

ISRAELI ARMY ON GREEN ALERT

Nov. 12 (IPS)--The Jerusalem Post reported that the Israeli Army is presently on Green alert, two steps below full war mobilization. With Israel's economy stripped to accommodate the cost of its arms build-up, which includes nuclear weapons, the Israelis are now prepared to push the button. The only consideration now is the timing.

JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT SEES INCREASING THREAT OF WAR

Nov. 12 (IPS)--A spokesman for the Jordanian government today confirmed the Labor Committees' warning of a possible pre-emptive strike by Israel. "The possibility of war has always been there and has been increasing," he stated. He corroborated the urgency of the situation by agreeing that Israel could strike within 48 hours. The spokesman did not deny the fact that Israel possesses nuclear weapons and would not hesitate to use them.

TITO WARNS OF PRE-EMPTIVE ISRAELI STRIKE

Nov. 13 (IPS)--The Soviet News Agency Tass reported yesterday that Yugoslav President Tito has sent a message to Egyptian president Anwar Al-Sadat warning him of "an imminent Israeli pre-emptive strike" against an Arab country. The Washington Post today reported that the Egyptian government had sent a complaint to the United Nations concerning recent large Israeli troop movements.

U.S. NAVY AUGMENTS MIDEAST FORCES

Nov. 12 (IPS)--Three American destroyers and the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Constellation have been recently dispatched from the East China Sea to the Indian Ocean. According to an official of the Department of Defense, these ships "will augment Mideast forces."

It was also reported that Assistant Secretary of Defense Ellsworth is visiting Saudi Arabia and Jordan. The Defense Department declined to state the nature of his trip officially, but admitted that past visits have been arms-peddling missions.