

MOSQUITO WRECKS CAR

FERNANDINA BEACH, Fla. — It was a routine report down to the line that said: Cause of accident. "Mosquito" was the answer. Officers got from William J. Kopplin, 28. He said while he battled at the mosquito his car ran off the road and into a tree.

Kopplin and his wife were treated for cuts and shock.

Peacock plumes often were used as helmet ornaments during the Middle Ages.

Flirting With Communists May Cost Egypt American Aid In Building Nile Dam

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON — Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser was reported today to be pressing the United States for a firmer pledge to help Egypt finish as well as begin construction of the pro-

posed Aswan high dam on the Nile River.

Negotiations over the dam and American policy toward assisting in its construction are now at a critical point. They are badly tangled up by the fact that since the original U. S.—British offer of aid was made last December Nasser has followed an increasingly pro-Soviet line.

This has tended to endanger western security interests in the Middle East. It may also have lessened Nasser's chances of getting the firmer promise of long term assistance which he demands.

The Egyptian premier, according to diplomatic reports to the State Department, pressed the point in a meeting in Cairo Wednesday with Eugene R. Black, president of the World Bank which has offered to join in the financing.

The meeting reportedly was friendly and cordial. Black reportedly got the impression that Nasser preferred to have the Western powers help finance the \$1,300,000,000 project rather than accept a Russian offer.

3-Way Financing Planned
The financing plan calls for the World Bank to lend 200 million dollars, and the United States and Britain to provide another 200 million with the rest of the cost being met by Egypt.

The United States and Britain offered last December to give Egypt 70 million dollars to get the project started. But United States law limits foreign aid commitments to funds appropriated for any one year, and the American government could promise only sympathetic consideration of Egypt's further needs as the work progressed. This is a way of saying that the administration will ask Congress for funds as they are required.

At the time the United States, Britain and the World Bank arranged this deal there was high hope here that it would assist Nasser to concentrate on the peaceful social reform of his country and the raising of living standards among his people.

Too Friendly With Reds
Nasser, however, did not move as quickly to work out details of the financing and construction plans as American and British officials had hoped.

Instead, he took far greater quantities of arms from Communist Czechoslovakia than he had indicated last fall he would do. He recognized Communist China. And this week he entertained Soviet Foreign Minister Shepilov as a ranking guest at celebrations marking the end of Britain's occupation of the Suez Canal zone.

To many officials here Shepilov's presence appeared to symbolize the emergence of Soviet power as an important new factor in the Middle East.

It is apparent in official quarters here that there is much less enthusiasm for the project than



ON SUMMER'S GRILL—Next time you think YOU'RE hot this summer, consider the people who are surrounded by the steel and concrete of midtown Manhattan. Milagrito Martinez, 2, and Aguilera Gonzales share the barbecue grill-like platform of a fire escape as they seek relief from the heat on one of the hottest nights New York City has suffered this season.



ONCE A SAILOR—Always a sailor, it seems. In Berkeley, Calif., Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz, Retired, checks his watch before peering through oversized binoculars at the First Fleet steamed through the Golden Gate. The Fleet later fired a 19-gun salute in San Francisco Bay in his honor.

Nasser may turn to Soviet help, a move that could greatly increase Soviet influence over Nasser's policies.

1,000 Mobilized To Fight Fires

More than 1,000 year-long and seasonal employees have been placed in the field as the initial forest protection force on the 13 million acres of forest land coming under the jurisdiction of the State Forestry Dept. and its cooperating forest protective associations, according to James H. Walker, assistant state forester in charge of protection.

In addition to this, there is a potential force of over 50,000 men who are working in the logging operations in various parts of the state and these individuals can be called out on the fire line in case of emergencies, added Walker.

Best Ever
The forester indicated that the state would have one of the finest and best trained fire prevention and suppression forces ever developed by the state and its cooperating agencies. This has been accomplished to a great extent through a program of training which has included not only state men but several groups of loggers.

"A new departure," stated Walker, "was the organization of five special groups of organized overhead, each made up of ten specially selected individuals from the state organization. These men have gone through a course of intensive training designed to fit them for the supervisory jobs on the fire line. Each of the groups can be dispatched to assist in any critical situation which might arise on state or association units."

"Schools have also been held in Eugene and Medford which have been attended by employees of the logging operations. These men have been given special training in the various phases of fire organization that would fit them for positions as foremen of fire fighting crews."

Another Program
Still another training program has been carried out throughout the state which has been attended by the seasonal and year-long personnel. These groups have been instructed in all phases of fire prevention and suppression, including lookout service, map reading, safety, use of the radio, use of tools and equipment, and actual training in fireline construction.

Walker pointed out that the acreage burned over the state units during the past three years has averaged only 10,000 acres each year. This is a remarkable record and the first time in the history of forestry in Oregon that the state has had three successive favorable fire years. He indicated that this year's goal would be even less loss.

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Atomic Energy Hazards Given Experts' Study

SALT LAKE CITY — Hazards that result from the use of atomic energy—for either wartime or peaceful uses—were reviewed Friday for the Society of Nuclear Medicine.

A half dozen papers dealing with the subject were prepared for the society's third annual convention.

"The release of radioactive materials by a nuclear installation, either from routine waste disposal or from accidents, will result in radiation dosages to humans and animals in the environs," J. W. Healy of Richland, Wash., said in his paper.

"The hazards produced will depend not only on the quantities released but also on the behavior in the environment of the particular isotopes involved."

Healy is an employee of General Electric Co. at the Atomic Energy Commission installation at Richland.

Another General Electric employee at Richland, R. F. Foster, told of experiments intended to show the effect of radioactive materials on fish.

"The uptake of radioisotopes by aquatic forms is of substantial importance to public health," he said, "since it affords a biological mechanism through which seemingly harmless dilutions of radioactive contaminants may reach undesirable concentrations."

LOADED LETTER—Plan which could conceivably trigger a southern Democratic walkout from the national party has been revealed by a letter from South Carolina's governor, George Bell Timmerman Jr., to southern members of Congress. Proposal originated in the South Carolina Democratic Convention. Solons cast a wary eye on the plan, which calls for a caucus of southern national convention delegates to agree on a program of united action on issues, such as racial segregation.

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