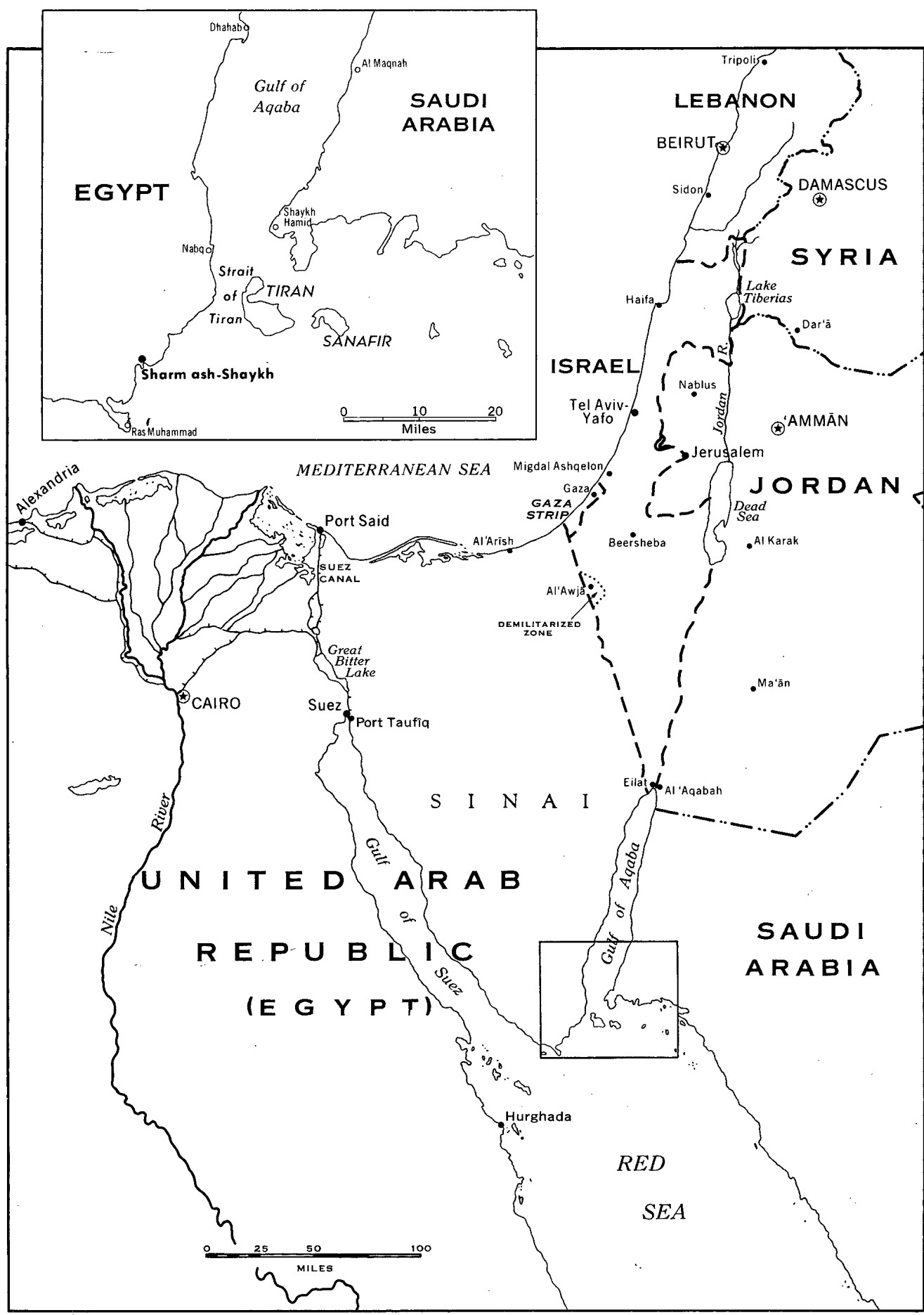


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1. Arab States -
Israel
(As of 5:30 AM EDT)

The first test of Nasir's ban on shipment of strategic materiel to Israel could occur sometime today.

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Moscow's treatment of the crisis was in low key yesterday with little commentary on the news. Other Arab states continue to express their support for Nasir.

At Annex today we briefly discuss the impact of Nasir's brinkmanship on the moderate Arab states.

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2. Vietnam

Evidence of large-scale infiltration by regular North Vietnamese Army infantry units into South Vietnam continues to accumulate. This activity, reminiscent of the heavy infiltration during the first half of 1966, extends from the Demilitarized Zone to the central highlands.



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3. Hong Kong

Britain's unyielding stand may be paying off--at least some of the Colony's top Communists seem to be developing sympathy of uncertainty.



If Peking is a reluctant dragon, however, it does not show in the actions of the Chinese regime. The mainland press continues to fulminate with outright lies and gross distortions of the truth--one Chinese broadcast claimed over 200 had been killed or wounded by Hong Kong police. Yesterday two British diplomats were kicked and smeared with glue as they left Shanghai on Chinese orders.

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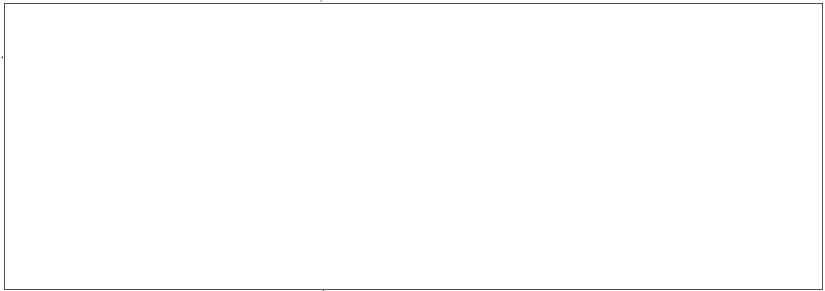


The Hong Kong scene is relatively calm at the moment.



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4. Yemen



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5. Common Market

Heads of the six Common Market governments meet in Rome Monday for their first summit session since 1961. The Dutch are aiming for a Five-Against-France club to push for early negotiations on Wilson's application. Specifically, there will be an effort to get De Gaulle to agree that when the Community's Council meets on 5 and 6 June, the Council begin preparing for talks with the British.

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ANNEX

Impact of Nasir's Actions on the Moderate Arab States

Nasir's stock has soared among the street Arabs of the Middle East--and he has forced the more moderate Arab regimes into a Hobson's choice.

Jordan, for example, can either support Nasir or face the charges of collaboration with imperialism that could topple King Husayn.

Un-
less Jordan gives full support to Egypt--and at present Jordan's response is lukewarm--Nasir will make life unpleasant indeed. And Husayn knows it.

Like Jordan, Saudi Arabia is vulnerable to the charge of not going all out for Nasir in this crisis.

The Kuwaitis have already threatened to cut off oil to the West, the Iraqis are in close collaboration with Cairo in mobilization planning, and the Lebanese are making a show of partial mobilization while hoping that no confrontation will occur.

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