

Depressing Wave Of 'Next War' Jitters Gripping Europe

AFGHANS BALKING REDS' EXPANSION

Upset Timetable of Communism in Effort to Survive as Free, Independent State.

(Last of a Series)

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NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—One of the hardest blows struck against Communist Russian expansion in the Middle East was engineered by the Afghans. Although the two nations have a long border in common along the banks of the Oxus river the Afghans turned their backs to the Soviets when they embarked on a program of modernization, and asked the United States to play godfather for their young nation.

The war was still on and the Reds were busy on several fronts, both military and political, when the Afghan administration decided to start an extensive program of road building, industrial expansion and erection of hydro-electric plants. American firms were asked to bid and the Morrison-Knudsen engineering firm won a large project.

The Soviets were enraged to learn that a neighbor state, one which they hope to dominate, had turned to a democracy for aid.

Ask U. S. for Teachers

Afghanistan also has asked the U. S. for teachers, physicians, sanitation engineers and experts. The picture in this Middle Eastern nation is reflected throughout the Arab world. Fed up with the British and fearing the encroachment of Russia, these nations see in the United States their one hope of survival as free, independent states.

Russian methods are shrewd. Nowhere outside of northern Iran do the Russians themselves make an appearance. Instead they work through Moslem or Kurdish agents whose homes were in the Soviet republics fronting on the Caspian Sea or the borders of Turkey and Afghanistan.

These men drift into the oil fields of Bahrain and Mesul and spread the tenets of communism. They have had less success in the American concession areas than elsewhere. It is difficult to convince an Iraqi or a Saudi-Arabian that he is oppressed in his home town boasts electric lights, hospitals, schools, water systems and higher pay than any other town in the vicinity.

Disease Cleaned Out

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