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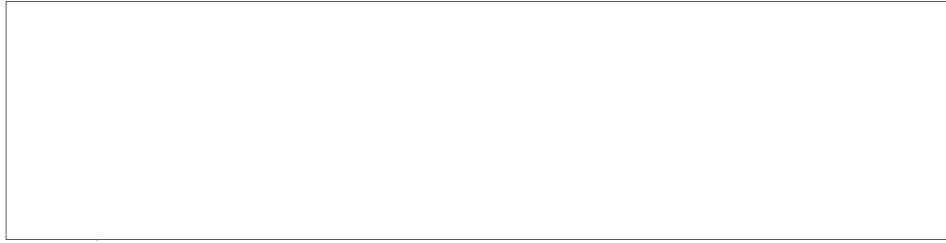
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1. NEHRU, NASR AND TITO REPORTEDLY PLAN TO MEET IN BELGRADE

Nehru, Nasr and Tito plan to meet in Belgrade in August to discuss the reduction of world tensions.

Such a meeting would arouse widespread interest throughout the world but have its most significant impact in Asia. The participants would have an opportunity to exchange views in the light of Tito's recent trip to Moscow and Nehru's experiences at the Commonwealth conference and elsewhere in the West.

Whether or not the meeting resulted in a new statement of common policy, it would almost certainly be widely interpreted in Asia and Africa as another sign that the lesser powers are becoming more important in world affairs. It would also encourage exponents of "neutralist" or "independent" foreign policies and possibly lead to greater co-operation in the currently loose grouping of "neutralist" states. The meeting would be unlikely, however, to result in any formal organization.

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**2. EGYPT REPORTED PLANNING PAN-ARAB OIL
WORKERS' UNION**

[redacted]
 [redacted] supplies, [redacted]

Egyptian labor officials are planning to form a general union of Arab oil workers in order to "cut the vital artery" of Britain's Middle East oil

The new union--negotiations for which [redacted] begun by an Egyptian labor mission to Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain in early April--is to maintain close contact with the Liberation Rally, the political group sponsored by the Nasr regime, and the Islamic Congress, of which Egyptian minister of state Anwar Sadat is the head. The formation of the new union has been approved by leading persons in all the countries concerned.

Comment

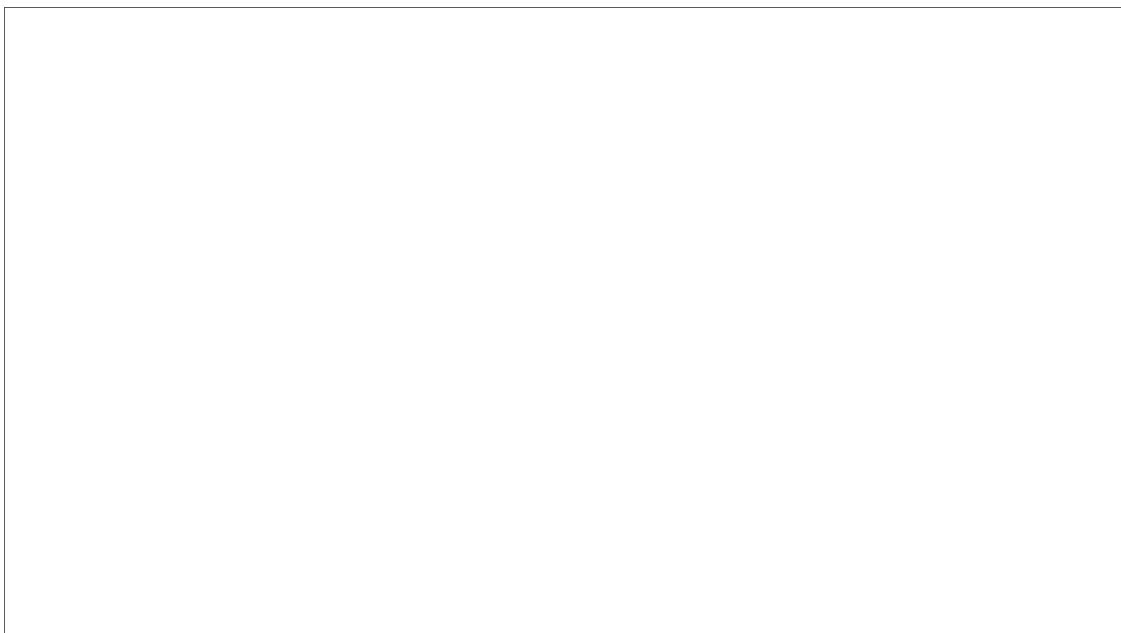
Instances of unrest among Arab oil workers in Syria and the Persian Gulf area have become more frequent in recent months, and exploitation of this situation would assist Egypt in reducing British influence in the Middle East.

An Arab oil workers' union presumably would be associated with an Arab Confederation of Labor, independent of both the pro-Western ICFTU and the Communist-front WFTU, which Cairo is sponsoring. It is likely to be some time, however, before this movement becomes an effective instrument of Egyptian policy.

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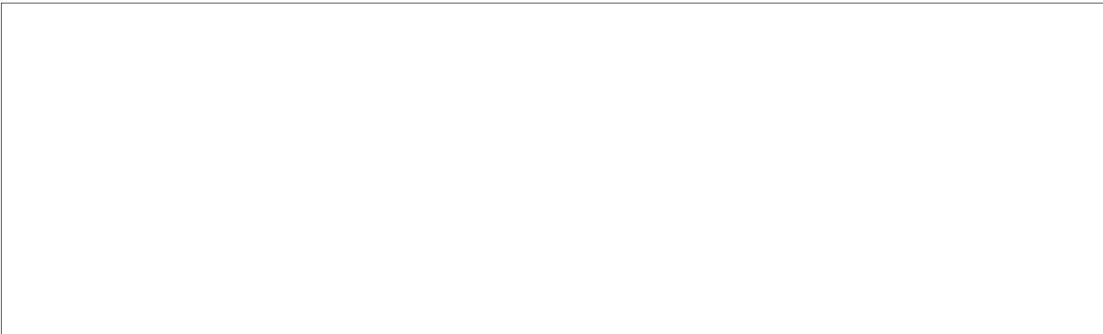
**3. LEBANON REPORTED UNDER PRESSURE TO ACCEPT
SOVIET ARMS OFFERS**



Comment

Although Chamoun is trying to impress the United States that action on Lebanese arms requests should be expedited at the "reduced or token" prices which Lebanon is seeking, he is certainly under pressure to "go along" with the other Arab states, since Lebanon alone among the Arab states bordering Israel has not accepted Egyptian leadership in military policy.

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FROM INDIA****Comment**

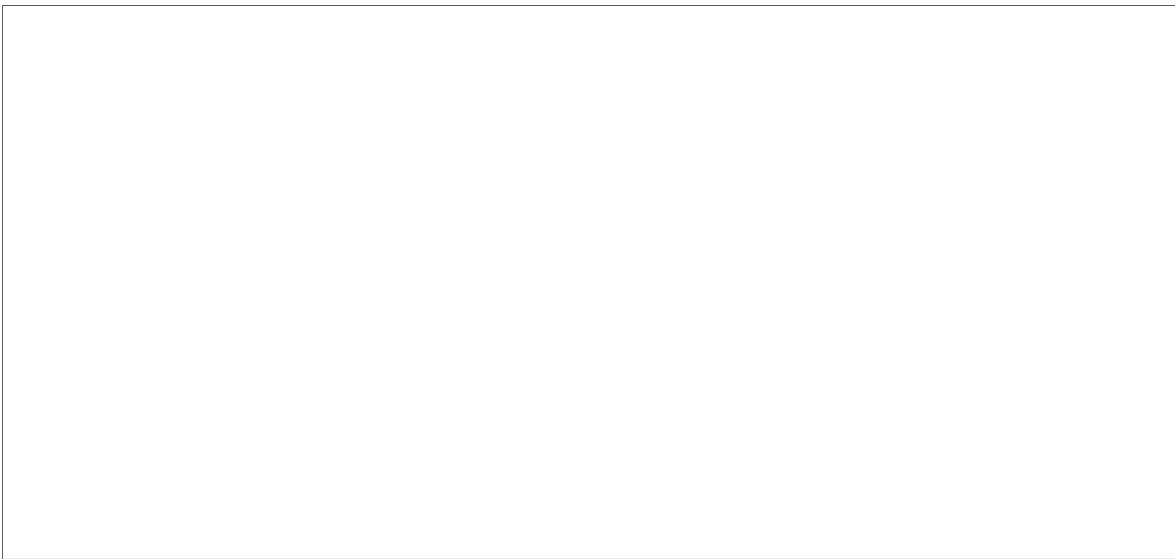
[redacted] Egypt has maintained its interest in Indian arms since the date of its first known purchase in October 1955.

India is apparently interested in continuing to use its surplus production of arms and ammunition as a means of extending its influence in the Near East and in North Africa, which is probably the ultimate destination for many of the arms. India is also counting on profits from such sales as a source of revenue for domestic economic development under its Five-Year Plan.

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5. MONGOLIA SEEKING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS



Comment At the last session of the General Assembly, the Chinese Nationalists argued against Outer Mongolia's admission on the basis of its nonparticipation in international affairs and lack of recognition by other nations.

This approach to the Burmese suggests there may be similar Outer Mongolian attempts to seek diplomatic recognition from other neutralist nations in the Near and Far East.

Last December India became the only non-Communist country to establish diplomatic relations with Outer Mongolia. Burma, which follows India's lead on many international questions, is likely to follow suit.

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THE ARAB-ISRAELI SITUATION
(Information as of 1700, 13 June)

Nothing of significance to report.

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**BIWEEKLY SUMMARY
1-13 June 1956**

THE TAIWAN STRAIT

**Report of the IAC Current Intelligence Group
for the Taiwan Strait Problem**

1. There was no significant combat activity during the period. [redacted]
2. Air photos of the past 10 days appear to confirm previous estimates that the 422-mile rail line from Yingtan to Amoy will be finished late this year. The line is now operational along a 165-mile stretch south of Yingtan. Additional bridges and tunnels are required along the southern half of the line. [redacted]
3. The Peiping Foreign Ministry on 12 June released a statement containing the texts of the most recent Chinese Communist and US drafts for a renunciation of force. The Chinese Communist statement seemed intended to increase pressure upon the US for a foreign ministers' meeting, but otherwise provided no clear indication concerning Chinese Communist intentions in regard to the Taiwan Strait. [redacted]

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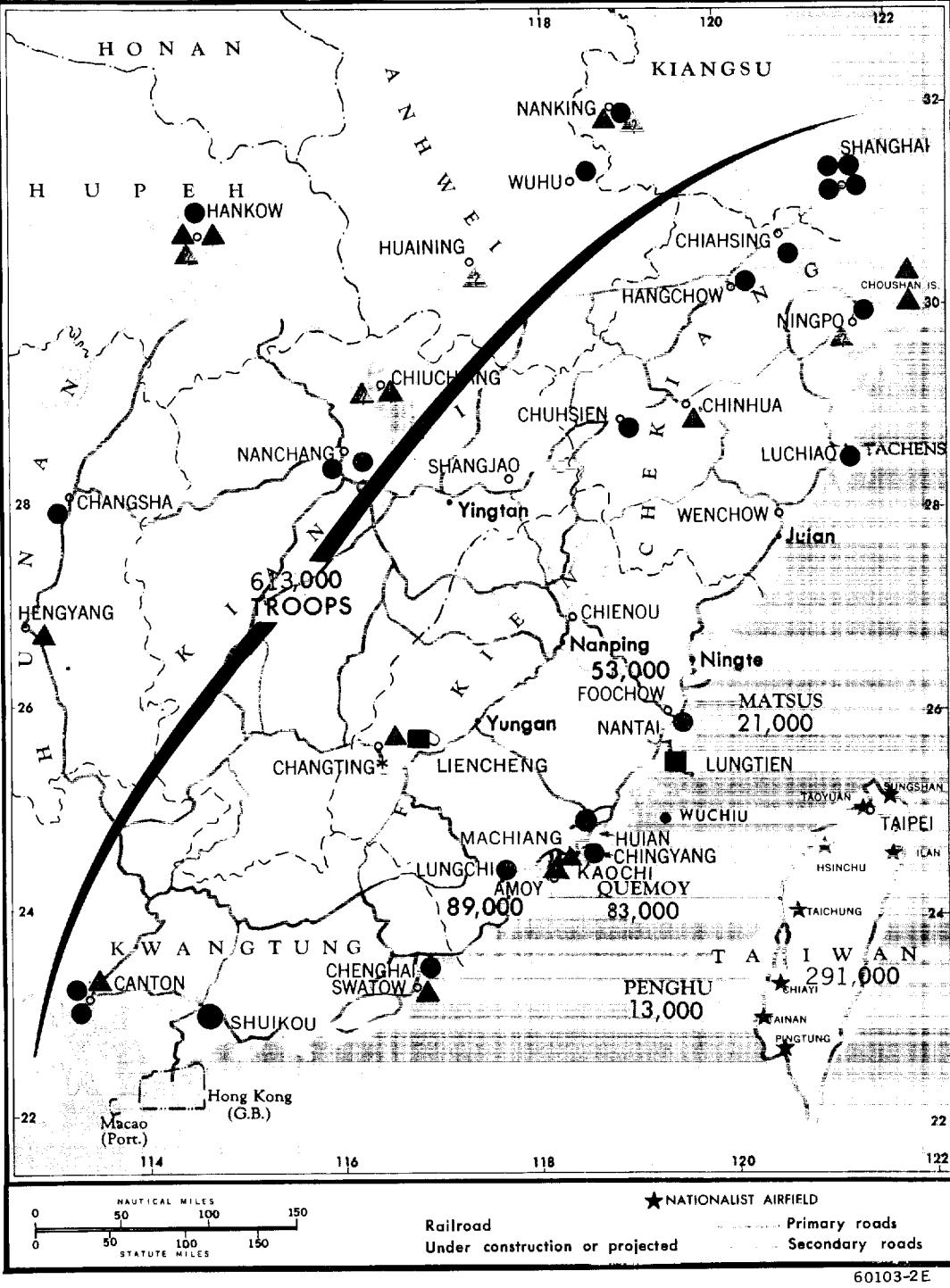
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TAIWAN STRAIT SITUATION
14 JUNE 1956

CHINESE COMMUNIST AIRFIELD LEGEND:

DESIGNATIONS	PRIMARY AIRFIELD CONSIDERED MOST IMPORTANT IN AREA WITH PREPARED RUNWAY GENERALLY 5000 FEET OR LONGER.	SECONDARY AIRFIELD AUXILIARY OR EMERGENCY BASES OR FIELDS OF LESSER IMPORTANCE. RUNWAYS GENERALLY LESS THAN 5000 FEET.	USABILITY			
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INACTIVE BASES CAPABLE OF USE BY AIRCRAFT	●	▲	SERVICEABLE			
CURRENT STATUS UNDETERMINED	●	▲	UNKNOWN			

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