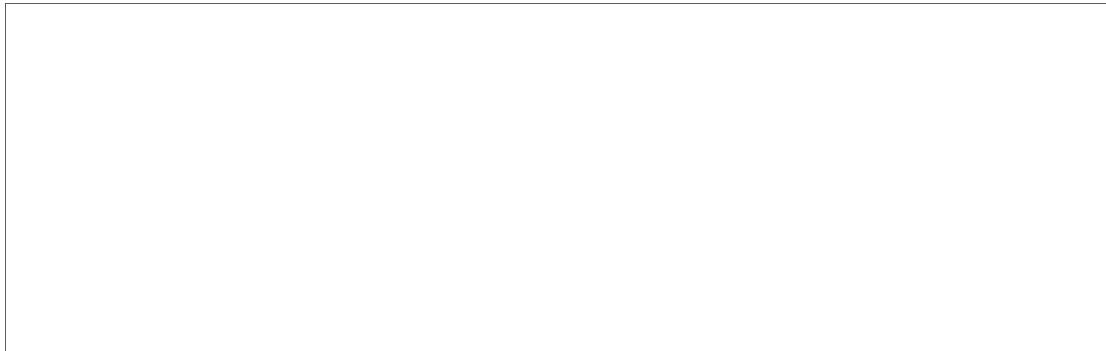


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## 1. EAST GERMANY REPORTEDLY CURTAILS TRAVEL TO BERLIN

Travel from East Germany to Berlin was subject to new limitations as of 24 October, [redacted]

[redacted] A zone has been set up within a radius of 50 miles from Berlin and tickets to localities within this blockaded area are to be issued only to holders of special permits.

The American mission in Berlin reported on 31 October that the number of refugees arriving in Berlin in the preceding week was only 3,839, or 1,113 less than the week before.

### Comment

The reported move, evidently aimed at curtailing the refugee flow to the West, may be a prelude to the long-expected formal establishment of East German armed forces after the foreign ministers' conference in Geneva.

The sharp decrease in the flow of refugees to West Berlin follows nine months of generally steady increases. Factors believed principally responsible for this refugee flow are the fear of conscription and mounting pessimism regarding German unification.

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## **2. ISRAEL MAY FAVOR SYRIAN ADHERENCE TO BAGHDAD PACT**

Israel would now like to see Syria join the Turkish-Iraqi pact,

Israel now feels the Baghdad pact is becoming "more Western" and "less Arab" and, therefore, the threat to Israel is decreasing.

the pact might be used as an instrument for dividing the Arab League.

**Comment** Israel initially strongly opposed the Turkish-Iraqi pact, signed on 24 February 1955, and said it was directed against Israel. In reappraising its approach to Middle Eastern problems, Israel is now apparently exploring ways and means of dividing the Arab world for its own protection.

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### 3. PINAY SEES NO OBSTACLE TO BEN YOUSSEF'S RETURN TO MOROCCAN THRONE

French foreign minister Pinay is now willing to have former sultan Mohamed ben Youssef return to the Moroccan throne. He said on 30

October he hoped to negotiate a new treaty with the Moroccans in time to permit withdrawal of recent troop reinforcements before the French elections.

Pinay said he believes strongly in the necessity for a real rapprochement between France and Spain. If Spain showed a conciliatory attitude toward France, he would be willing to go to Madrid to try to settle outstanding French-Spanish questions with Franco.

#### Comment

Faced with Moroccan unanimity on the throne issue, the French government has taken several positive steps to appease the nationalists, probably largely because Premier Faure considers national elections imminent. If a new treaty with Morocco enables him to bring the reservists home, public resentment over their transfer to North Africa would be mollified before the elections.

There are indications that Madrid, despite its proclaimed support of Ben Youssef, does not want his immediate return to the throne. Spain appears more intent on posing as champion of the Arab world against the West than on improving its relations with France. A workable agreement between the French and Ben Youssef would threaten such a role and also exert pressure on Madrid to match reforms in French Morocco with similar action in the Spanish zone.

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#### 4. COMMUNISTS IN JORDAN EXPLOITING EGYPTIAN-SOVIET BLOC ARMS DEAL

The Jordan Communist Party is winning public support as a result of the Soviet bloc's arms agreement with Egypt,

party members have been called to Amman for the opening of parliament and the 3 November visit of President Bayar of Turkey, presumably in order to foster demonstrations.

##### Comment

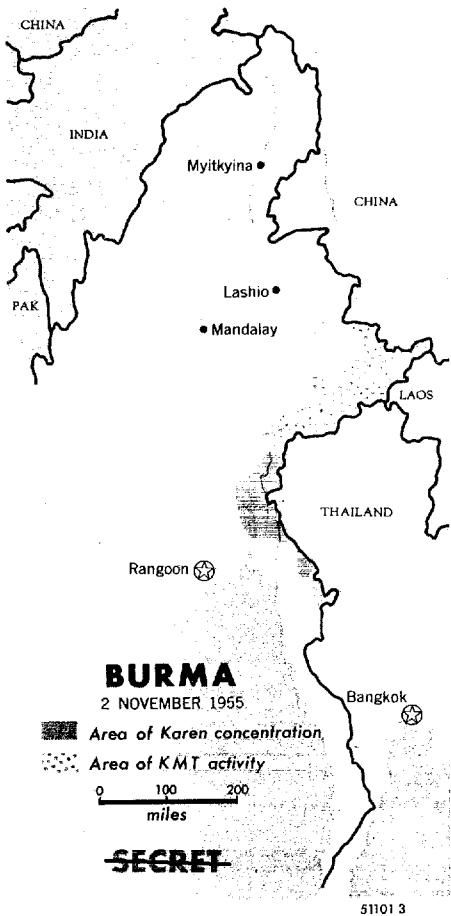
The press and public opinion in Jordan have generally approved of Egypt's arms deal with the Soviet bloc. The Communists, the best-organized political group in Jordan, even though they number only a few thousand, can probably mobilize widespread support for Jordanian action to obtain Soviet arms, either directly or through Egypt. They will also try to block Turkish efforts to secure Jordan's adherence to the Baghdad pact.

King Hussain is probably already under Saudi pressure to abandon his position of neutrality between Turkey and Iraq on the one hand, and Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia on the other. He cannot rely on strong pro-Western support in his government. Public demand abetted by the Communists could push him closer to the Egyptian alignment.

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**5. CHINESE NATIONALIST GUERRILLAS MAY BE JOINING  
BURMESE INSURGENTS**

[redacted] permission had been granted for the southward movement of 2,000 Nationalist guerrilla troops into Karen and Mon territory.



**Comment** A movement of 2,000 guerrillas would involve approximately half of the Nationalists estimated still in Burma. Such a reinforcement of the Karens would not strengthen them enough to threaten the Rangoon government. The Burmese government would undoubtedly hold the United States responsible for its increased difficulties with the insurgents, arguing that they could only be maintained in strength by aid from Thailand and Formosa, which Burmese officials regard as under American guidance.

Although Taipei has formally disavowed the Nationalist irregulars in Burma,

[redacted] during the past few weeks revealing the close collaboration of both Bangkok and Taipei with the insurgents.