

# Jackson speaks on Mid East

A member of the British House of Commons who has taught at the University spoke on the Middle East crisis Wednesday in the Union.

Colin Jackson, who is also a commentator for the British Broadcasting Company, first visited Nebraska in 1952. He estimated that he has returned "about 15 times." One of these occasions was in 1955 as a visiting professor in international relations.

Jackson claimed the Middle

East situation is a crisis "greater than Vietnam." The United States is ending the Vietnam conflict, he added, but the Middle East is an erratic and dangerous situation which "could spiral out of control."

Nasser's death and dreary conditions in Egypt were two factors which he cited as intensifying the problem. Jackson said Nasser was tired, diabetic and ill and he "was not surprised he died." Jackson paid the Egyptian leader an

informal visit shortly before his death and was one of the last to see him alive.

"Egypt is unstable." He noted the country has a rapidly growing population that is becoming crowded on Egypt's poor land. Their major source of revenue, the Canal, is closed and no tourists bring in money now.

Jackson feels the death of Nasser may be a blow to chances of peaceful settlement in the region. He said Nasser was tired of war. According to the speaker personal sources have told him that Nasser had said he would accept the peace plan offered by Secretary of State Rogers.

Jackson said he claims almost every leader in the Middle East as a friend. He first went to the region as a British soldier almost 25 years ago when it was still called Palestine.

He said young Arabs could be a "source of danger" because they are pro-Palestinian. The Red Chinese would also, Jackson believes, like to see continued conflict in the Middle East because they would benefit in comparison to the United States and Russia.



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