

Egyptian Villagers Never Had It So Good As Now, With U. S. Point-4 Plan

ABIS VILLAGE, Egypt—Mohamed Hassan formerly lived in an overcrowded village where he had to rent his land and a mud hut.



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He, his wife, his children and his water buffalo shared the combined dining room and kitchen. The family drank water from an irrigation canal. There was no school in the village.

At the end of the year, Mohamed rarely realized more than \$5 net cash for his work.

Mohamed now lives in a two-story brick house in this modern village in a 24,000-acre land reclamation project in the Nile delta. The water buffalo has a separate room with a private entrance. A faucet in the street provides clean water. His children attend a modern school. There is even a bathroom in Mohamed's house.

Social workers expected to find Mohamed happy, but he told a different story.

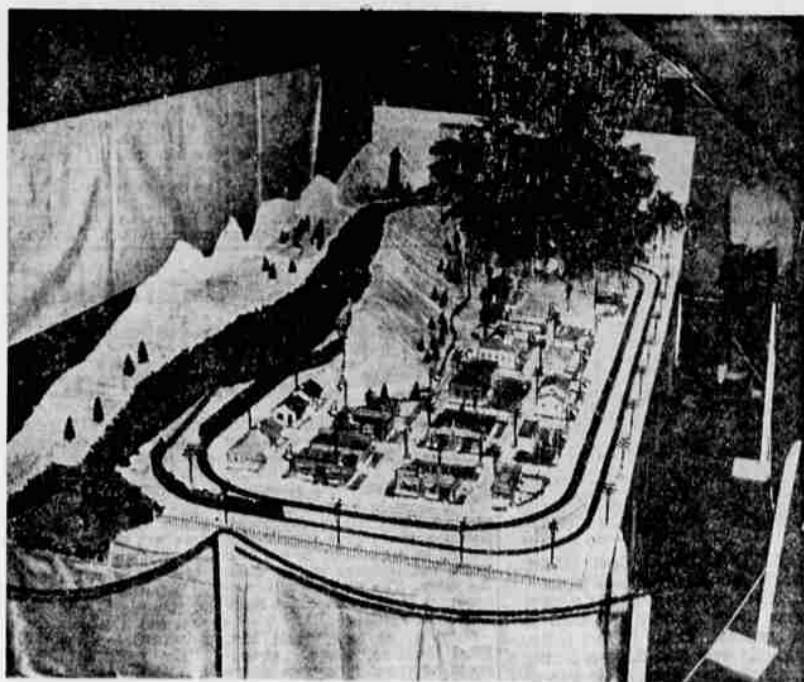
For one thing, he didn't like the two-story house. His bedroom is on the second story, and for safety he would prefer sleeping on the same floor as the buffalo.

And he doesn't like the government telling him when to plant his crops, and where to plant them.

But if he gave up his place in this village, there are thousands waiting to take it. Despite what he says, Mohamed Hassan never had it so good. He is one of the first 84 families to move into Abis Village, where Egypt and U. S. Point Four are cooperating on a 24,000-acre of land from the sea.

After land is drained, experimental crops are grown on it for two years. Then it is broken into farms of five acres each and distributed to peasants.

A clean new village of brick and concrete houses will be built in each section of the project. Abis was the first. Each village will



CHRISTMAS SHOWPLACE—One of the interesting spots in Roseburg this Christmas season is the lobby of the Hotel Grand where a miniature village, complete with two-speeding trains, is now on display. The exhibit was built by A. L. (Shorty) Bray, a maintenance man at the hotel, at a cost of about \$400. It took him about nine months to build. "It kept me out of mischief," he said. Although he has been building these miniature towns all his life, this is the most elaborate. It contains a complete village, a running waterfall and a canyon. Bray says the display contains about 500 feet of wiring to move the trains and light up the village, down to the individual houses. Bray says he has been building villages such as this for years because his doctor told him he should always be doing something to carry off his nervous energy. (Paul Jenkins picture).

American Planes Establish Link From Antarctic

AUCKLAND, New Zealand—Four American planes landed safely at McMurdo Sound Tuesday and established the first air link between New Zealand and Antarctica, reports relayed here said. It was a 2,300-mile nonstop flight from New Zealand's south island.

Mt. Erebus, an active volcano towering 13,900 feet above the landing strip, provided a guiding beacon on the last stages of the flight. Two Neptunes arrived first and then two Skymasters on McMurdo Sound, a channel between Ross Island and Victoria Land on the Antarctic continent.

The flight is part of an American expedition headed by Adm. Richard E. Byrd.

Four other planes attempting to hop were forced back by strong headwinds. All landed safely near Dunedin.

The strong winds cut the fuel reserve of all four to the danger point.

Each plane has its own school, social center, shops, and clinic.

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All eight planes took off today after Rear Adm. George J. Dufek, leader of the advance party, reported weather prospects excellent and the Ross Sea landing strip ready.

Because there are no landing points between New Zealand and the Ross Sea, seven ships were spaced 250 miles apart along the flight route to assist the planes.

Formosa Straits Situation Stable, Says Sec. Thomas

TOKYO—Navy Secretary Thomas said Tuesday he considers the situation in the Formosa Straits as "very stable," notwithstanding a buildup of Chinese Communist naval forces there.

Thomas, on an inspection tour of U. S. Far East Naval installations, told a news conference the buildup included submarines but this did not necessarily have any special significance.

Vice Adm. William M. Callaghan, U. S. Far East Naval commander, interposed that the increase in the Chinese Red fleet was "modest—mostly boats of small, surface type."

Of the U. S. 7th Fleet, standing guard in the Formosa Straits, Thomas said:

"The Navy feels the 7th Fleet is adequate to carry out any mission that is assigned to it."

On other subjects Thomas said:

1. The Navy would ask Congress to authorize its first atom powered surface ship in the next budget, and more atomic submarines in addition to the six now either built or under way.

2. "You will see an atom powered aircraft carrier soon," but the first atom surface ship will not be a carrier. He did not elaborate.

3. "The weather here where winter fogs usually are scouting by—leaving a rime of ice on every exposed surface. The mountain top is covered with 12 inches of snow."

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Temperature Hits 33 Below Zero On Icy Island

MT. WASHINGTON N. Y.—So you think it is cold?

Well, it is comparatively tropical where you are—compared with this polar island which lifts its head above New England.

It was 33 degrees below zero here at 7 a. m. Tuesday, and the wind, out of the northwest, was 74 m.p.h.—and that's 3 m.p.h. higher than a hurricane.

The weather observatory here rang up gusts through the night and early morning hours up to 96 m.p.h., but even those fell short of the 101 m.p.h. reading at 10:40 p. m. Monday night.

Visibility was good, 50 miles, which is unusual here where winter fogs usually are scouting by—leaving a rime of ice on every exposed surface. The mountain top is covered with 12 inches of snow.

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Ottawa City Council Approves Floridation

OTTAWA—A City Council meeting Monday night approved fluoridation of the Canadian capital's water supply.

Officials said necessary machinery could not be installed and the chemicals obtained before some time in 1957.

LUMBERMAN DIES

EUGENE—Funeral services will be held her Wednesday for Frank A. Tripp, 76, who died at his home here Sunday.

Tripp came to Eugene in 1903 and was active in the lumber industry for more than 50 years. He was one of three founders of the Mt. June Forest Products Co. Two years ago he sold out his interest.

Teenage Driving Improves Under State's Crusade

Safe-Teen, the teenage safe-driving crusade was one year old Saturday, December 17.

One year ago the movement amongst teen drivers to prove to their elders they are not all squirrely drivers was born among 100 Beaverton Union high school students. Today more than 20,000 drivers in the under-age insurance bracket from 42 states and three foreign countries advertise they are safe drivers every time they get behind the wheel. The orange and black "Safe-Teen" bumper strip on their cars is their label.

In Beaverton last week Judge Frances Cook, justice of the peace and founder of the crusade, reports not one member has been involved in a fatal auto accident. In her own traffic court teenage violations are down 68 per cent. Judges in the 60 Oregon communities that

boast Safe-Teen chapters report similar teen violation reductions, she says.

All a teenage driver needs to join Safe-Teen is a driver's license and a safety equipment check of the auto he drives. The bumper strip and membership card are furnished to them free in Oregon. These costs are underwritten by the Oregon Association of Insurance Agents.

Ex-Governor's Name Linked With Teacher

OKLAHOMA CITY—The divorce case of former Gov. Johnston Murray became engrossed in personalities yesterday with the statement in a District Court deposition that there was another woman in Murray's life.

Highway Patrolman Jim Garibaldi identified Mrs. Helen Shutt, former member of the University of Tulsa faculty, as Murray's companion on numerous occasions. The trooper, who acted as official driver and aide to Murray during his four years as governor, testified at the deposition hearing.

Garibaldi was questioned for two hours by State Sen. George Miskovsky, attorney for Mrs. Willie Murray. She is contesting Murray's application for divorce and seeks separate maintenance on grounds that include public drunkenness and adultery.

The trooper was a reluctant witness who was subpoenaed for the deposition. He said he had told Mrs. Murray he didn't want to be questioned but that she insisted.

Garibaldi told of one instance where Mrs. Shutt drove up from Dallas to meet Murray at an Ardmore hotel. He also testified that on several occasions he and the former governor drove to McAlester, checked into a hotel, then flew to Dallas where Murray was met at the airport by Mrs. Shutt. Murray succeeded as governor last January and is now a vice president for a Texas oil firm. He was not immediately available for comment.

Japan Barring Teachers Shorter Than Five Feet

TOKYO—A controversy is swirling above the heads of Tokyo's women schoolteachers—in some cases several inches above. The Metropolitan Board of Education started it by barring teachers shorter than five feet.

The ban goes into effect next school year, but not without howls of anguish from tiny teachers, the major newspapers, students in teachers' schools and one woman Diet Parliament member, herself a former Tokyo teacher.

The Diet member, Mrs. Haneko Takami, is five feet 10 inches tall. The metropolitan government section said it put the ban on tiny teachers because Japanese boys and girls are growing bigger all the time and the teachers find it hard to control them if they are too small.

Handicaps Foreseen

They also said the little teachers would be handicapped in event of a fire, earthquake or other emergency, which calls for taking charge of students and leading them to safety.

Another reason is that larger students have had trouble locating short teachers while on group school outings—an essential part of the education system here. Students who couldn't find the teacher were staying off and getting lost.

The officials added, teachers under five feet cannot reach the top of the blackboards.

The newspaper Asahi, Japan's largest, attacked the ban and said: "It is inhumane to treat short women as though they were physically handicapped."

Sudan Basks In Approval Of New Independence

KHARTOUM, Sudan—The Sudan basked today in joint British-Egyptian approval of its Parliament's declaration of independence.

The parliamentary action ignored the two nominal ruling powers' plan for a plebiscite that could have linked the vast Upper Nile territory with Egypt.

In Cairo, however, the Egyptian minister for Sudan affairs, Zakaria Mohiaddin, said his government "tends to respond to the Sudanese people's wishes which were unanimously expressed and decided by the Sudanese Parliament."

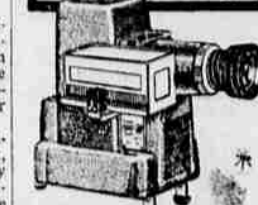
The British Foreign Office issued a statement in London welcoming the independence declaration. A British spokesman in Cairo said three weeks ago his government had agreed with Egypt on preliminary steps for a Sudanese plebiscite on independence or union with Egypt.

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