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SOVIET UNION

1. Eastward expansion of Soviet Far Eastern security patrols noted:

[redacted] a gradual eastward movement of Soviet Far Eastern security patrols since 1948. In that year, Sakhalin Island District Command moved from Nikolaevsk on the mainland to Ulegorsk in the southern half of Sakhalin and was given jurisdiction over the southern Kuriles Islands.

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A gradual reduction in the number of radio stations on the northern half of Sakhalin in 1950 was followed by an increase in the southern half. During the period 1949 to 1952 the number of guard posts and patrol vessels in the Kuriles rose, with the greatest number of patrol vessel operations throughout the Far East noted at the start of the 1952 navigational season. (See map on page 4)

FAR EAST

2. Peiping seeks East German aid to establish a synthetic petroleum plant:

The Chinese Communist Trade Mission in Berlin [redacted] requested the East German regime in early May to expedite technical assistance in establishing a

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plant for manufacturing petroleum products from coal. Blueprints for the plant are now being drawn up in East Germany.

Comment: [redacted]

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Peiping and Berlin have referred frequently to negotiations for the purchase of a synthetic petroleum plant from East Germany. The Chinese seem to be negotiating for a plant capable of producing 150,000 tons of petroleum products annually. This will expand their production by about 50 percent.

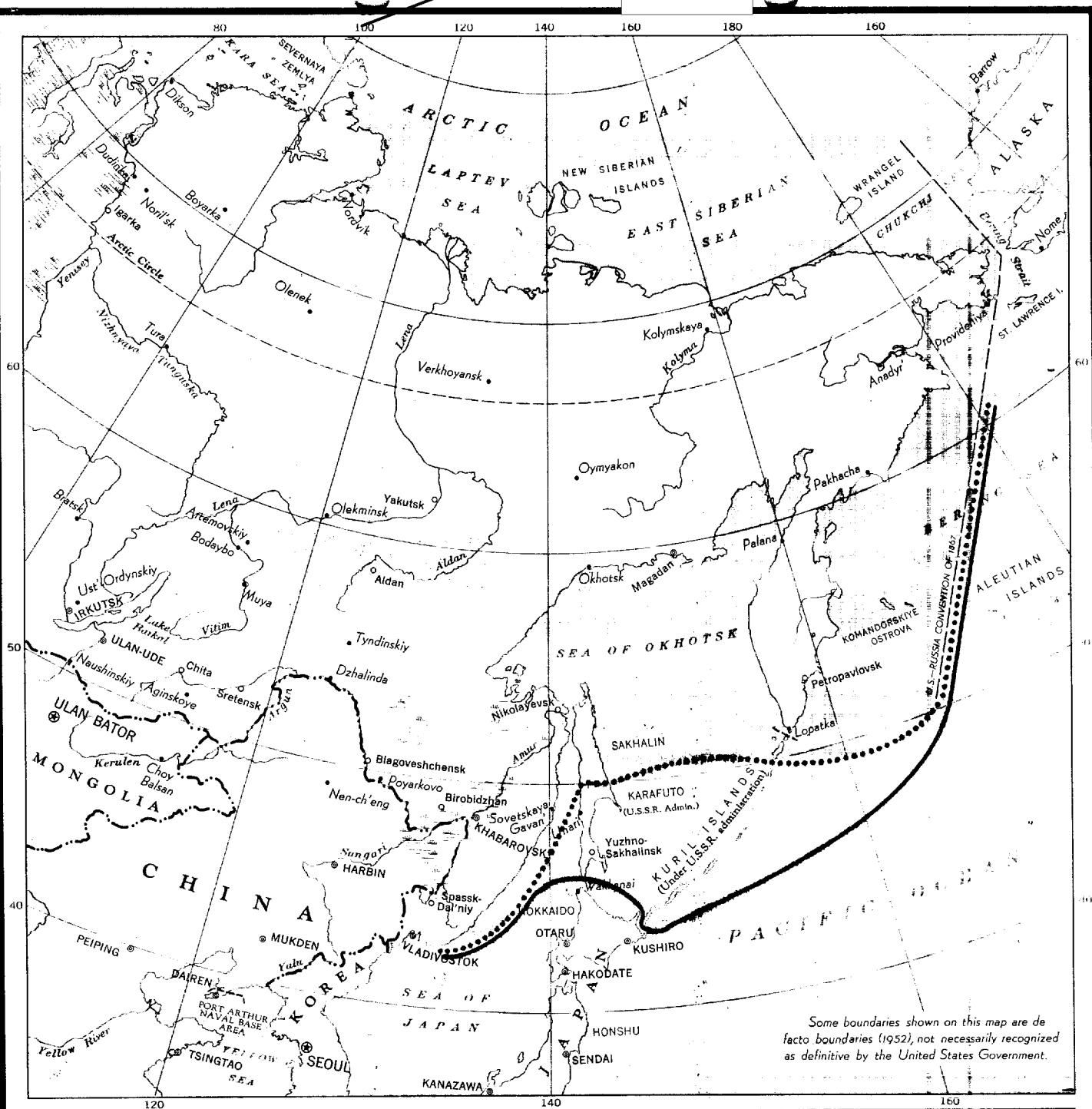
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SOVIET FAR EAST**EASTWARD EXPANSION OF SOVIET FAR EASTERN SECURITY PATROLS****..... MGB Frontier Troops prior to 1948****— MGB Frontier Troops at present****— International boundary****⊕ National capital**

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3. Large rubber shipment from Indonesia offered to Communist China:

An offer of 20,000 tons of rubber was transmitted during May

Half of the rubber was to be shipped within 45 days after the opening of the letter of credit; the remainder was to be delivered 45 days after the first shipment. The Indonesians agreed to a barter ratio of one ton of rubber for ten tons of rice.

Comment: The amount offered exceeds all Communist Chinese foreign rubber purchases since the first of the year.

same barter arrangement also offered a guarantee of the shipment "by the Indonesian Government." This guarantee was made despite Indonesia's promise to honor the UN-sponsored embargo on strategic materials to China.

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4. Pakistani interest in the Middle East Command reported:

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Comment: Pakistani officials have in the past displayed an interest in joining a Middle East defense organization. They have stated, however, that participation in such an organization would depend upon prior solution of the Kashmir question which at present engages the full attention of Pakistan's armed forces.

NEAR EAST - AFRICA

5. Eden fears consequences of Egyptian cabinet difficulties:

[redacted] Great Britain is seeking American support to prevent elimination of "the only sound elements in Egyptian political life" in Cairo's current cabinet shifts. Foreign Secretary Eden apparently fears a return to power of the corrupt palace elements and the Wafd party.

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A high British official has stated that he regards the government crisis as a triumph for individuals with close Wafd ties. He feels that Hilali fell primarily because of his efforts to purge such elements, and secondarily because of his failure to reach agreement with a Sudanese delegation which recently visited Egypt.

Comment: At least one corrupt palace favorite, a man who was allegedly influential in undermining the position of ex-Premier Hilali, is in the new cabinet announced as formed on 2 July.

The Sirry cabinet includes only one hold-over from the relatively capable and friendly Hilali government. Ambassador Caffery reports from Cairo that Sirry experienced difficulty in attracting responsible men into what they consider merely a temporary "caretaker" government.

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6. East German paramilitary demonstration reportedly scheduled for 11 July:

Units of all East German paramilitary organizations, with the latest equipment including tanks, are reportedly scheduled to march in East Berlin on 11 July, the last day of the Socialist Unity Party conference. Representatives of the party and contingents of the East German Youth Organization will also participate in the parade.

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