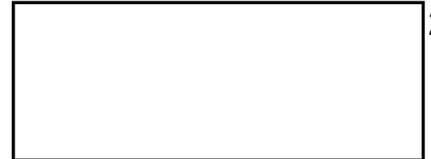


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1. PRAVDA WARNS AGAINST USE OF FORCE IN EGYPT

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A sober but qualified warning to Britain and France against the use of force in Egypt was contained in a Pravda article on 8 September by V. Kuznetsov--presumably Vassili V. Kuznetsov, Soviet deputy foreign minister. Kuznetsov stated that a localized conflict "could at any moment assume the proportions of a major war" which could "possibly" expand beyond the Near and Middle East. "One must say straightforwardly," he continued, "that such a situation would mean a blow to Britain and France and would be pregnant with serious consequences for them." Kuznetsov added that, "In their struggle against the machinations of the imperialist forces, the people of Egypt and the Arab countries are not alone."

While other Soviet spokesmen--including Shepilov and Khrushchev--have made similar statements, the timing of the article and the stature of its author were intended by Moscow to give it additional weight. This suggests that the USSR has become more concerned over the threat of British and French military action and its apparent inability to exercise control over the situation through Nasr.



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the government is expected to maintain control of the situation, despite considerable disagreement within the ruling group.

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Plotting and discontent have been chronic since the overthrow of Peron in the revolt of 16-19 September 1955. The abortive Peronist-nationalist uprising in June of this year underscored this discontent. There may be disturbances before or during the anniversary of Peron's ouster, but the government can probably keep such disturbances from getting out of hand.

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