

Surprise Move

U. S. Proposes U. N. Control Of Former Jap Mandated Isles

The United States is preparing a detailed plan for United Nations control of the former Japanese-mandated islands, now in American possession, to submit to the General Assembly next month when it considers organization of the trusteeship council, it was learned yesterday.

This surprise move is expected to force early creation of the council, the only major organ authorized under the United Nations Charter which has not yet been set up.

The islands, including the Marianas, Carolinas and Marshalls, with a population of 65,000, however, will be submitted for United

Nations supervision on America's own terms. A rejection of these terms would be tantamount to withholding the trusteeship proposal.

Under the proposal, a limited number of areas will be marked off as "strategic." The United Nations would be barred from inspecting these districts. They would contain military and naval bases considered vital to the security of the United States.

Officials in the State, War, Navy and Interior Departments are working jointly on a speeded up program to complete the Pacific islands plan in time for the

scheduled discussion of formation of the trusteeship council.

A four-member cabinet committee yesterday postponed indefinitely the question of whether civilian or military rule should be established on the islands. A civilian administration, it was felt, might leave the impression that the United States had determined to maintain permanent sovereignty over the islands. Such an impression might jeopardize United Nations approval of the American trusteeship formula.

The action was taken after J. A. Krug, Secretary of the Interior reversed his department's policy by complying with a State, War and Navy Department suggestion that decision be withheld until final disposition of the islands is considered.

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