The amendment is designed to raise 20 million dollars a year for the state's schools.

The federation elected Walter L. Randolph of Fayette to his 10th term as president. M. C. Stallworth, Vinegar Bend, was reelected third vice president, and J. Lewis Hornsby, Northport, fourth vice president.

District directors chosen were R. Hadley Howard, Florence, first district; Troy L. Ingram, Oneonta, fourth; M. A. Jones, Shawmut, seventh; and W. H. Brown, Andalusia, 10th.

The 1956 convention site will be decided later.

One resolution commended the State Legislature for adopting the state milk inspection act regulating the shipment of milk into Alabama from other states.

Another favored "mandatory variable price supports with the price support for a commodity at 90 per cent parity whenever the supply is normal in order to make farm income average parity."

Parity is a standard for measuring farm prices declared by law to be fair to farmers in relation to prices they must pay.

The federation adopted other resolutions which had been tentatively approved by the resolutions committee at Birmingham Oct. 11.

Mrs. Henry Hilton, Haleyville, was elected first vice president of the Alabama Council of Home Demonstration Clubs. Others chosen were Mrs. Roy Renfroe, Fayette, second vice president; Mrs. J. W. Torbert, Macon, third vice president; Mrs. Will Bentley, Lincoln, secretary, and Mrs. Howard Dees, Evergreen, parliamentarian.

Mrs. Howard Gray of New Market is serving the first year of a two-year term as president.

# Oil Well Blazes, Tank Threatened

KAPLAN, La. (AP) — An oil well drilled to 11,188 feet blew out yesterday, burst into flames and created a hazard to a nearby large tank filled with butane gas.

The well, about 10 miles southeast of here, was near completion; only a few hours of work remained. Drillers said tests indicated it had a large showing of oil.

The derrick and other equipment were destroyed by the blaze.

## At The Theatres

SHOALS & COLBERT — "Land of the Pharaohs." CinemaScope, color, with Jack Hawkins, Joan Collins, Dewey Martin. Shoals feature 1:10, 3:15, 5:21, 7:28, 9:35. Colbert feature 1:18, 3:21, 5:24, 7:27, 9:30.

PRINCESS — "The Adventures of Marco Polo" with Gary Cooper, Basil Rathbone. Also "Port of Wickedness" with Miriam Hopkins, Edward G. Robinson, Joel McCrea.

TURCUMBIAN — "The Phenix City Story" with John McIntire, Richard Kiley, Kathryn Grant. Feature 1, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20.

NORWOOD — "The Naked Dawn," color, with Arthur Kennedy, Betta St. John. Feature 2:20, 4:15, 6:35, 7:40, 9:45.

JOY-LAN — "Female on the Beach," with Jeff Chandler, Joan Crawford. Features 6:30, 10. Also "Hell's Outpost," with Rod Cameron, Joan Leslie. Feature 8:30.

PARK-VUE — "Violent Saturday," CinemaScope, color, with Victor Mature, Richard Egan, Steven McNally.

WILSON — "Foxfire," color, with Jeff Chandler, Jane Russell. Show starts 6:30.

# Ike Begins State Of Union Work

## Aides Called To Draft Speech

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

DENVER (AP)—President Eisenhower called two aides to his hospital room today for a start on the January State of the Union message outlining his legislative program to Congress.

The recuperating President quite likely won't be back at his White House desk on a real working basis until about the time the annual message goes to the lawmakers.

But associates say he is eager to get the ball rolling on a preliminary draft.

For his first conference looking toward that draft, he called in retired Maj. Gen. Wilton B. Persons, who is in charge of White House liaison with members of Congress, and Kevin McKann his chief speech writer.

They will get his ideas on the legislative program at a brief meeting, then return to Washington to begin actual writing of the message.

Aides said it still is too early to tell whether Eisenhower will be able to deliver the lengthy message in person.

The President's recovery has progressed to a point where he now is doing more and more unassisted walking from his bed to an easy chair and back again in his room at Fitzsimons Army Hospital.

It wasn't until last night that anyone really close to the President ventured to discuss in public the possibility that he may not be a candidate next year.

Addressing a Republican rally in his home New Jersey county of Somerset, Benrard M. Shanley, Eisenhower's appointment secretary and former special counsel, said the President "knows he will get well."

Shanley then went on to say that "no matter what the President's decision in 1956 is—whether he will carry the Republican banner or not—certainly all our people will accept that decision."

Shanley conferred briefly with Eisenhower at the hospital last Saturday.

In his address, he estimated that perhaps 80 per cent of the legislative program the President set forth when he took office in 1953 has been completed.

He plugged for election of Republicans to Congress next year.

"... Do the American people want the policies that have brought us peace and prosperity continued?" he asked.

"The alternative is an all-powerful federal government in control of our government. Let's remember the group who now dominate the Democratic party believe that the central government should run our lives, and not the people run the government."

Eisenhower will resume a series of Cabinet-level conferences Saturday when he meets at the hospital with Secretary of Agriculture Benson for a discussion of farm legislation—and probably the politically hot issue of what to do about falling farm prices.

On Monday the President will confer with Postmaster General Summerfield.

Yesterday Eisenhower got his first look at newspapers since his Sept. 24 heart attack. Aides showed them to him so he could see the news photographs made of him the day before—the first closeups since his illness.

"He thought they turned out all right," said Press Secretary James C. Hagerty.

During the afternoon the President took six record-trip walks—half dozen or so steps each way—between bed and an easy chair.

That was by far the most walking he had done since the doctors permitted him to stand on his feet for the first time last Saturday.

# Negro Killed As Truck Rams Tractor

A Lauderdale County Negro man died upon arrival at the ECM Hospital after he was injured when his farm tractor was hit by a transport truck today at 11:30 a.m. on the Lee Highway at Center Star.

Forty-one-year old William Bulls of Killen, Rt. 1, was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital, according to W. R. Chisholm, coroner. He said there were no other injuries in the accident.

Further details will be announced later by the Highway Patrol.

Brown Service of Florence picked up the victim.

# Icelandic Writer Wins Nobel Prize

STOCKHOLM (AP)—The 1955 Nobel prize for literature was won today by an Icelandic novelist, Haldor Kilian Laxness.

A leftist, he is active in the Communist-sponsored international peace movement, which previously awarded him a "literary prize." He has called the North Atlantic Treaty Organization "a society of war hawks."

Laxness, 53, has been a candidate several years for the prize. Apparently the Royal Swedish Academy this year overcame the dislike of his political leanings that at least some of its members

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ACTRESS ILL — Veronica Lake, 35, stage and motion picture actress, is hospitalized in Detroit today, apparently from a heart attack. (AP Wirephoto).

# Actress Collapses In Hotel

## Veronica Lake Suffers Attack

DETROIT (AP)—Veronica Lake, 35, stage and motion picture actress, collapsed in the lobby of a Detroit hotel today, apparently from a heart attack.

Dr. Norman Goldston gave a preliminary diagnosis of "possible coronary occlusion." The actress was taken to a hospital and Dr. Goldston said she would remain for observation "at least for several hours."

Miss Lake, who made the "pretzelbow" hair-do famous in the 1940s, has been appearing in the stage play, "The Little Hut," at Detroit's Shubert Theater. The company manager said he would not know until later today whether she would be able to appear in the play tonight.

She was stricken at 2:30 a.m., having stopped at a restaurant for dinner after last night's performance. As she entered the lobby of the Barlum Hotel, where she was staying, she fainted.

Carried to a sofa, she recovered consciousness quickly, but complained of severe chest pains. Police drove her to receiving hospital.

Miss Lake told physicians she had been working hard and felt recently that she was "nearing exhaustion."

She registered as Mrs. J. A. McCarthy of New York City. She and Joseph A. McCarthy, New York music publisher, were married in Traverse City, Mich., two months ago while Miss Lake was appearing in a summer theatre production there.

# Birmingham L&N Walkout Comes To End

BIRMINGHAM, (AP)—A walkout of Louisville & Nashville Railroad workers ended last night, and operations were expected to be back to normal by late today.

The dispute, brought about by job reclassifications, appeared to be no nearer a solution now than when pickets were set up last Sunday night, however.

Union officials said the strikers had agreed to arbitrate the dispute. But the railroad said that since a court order termed the strike illegal, there is nothing for the L&N to arbitrate.

The walkout ended yesterday after a Circuit Court judge enjoined two unions from continuing the walkout. Judge J. A. Hare, Selma, Ala., assigned to the Jefferson Circuit temporarily, issued the injunction at the request of the L&N. Named in the action were the International Brotherhood of Firemen, Oilers, Helpers, Roundhouse and Railway Shop Laborers, and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

The injunction was placed into effect "until further order of the court."

B. B. Cunningham, vice chairman of the firemen and enginemen brotherhood, declared that the strikers agreed to return to work and submit their grievances to arbitration under provisions of the National Railway Labor Act.

The railroad, however, said there was nothing to arbitrate, since the court had decided the strike was illegal.

James A. Simpson, a L&N attorney, issued a statement which declared:

"The men had the right, before they struck, to go to the National Railway Adjustment Board. If they returned to work, they can still go to that board with any grievance they have.

"The L&N takes the position that the court has found that the strike was illegal from the beginning, and that the L&N has nothing to arbitrate."

Injunction notices were posted about 11 a.m. yesterday, however, it was not until last night that pickets were finally removed from around the L&N offices, passenger station and the huge Boyles freight yard at Birmingham.

About 2000 workers quit in this Birmingham area, and between 300 and 400 more joined the walkout at Montgomery, virtually half-

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# Faure Asks New Vote Of Confidence

## French Premier Takes Big Risk

By HARVEY HUDSON

PARIS, (AP) — Premier Edgar Faure, recent victor in two crucial tests in the National Assembly, today demanded a third and even riskier vote of confidence.

The result could throw him and Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay out of office at the very start of the Big Four foreign ministers meeting in Geneva.

Backed into a corner by defeat on two procedural questions, Faure shut off further debate until tomorrow by demanding a vote of confidence. Until the vote tomorrow, the Premier, a master of political maneuvering, had an opportunity to cast about for additional support.

Had a decisive vote been taken this morning, he probably would have been beaten.

The point that the Big Four foreign ministers were starting their meeting in Geneva today seemed to have caused no hesitancy among deputies who want to throw the government out.

It was the same way last week when the Premier asked for a vote of confidence on Algerian policy. He won that one easily 308-254 after the deputies had a weekend for reflection, though on a preliminary procedural question they had defeated him 305-274.

Faure asked for a vote of confidence this time after the deputies voted 289-286 to take up a Socialist resolution refusing their confidence.

Earlier, the Assembly refused 303-275 to give priority to a mild government formula, called a "note" of government declarations on its general policies.

Technically, the vote tomorrow will be on this government resolution.

But actually it pits opponents of Faure's plan for a general election in December, at least under present electoral laws, against those in favor.

Faure has proposed to cut short the life of the present Parliament, which normally would continue until next June, in order to eliminate some politics from decisions that have to be made on North Africa.

During the debate orators showered criticism on the government for a series of French misfortunes. These included: the anti-European revolution in Morocco, the probable chief of state Bao Dai; the possibility that Mohammed Ben Youssef, anti-French Sultan of Morocco, may soon be back on his throne.

The debate started over a demand for information on what steps the government plans to take to meet the heavy expenses of military operations in North Africa. Finance Minister Pierre Pinay, who has painted a dim picture of French finances and said the deputies need have no fears about tax increases.

# Controversial Exempt Groups Investigated

By FRANK O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Internal Revenue Service is examining "at least the more controversial" cases among more than 32,000 organizations it lists as tax-free.

This was learned today from an informed source in contact with revenue service headquarters.

Revenue service officials and their Treasury superiors said they could not discuss the matter at this time.

However, it was learned tax officials are giving increasing consideration to the question of what yardstick to apply to an organization with possible political interests when it asks for tax-exempt status.

Whether this will result in wholesale review of all tax exemptions is not yet decided, according to available information.

Meanwhile, it also was reported that the Justice Department has told the Treasury it should get authority from Congress before revoking over a long-rumored plan to open its public inspection documents filed by organizations to which revenue service grants tax exemptions.

The federal government accords tax-free status to religious, educational and charitable organizations.

A person familiar with the plan said removing the secrecy curtain from tax exemption applications and tax returns of such organizations would deter their aims, backers and details of their finances.

The Internal Revenue Service recently revoked tax-free privileges involving two controversial organizations—the American Institute of Pacific Relations and For America.

The latter was listed by the Senate Internal Security subcommittee in 1951-1952. Afterward, the Senate group said in a report the FPR had been infiltrated by Communists and that its activities had adversely affected the interests of the United States.

This was denied by officials of the IPR, who describe their organization as a nonpartisan institution for scholarly research and discussion of Far Eastern problems.

The service also recently denied contributors to For America the right to deduct such contributions for income tax purposes. For America describes itself as a non-

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# Big Four Meet Opens Amid Fears Of Middle East War

## Plenty Of Talk, Little Else Likely

### Accomplishments To Be Scarce

By JAMES MARLOW
Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP)—For about three weeks, beginning today, the Big Four foreign ministers will meet in Geneva, talk behind closed doors, issue some public statements perhaps, and probably agree on very little.

A great lack of accomplishment at Geneva should be no surprise.

A look at just one of the problems the ministers intend to discuss—unification of West and East Germany—is enough to show why Russia and the West, now separated by an absolute gulf on that subject, are likely to remain apart.

For years, by various devices which included propaganda, Russia fought the effort of the United States to get West Germany rearmed and into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The Russian tactics were rough and tough. Suddenly this year they switched to a soft line. The switch came only after West Germany was finally admitted to NATO. There were other reasons for the switch besides the German question.

But it seems obvious the Russians, having failed to keep West Germany out of NATO by bluster, could see that by a change in tactics they might still win their point, perhaps a double point:

They might, if they played it shrewdly enough not only get West Germany out of NATO but also even wreck NATO itself by softening up the other Western countries' fear of Russia. In this game the Russians have an ace in the hole.

The West Germans, and the East Germans, who are under Communist control, want to be united. The Russians have put a price tag on unification: the Germans cannot be united so long as West Germany remains in NATO.

But the United States and the other Western allies want Germany united too. They have asked the Russians to let the East and West Germans unite by electing their own government in free elections.

All the reports from Europe indicate that if the elections were held now the East and West Germans would vote for a government like that of West Germany's Chancellor Adenauer, who is a firm friend of the West.

The United States would hardly be urging the unification of Germany if it did not feel the result would be favorable to the West.

Since this is all obvious enough to the Russians, they have plenty of reason from their viewpoint to block unification unless, or until, they can be sure a united Germany is out of the Western alliance and either neutral or teamed up with them.

The Russians can afford to stall. Chancellor Adenauer is 80 and sick. He may have to disappear from the picture soon because of age or health or death. When he goes, it is not at all certain what course his successor will take.

The West Germans—through the urge for unification or division of feeling about continuing in the Western alliance—might be willing to make far greater concessions to the Russians than Adenauer's government seems willing to make.

Yet all this is only one of the complicated problems Secretary of State Dulles and the foreign ministers of Russia, Britain and France will either wrestle or waltz around with at Geneva.

AFTER ARRIVAL IN GENEVA—U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles talks into microphones on arrival at the airport in Geneva, Switzerland, Wednesday, for the Big Four Foreign Ministers meeting which opens today. (AP Wirephoto).

# Fired From Bank, Pilot Flies Plane Into Window, Killed

LOS ANGELES (AP)— A private pilot was instantly killed when his light plane crashed through the window of a branch bank at International Airport, yesterday, and fell on the official who had fired him from a teller-trainee job only the day before.

Witnesses said Benjamin Fauth, glided his Aeronca down wind with the engine dead yesterday and suddenly veered into the Bank of America branch. Diners in the flight deck restaurant on the second story of the building were jarred but no one was injured.

"I heard a bump and hit the floor. When I got up I saw the plane in the room," said Robert J. Workman, 37, the bank's chief clerk. He said he discharged Fauth because "his work was not serious enough." Workman suffered a cut cheek.

Fauth had rented the plane with a full tank of gas only an hour before at nearby Hawthorne Airport.

Police investigator A. L. Wagnou said Fauth apparently "was trying to get even with the bank for firing him and get rid of himself at the same time."

In Toppenish, Wash., Fauth's father, E. Fauth said he could not understand the crash.

## Unauthorized Fees Hit:

# Lauderdale Grand Jury Returns 61 True Bills

The Lauderdale County grand jury completed its work for this session of court and made its report to Judge Robert M. Hill about 6 p.m. Wednesday and was dismissed into recess for this session of court, Charles Edgar Young, circuit court clerk, reported today.

The trial court is proceeding with the trial of civil cases which are expected to be completed by the end of this week. On Monday, Nov. 7, the trial of criminal cases will begin and continue for two weeks.

Judge Hill will hold an arraignment session of the criminal court on next Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 10 a.m. At this time the criminal cases returned by the recent grand jury will be set for trial and those persons who wish to enter pleas of guilty will be permitted to do so. At this arraignment the capital cases will be arraigned which include the six men charged with robbery of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson.

W. L. Aimon, circuit solicitor, and Frank V. Potts, solicitor of the law and equity court, worked with the grand jury in its investigations and will direct the prosecutions during the trial of criminal cases.

All persons who have cases which were investigated by the recent grand jury are requested to be in court on Tuesday at 10 a.m. to find out when their cases will be set for trial.

Following is a written report of the grand jury:

GRAND JURY REPORT
STATE OF ALABAMA
LAUDERDALE COUNTY
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OCTOBER TERM 1955

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT M. HILL, CIRCUIT JUDGE:

We, the Grand Jury of Lauderdale County, Alabama, having completed our investigations of all cases brought to our attention submit to the Court our final report.

We have docketed 105 cases, examined 245 witnesses, and have reported and returned 61 true bills. We have had to continue 6 cases to the next term of the Grand Jury. These cases were combined with other cases.

We have examined the different bonds of the county officials and they appear to be correct in proper form and order, and in the amounts with the sureties as required by law.

We have examined the book in which the Sheriff enters his account with the State for feeding his prisoners and have inquired into the correctness of such accounts which have been made since the preceding session of the Grand Jury, and find the same to be in legal order and correct.

We have also examined the books and papers of the County Superintendent of Education and find the same to be correctly and accurately kept.

We have examined the fee book of the Probate Judge and have ascertained from such examination that only fees authorized by law have been received.

We have examined and inspected the County Jail as to the condition of the same in regard to its sufficiency for the safekeeping of the prisoners, their accomodations and health and inquired into the manner in which the same has been kept since the last session of the court and find that the same has been kept in its good condition as

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# Franklin Grand Jury Studies Burglary Wave

RUSSELLVILLE (Special)—The Franklin County grand jury went into special session this morning to consider a series of burglaries of a downtown business establishment.

A total of 18 persons have been arrested in connection with the series, which ended Saturday night when a night watchman captured three teenagers in the Dependable Service Center, on Jackson St.

Loot totaling approximately $2,500 has been recovered, some of it as far away as Booneville, Miss., and Decatur. An estimated $6,000 worth of merchandise was taken from the store in the burglaries, which have apparently been going on for some time.

Circuit Judge H. Neil Taylor charged the grand jury, recalled for special session Monday by Circuit Solicitor Bryce Graham and County Solicitor Harry Strange after the burglaries were revealed, to investigate the cases and the circumstances surrounding them, at 9 a.m. this morning.

As the panel went into session an hour later, the two solicitors, armed with a number of statements and evidence collected since the case broke, issued the following statement jointly.

"As far as we are concerned, each individual case will be presented on its merits. We realize that the conditions which exist or may exist are matters of great importance to the people of Russellville, and when we have presented all the facts that are available, the matter will be left in the hands of the grand jury for further action."

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# Water Problem Solution Near

Colbert Heights residents are in the final stages of solving their water problem, H. R. Harris, president of the Colbert Heights Water Works Co. said yesterday.

Water will be available for the entire community within the next six months, Mr. Harris said.

Lines are being laid now from the well to the Colbert Heights school by L. R. Faulkner and Son, and as soon as the lines are completed, individual homeowners can begin tying in, on a stock purchase plan.

Mr Harris predicted that the completion of the waterworks system, long a problem in the mountainous community, would cause rapid development of the area.

# Tension Heightens At Geneva

## Security, Unity Top Problems

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

GENEVA (AP)—The Western Powers have decided to offer firm security guarantees for Russia, Poland and Czechoslovakia against any future German aggression if Russia will agree to unification of Germany on Western terms.

The twin issues of European security and German unification top the problems up for action in the Big Four foreign ministers conference opening here today.

But looming before the foreign ministers—although not taken into account in preconference planning—was the fear that Middle East tensions would flare into full-scale shooting war.

New frontier clashes between Israel and Egypt have heightened these fears, as did recent shipments of Communist arms to Egypt from Czechoslovakia.

Officials in Washington today described the Middle East as the most critical theater in the cold war. State Department spokesman said they had new information that Soviet bloc sources have made several shipments to Egypt, a block supplying arms to Israeli forces.

Secretary of State Dulles, British Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan and French Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay were expected to protest to Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov about the arms being sent to Egypt since they deem the Russian government responsible.

Israeli Premier Moshe Sharett headed here from Paris to make his own protest to Molotov and press for Western arms and protection for Israel. He conferred in Paris yesterday with Dulles and Macmillan.

These two and Pinay were reported to have decided against rushing arms to Israel or formally guaranteeing its security at this time. They evidently hoped to redress the situation by other means.

The Western ministers have arranged to confer regularly among themselves in order to maintain the solid front they consider their greatest single source of strength in dealing with the Soviets.

The four ministers are meeting in the Council Room of the Palace of Nations, where the Big Four heads of government laid out general objectives at a summit conference three months ago.

It was that gathering of government heads which developed, particularly between President Eisenhower and Soviet Premier Bulganin, the cordial relations and declarations for peace which have come to be known the world over as the "spirit of Geneva."

Now Dulles, Macmillan, Pinay and Molotov are putting that spirit to the hard test of turning generalities into concrete accomplishments.

At the outset was the possibility of dispute on what to take up first. The heads of government assigned as the first topic "European security and Germany."

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# Middle East Critical Area Of Cold War

By JOHN SCALI

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top American officials said today the Middle East has become the most critical theater of the worldwide cold war.

These informants said Russia and its Communist allies undoubtedly plan to step up pressure in the months ahead, mainly by channeling weapons to Arab countries such as Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia. Also expected are new Soviet offers of economic aid.

Diplomatic officials said it was extremely unlikely the Soviets would heed Western plans to stop arms shipments to prevent a potentially disastrous Arab-Israeli arms race.

In fact, there was some evidence the Russians might be trying to foment trouble by spurring on both sides. The State Department said yesterday it had new information that "approaches have been made by Soviet bloc sources to Israeli representatives," apparently with the idea of supplying war gear to the Jewish state too.

The Western allies appear to have no concrete program for countering the Soviet moves. The State Department is reported to feel its main role—for the present, at least—is to watch developments carefully while urging all concerned to remain calm.

Some top U.S. officials, however, are known to believe such a hands-and-see policy will be insufficient to meet the Russian challenge. They believe urgent priority attention should be given to the Middle East, perhaps in the shape of stepped-up American aid to Arab nations for irrigation and other development projects.