



'ROUND AND 'ROUND WE GO

Even though Jack Norris is a field representative of the Humane Society, this steer distrusts his motives in St. Louis, Mo. Norris chases the runaway steer around a pillar in an apartment parking garage. The animal had gotten away from a packing company. Its spirited escape try ended in a trip to the slaughterhouse.

Special UN Force Still Guards Sandy Tip Of Sinai Peninsula

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On a lonely sand spit near the tip of the Sinai Peninsula, a special United Nations force stands guard three years after Britain, France and Israel invaded Egypt. The place is called Sharm-El-Sheikh, and from it Egyptian coastal guns once barred Israeli shipping from the narrow Gulf of Aqaba.

The Israeli wrenched the guns in the invasion of 1956 and the other wise deserted observation post now is occupied by small contingents of Norwegian and Danish troops.

They and their fellows are symbols of a religious and territorial conflict which has kept the Middle East in a state of uneasiness since 1949 and at times, such as in 1956, has contained the seeds of a war involving all the great world powers.

It was three years ago this month that the United Nations

General Assembly voted to set up UNEF (United Nations Expeditionary Force) to "separate" the forces of Israel and Egypt. It was not to engage in combat.

This force is a little more than 5,000 strong. It occupies the Gaza Strip, a 26-mile finger of land jutting into Israel along the Mediterranean Coast, and is strung out along the Negev from Rafah to Aqaba along the Israeli-UAR frontier.

Represented are forces from India, Canada, Yugoslavia, Sweden, Brazil, Norway and Denmark.

UNEF comes to attention in this dispatch, not because of a three-year anniversary but because the question of U. N. forces at Sharm-El-Sheikh has been brought up again by a spokesman for King Saud of Saudi Arabia.

Wants Troops Withdrawn

The king, according to his spokesman, believes the troops should be withdrawn.

King Saud expressed the prevalent Arab view that the Gulf of Aqaba is composed of Arab waters. With U. N. troops at its entrance, Israel is able to use the gulf freely for shipping originating at the port of Elath at the head of the gulf into the Red Sea.

The problem is made the more complicated because it also involves the question of Israeli rights to use the Suez Canal and Arab claims against Israeli-held Palestine.

The forgotten men of UNEF apparently have a life-time job. The state of war between Israel and the Arab states exists and apparently will continue to exist. Tens of thousands of refugees from the Gaza Strip and neither the Arabs nor the Jews show signs of yielding.

Postal Boys Unveil 'Intelligent' Robot

NEW YORK (UPI)—The Post Office Department has unveiled to public gaze here an eerie family of postrobots (postmen of the mechanical future) — automatic mail handling machines so smart that one of them can even read addresses. Some will be in use within a year.

It was emphasized that no career postal employee will lose his job when the automation gets into full swing. The volume of mail is increasing so fast that everybody will have plenty to do. Bert B. Barnes, Assistant Postmaster General for operations, said at a press review there will be 61 billion pieces of mail this year, plus one billion parcels.

The experimental and prototype models are on display at the 11th American Stamp Dealers Association exhibition.

Name Gives Shivers

Even the name of the outfit that makes the "automatic address reader" is enough to give a human being the shivers—Intelligent Machines Research Corp. The experimental model on exhibit reads addresses far faster than the human eye. Its optical scanning device is geared to read 20 different city and state combinations.

However, the Post Office Department has contracted for a smarter, transistorized one that can read—and sort out—40 different combinations at a minimum rate of 10,000 letters per hour.

Neil L. Halliday, of the post office research and engineering office, said the machine "has been trained to learn its abc's just as a kid is." He added: "Through its logic section (that's what he said), it can even detect variations in spelling."

To demonstrate, he directed the machine to sort him out into one batch all letters addressed to Pennsylvania, and then fed it a gulp of mail addressed to various states. The machine buzzed and hiccupped into fast action and speared the Pennsylvania letters into a neat pile—even though Halliday had trickily varied the spellings into Pa., Penn., Penna., and Pennsylvania.

The machine reads only type-written or printed addresses.

"You'll never get one that can read longhand," a reporter said. "They're working on that now," Halliday replied.

Offers Writing Paper

The exhibit includes a "Robot Vending Machine" for customer-operated postal substations. It provides the public with all window service except money orders—and goes the windows one better by offering writing paper at a penny a sheet. You dial the number of stamps you want.

There's also a "parcel post acceptance unit" that will take your package, weigh it, help you figure out the correct postage, and then spray a fast-drying liquid stamp on it when you deposit the right coins in the slot. They hope to have this thing in public use by next fall.

Also among the machines is a "Mark II Facer-Canceller," which uses the photo-electric cell method to position the letters properly and cancel them. The letters hurtle through its innards like white meteors—processed at rates in excess of 30,000 an hour.

"Do you anticipate," Halliday was asked, "that you can build a machine that is able to detect pornography?"

He tittered and replied: "That's an unfair question."

Same Bride But Different Groom

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, England (UPI)—Pat Wilkinson's wedding today will be exactly as she planned except for the bridegroom.

Two weeks ago Miss Wilkinson, 29, told Paddy Butler she had decided to marry Norman Murray. Last Saturday Miss Wilkinson and Murray, 30, rented a reception hall, purchased the ring and scheduled the wedding for today.

The bride-to-be was unwrapping wedding gifts when she got a note from Murray.

"Cancel everything. I can't go through with it," he said. Murray had skipped town later revealing he was already married.

Butler, 25, heard the news, came running and told the weeping Miss Wilkinson "I've always loved you — marry me." She agreed.

"The whole thing will be exactly as planned," she said, "except that I become Mrs. Butler instead of Mrs. Murray."

HONOR SCHWEITZER

PARIS (UPI)—The French Society for Encouragement Towards Progress Sunday awarded its gold medal to Dr. Albert Schweitzer "for having during the last 60 years spread his genius all over the world."

Almanac Selects Adlai And Dewey As Top Nominees

NEW YORK (UPI)—The Information Please Almanac, after years of compiling facts and figures on past events, breaks with tradition in 1960 with some political predictions.

The new edition, which goes on sale Monday, names a pair of two-time losers—Adlai E. Stevenson and former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey—as the Democratic and Republican nominees for the 1960 presidential race.

Stevenson's running mate, according to the Almanac, will be Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.). Dewey's will be Vice President Richard M. Nixon, the Republican Party's current leader in the race for the top spot on the GOP ticket.

The political guide section of the almanac has seven suggested slates for each political party.

Almanac editor Dan Golenboff, in more serious commentary, thinks that "one of the healthy signs in the current political scene is the general acceptance of several likely candidates of the Catholic faith." He finds it unfortunate that "in all the years of their wonderful service to the country, neither Herbert Lehman nor Bernard Baruch was ever mentioned as a possible presidential candidate."

LEAVE FOR ANTARCTICA

ANTWERP, Belgium (UPI)—A Belgian scientific expedition left for Antarctica Sunday aboard the Danish steamer "Erika Dan."

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