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CAIRO, Egypt, May 16—The United States Embassy said today that the Egyptian Air Force had seized four C-47 transport planes that the Trans World Airline had agreed previously to sell to Saudi Arabia.

United States Ambassador S. Pinkney Tuck asked Premier Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashy Pasha to review the action. Egypt had offered to buy six planes but Saudi Arabia submitted a higher figure, United States sources said. Two C-47's have already been delivered to Saudi Arabia.

A decree signed by the Defense Minister and approved by the Premier authorized their seizure.

The Egyptian Government also has decided to confiscate weapons and ammunition discovered aboard the Belgian ship Henten at Alexandria. Mahmoud Hassan Pasha, Minister of State, said the ship's papers proved the arms were destined for Zionists and that international law permitted seizure under such circumstances.

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