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### INDIA IS WATCHING KASHMIR'S BORDER

Proximity of Russia Adds an  
Additional Uneasy Element  
to Problem of Frontier

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NEW DELHI, India, Nov. 16.—Part of India's interest in Kashmir, the northwestern, princely State and famous natural wonderland where Indian Army troops have been fighting invading tribesmen, lies in the understanding here that the state has a common frontier with the Soviet Union for a few miles.

This is an undemarcated border of doubtful location in wild tribal country, much of which is above the clouds. The best maps show that a finger of China's Sinkiang Province intervenes between Kashmir and Soviet territory, but the Indian Government understands on the basis of travelers' reports that Russian control begins where one leaves Kashmir in the High Pamirs, on the "Roof of the World."

With the withdrawal of the British, the whole area on India's side of the border has been left uncontrolled, "in a vacuum," as a high official of India's External Affairs Department put it. There is, in fact, a large-scale tribal war reportedly going on there now, but because of the inaccessibility of the region during winter it is not likely that there will be dependable news from there until spring. While the Himalayan snows are falling, an expedition by the Indian Government is out of the question, and meanwhile the petty mountain princes may war to their hearts' content.

**Question Is Academic**

It is generally believed in Indian Government circles that there is a twenty-mile gap between the borders of Afghanistan and China, and that here India—that is, Kashmir—touches the U.S.S.R. Some unofficial maps show it that way. In a sense the question is academic, because this area is said to consist of impassable mountains of Himalayan heights. Regardless of borders, Russia's access to India must be through Afghanistan, or China. Kashmir also has direct frontiers with Tibet and Pakistan.

There are persistent rumors of Soviet activity in Afghanistan, and the fact of Russian influence amounting virtually to full political control in western Sinkiang (Chinese Turkistan) is generally accepted here. Penetration of Russian propaganda into Gilgit, in northwestern Kashmir, and Ladakh, the northeastern province of Kashmir, has been reported by travelers recently in those areas.

Travelers confirm that the first authority one encounters on trekking northward out of Kashmir is Russian. A member of the Indian Government Political Department declared on returning from Gilgit last year that the area in question



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B. Leontiev, author of the article, said the session, thanks to the Soviet Union, "failed to bring success to those states endeavoring to transform the United Nations into an instrument for their hegemony over the world."

He declared the meeting "revealed the dangerous tendencies in the foreign policy of the United States." However, he continued, "it showed American reactionaries they would not succeed without punishment in breaking up the United Nations or subject it to their control."

When British paramountcy lapsed on Aug. 15, Gilgit reverted to Kashmir. The former control was not effectively replaced, and one Kashmir feudatory state, Chitral, shortly acceded to Pakistan.

Chitral, Nagir, Hunza, and the other petty feudatories have always been troublesome elements often fighting each other as well as the British. This winter they are isolated politically, and with the help of the Wall of Swat they are said to be having a high time raiding and looting in Gilgit.

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