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Middle East Development

Middle East peace, in the view of former President Truman, could be achieved by harnessing the wasted waters of the rivers of the area and of North Africa for irrigation and power, by cultivating soil now used for pasture, by introducing modern methods of agriculture, and by making Israel into "an industrial state which will supply the industry for all these food producing countries."

Harry Truman is only one of many to propose regional development of the Middle East as a basis for political settlement. All plans seem to dead-end against the same barriers: Arab-Israeli hatred and — for all the talk of Arab nationalism — inability of the Arab leaders to agree among themselves. Arab rivalries pre-date the existence of Israel.

One point of view is that Arab hatred of Israel is not an insurmountable barrier to U.S. support of economic development in the Middle East. First, the argument runs, we must accept the fact of Soviet economic, technical, and military assistance in the area as "no less legitimate" — from an Arab point of view — than "similar American offers."

Second, we must proceed on the basis of "equal treatment," their feeling about Israel and the Palestine refugees — now symbols of Western unfairness and lack of regard for Arabs — would lose much of their vengeful force.

But where to start? The so-called Johnston plan for development of the Jordan-Yarmuk River was broached at a time when Arab-Israeli relationships were relatively less exacerbated than they are. Irrigation experts of Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Israel had appeared to accept the technical aspects of a comprehensive valley development plan. Yet in October 1955 — before Suez — it was scuttled by the Arab League.

Would oil-rich Arab states agree to pooling revenues for the development of the whole area? In regard to the Arab states, but not Israel, a proposal already has been made by oil-producing Iran. In the sacred name of "Arab nationalism," such a sacrifice might not seem too great to the conscientious Shiek Abdullah of Kuwait or even to King Saud of Saudi Arabia.

But pre-agreement with British and American oil concessionaires — to say nothing of minor ones like those of Italy and Japan — would first be necessary. Moreover, oil riches are precarious. Prices for Middle East oil bear little relationship to production costs, which are extremely low.

Thus U.S. producers, who are as interested as the Arabs in high prices, see to it that at least 2.5 million barrels-a-day of U.S. and Venezuelan capacity is "shut in" — unworked. Yet a glut of oil in the not too distant future appears inevitable. The oil riches of the Sahara are just beginning to be tapped. Eleven Western companies are prospecting in the Libyan desert, and exploration elsewhere goes on at a literally furious rate. What happens to the already artificial Middle East prices — and the Arab revenues — when the glut materializes?

Finally, as former President John S. Badeau of the American University in Cairo has pointed out, the Arabs don't share our association of economic development with "humanitarianism and . . . its value in fighting Communism." Their prime concern is to "reshape government, society—all the institutions which will make the nation strong and free." An to do this short of revolution, Badeau thinks, would be "extremely difficult."

Side Glances



"Well, the truck driver was at least twice as big as Henry, but Henry never once lost control of his temper!"

Federal Suit On Sinking Land Greeted With Mixed Reactions

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Reaction was mixed today on the federal government's suit seeking an injunction and damages in land sinking at the Naval shipyard in Long Beach, Calif., against the State of California and nearly 400 oil companies.

Gov. Goodwin J. Knight told his Sacramento, Calif., news conference that the state had done all it could to stop subsidence in the Long Beach area brought about by removal of millions of dollars worth of oil.

Other officials involved in the suit were not so neutral towards the federal action which charged that one section of the shipyard had sunk 22 feet since it was built in the early 1940s.

Arthur E. Stoddard, president of Union Pacific Railroad Co., which is one of the companies having major oil holdings in the area, labelled the action filed Friday as "regrettable."

"For several months private operators and the City of Long Beach have been making substantial progress toward vastly expanded repressuring operations in the area. The suit presents highly controversial problems and threatens to delay rather than hasten repressuring operations," Stoddard said.

In favor of the action, however, was R.W. Hagland, vice president of Richfield Oil Corp., who said,

"In our opinion, if the law suit accelerates repressuring programs it will serve a most useful purpose."

Numerous plans over the years have been put forth for forcing water back into the ground where oil had been removed but failed to get the complete approval of the city, the state and the nearly 400 active and inactive oil companies with holdings in the area.

The government in its suit pointed out that the shipyard, built at a cost of 75 million dollars, could not be replaced for much less than 170 million dollars.

More than 9 million dollars already have been spent by the Navy on dikes to keep out ocean waters from the land which is sinking on the average of one foot

a year. The suit contended the lives of 6,500 employees working in the shipyard were endangered because earthquakes or other disturbances could shatter the dikes and let the water come gushing in.

The annual sinking of Long Beach into the sea has cost the city millions of dollars in broken drainage pipes, water mains, buckled sidewalks and severed sewers.

The government suit seeks to have oil producers along with the government and the court work out a plan within 60 days which would stop further sinking. If no plan is worked out by that time the government would call for a halt to further oil removal operations in the area.

Senate Committee Does Reversal On Farm Measure

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Agricultural Committee has reversed itself under adjournment pressures and voted to recommend Senate approval of the House farm bill.

Committee Chairman Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) said he is "reasonably certain" that the Senate will go along with the committee's action. He said the committee vote on the move was 9-6.

The committee reversal opened the way for speedy action on farm legislation in the closing days of the 85th Congress.

House leaders earlier had put it up to the Senate to accept the House bill and send it on to the White House or face the probability of no bill being enacted this year.

Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) warned that unless the Senate

backs down it is "very doubtful" any farm legislation can be enacted.

Either version is acceptable to the President. Both would permit lower price supports for cotton, corn and rice, and both would cancel sharp planting cutbacks next year for cotton and rice growers. The Senate bill would cut minimum price floors more than the House bill.

Anyway, It's All In The Family

POMONA, Calif. (UPI) — Attorney Arlo Rickett argued with great eloquence Friday in defending a client charged with driving through a red light. At the sen-

Medical School Program Certified

PORTLAND (UPI)—The University of Oregon Medical School announced here that a teaching program it inaugurated 12 years ago has been granted certification by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and the College of American Pathologists.

The program for the training of cytotechnologists deals with the science of exfoliative cytology, the study of cells sloughed off by the human body. Pathologists claim the technique could result in the elimination of cervical cancer as a major disease. There has been a critical shortage of technicians in the specialty.

tencing set for Monday he will find out how much losing the case cost him — the client was his wife, Mrs. Ruth Bates Rickett.



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5 1/2-oz. can **89¢**

Toilet Tissue

M-D Assorted

4 roll pkg. **43¢**

Raviloas

IXL Brand

40-oz. can **59¢**

Instant Starch

Niagara

12-oz. pkg. **23¢**

Nalley's Relish

Hot Dog or Hamburger

11-oz. btl. **29¢**

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Detergent

3-lb. **89¢** pkg.

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Scotkins

pkg. 50 **27¢**



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