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In Egypt As in Iran—Not Likely

That Egypt's intensely nationalistic leaders should choose this moment to demand an end to British control of the Suez Canal and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan is quite understandable.

Iran shooed the docile beast out of the world's biggest oil refinery within a week after Prime Minister Attlee declared his nation's firm resolve to stay in Abadan.

In Egypt, leaders of the strong-arm Wafdist party have placed national aggrandizement above all other considerations. During World War II many among them were openly friendly to the Fascist powers.

But the Egyptians had better look to their hole cards, for these reasons:

1. The United States, France and Turkey already have backed the British decision to stay in the Suez zone and the Sudan.

2. International law is on the side of Britain. The 1936 Anglo-Egyptian treaty was written for a 20-year term and in the eyes of the world gave Egypt real independence for the first time in 2200 years.

3. In Britain, on the eve of a general election, another debacle of the Iranian sort would spell political ruin for Attlee's Labor party.

The 1936 treaty authority for 10,000 British troops in the canal zone has been exceeded since the start of the Iranian affair. Some 35,000 Tommies are garrisoned in the zone today.

Nothing in the treaty indicated British plans to give up codominion over the Sudan; nor would history indicate any desire of the Sudanese to be ruled by the Egyptians.

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Nile's headwaters in the Sudan was met in 1929 when pacts were drawn guaranteeing that nation's essential rights to the great river's flow. Egypt's current contention on this point is not valid. It is true her prosperity depends greatly upon bounties bestowed by the Nile.

The Wafdist demand that the British quit the Sudan only follows an age-old Egyptian aspiration to rule and exploit the relatively backward people of that region. During the 19th century, the British controlled both Egypt and the Sudan, often permitting the Egyptians to extend sub-rule over the Arabs and Negroes of the Sudan.

More than two million Sudanese died because of famines, disease and misrule before popular revolution in Britain sent Lord Kitchener to defeat the fanatic Mohammedan dervishes with a combined Anglo-Egyptian army in 1898.

After 25 years of nominal codominion over the Sudan, in which Britain actually held firm control, Egyptians began agitating for freedom and demanded sovereignty over both the lower and upper Nile regions. Egypt was given political independence in 1922, but two years later the British governor-general of the Sudan was murdered in Cairo.

In half a century, British capital has developed the Sudan as status as an important producer of raw materials. The strain of long-staple cotton raised there has supplied a third of the cotton imported by Britain for its important textiles industry.

For military, economic and political reasons, then, it is to be expected that the lion will rouse himself if the gadflies on the Nile forget how tough his hide really is and try their puny stings on him.

—(AHC)

Let's Make It 100 Per Cent!

The Lane County chest X-ray program has not fallen on its nose. Already 53,611 of our citizens have had their picture snapped.

However, medical authorities and volunteer workers guiding the program are concerned because they know 40,000 more persons in Lane County should avail themselves of this service. It takes only a couple of minutes, and it is just as easy as having a family picture taken with a Brownie camera.

This is no give-away idea. It is part of a long-range educational program by our nation to control a communicable disease which has plagued mankind for centuries.

EVERYONE should have a chest X-ray—for a person may have tuberculosis and not know it. Early TB usually gives no warning symptoms. Most people are free from TB, but a chest

X-ray is the best way to make sure. Age is no protection against TB. Whether you are 15 or an octogenarian, you can have TB. If you have it and don't know it, you may be spreading it to others.

Handling TB patients in Oregon costs over \$1 million a year. As a taxpayer, you can see the need to help stamp it out.

Three X-ray units will be held over in Eugene on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. They will be located at 10th and Willamette, Broadway and Willamette and on East Broadway, just off Willamette.

If you have not already done so, this newspaper urges you to pay a two-minute visit to one of these units for the sake of yourself, your family and your neighbors.—(AB)

The Next War in Retrospect

Using datelines in the year 1960, the latest issue of Collier's offers a "review" of the third world war. From cover to cover, the magazine treats only of the "unwanted war."

Preparations for this special number started in Collier's editorial offices last January under the innocuous label "Operation Eganog." Robert E. Sherwood, four-time Pulitzer prize winner, wrote the basic recipe for the concoction in a lead article based on five months' special research.

Sherwood's presentation tells how the war started between the Atlantic powers and the Communist bloc; how it progressed, and, how it ended with the Red armies crushed and routed.

Overlooking nothing, Collier's editors had fiction for this issue shaped to the themes supplied by Nostradamus Sherwood; special sidebars of graphic

imaginative nature were asked and received of a number of American names-in-the-news—Walter Winchell, Hal Boyle, Senator Margaret Chase Smith, Walter Reuther and Lowell Thomas among them.

Throughout is the key message: The Russian people are held in a bondage of terror. Their tyrannical masters may take them into war, but war against the Russians must, if it comes, be aimed at their liberation and re-induction to the world of freedom and peace.

The Oregonian expresses an editorial fear that the Collier's effort, intended to demonstrate to Russia the sheer folly of another war, may boomerang. Indeed, the Kremlin may pervert it to "prove" Americans are warmongering. On the other hand, the issue may help dispel complacency and wishful thinking in America.

Marquis Childs

West Is Losing In Middle East

WASHINGTON—While the post-mortem on America's China policy, if any, grinds on and on, the Middle East is going the way of China. That is to say, it is rapidly being lost to the West.



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You can see the witnesses squirming under the interrogation. Did you ever intend to abandon Iran to Communism? Where were you on the night of Oct. 18, 1951, and didn't you at one time have a conversation in Teheran with a member of the Tudeh Communist-dominated party?

This extraordinary folly recalls once again Winston Churchill's words spoken in June of 1940 when all of the West seemed about to go down: "If the past undertakes to sit in judgment on the present, then the future will be lost."

ROOTS IN COLONIALISM

The historical forces at work in Egypt have some parallel with those that ran their course in the China catastrophe. The roots of the trouble are, above all, in a colonialism that ignored the aspirations of masses of people in a dynamic and swiftly changing world.

The British signed a treaty of mutual defense with Egypt in 1936. Under that treaty they agreed to do certain things in return for the right to maintain bases in the Suez Canal area. One obligation was to train Egyptian forces and help to integrate them into a common defense.

The Egyptians say this was never done. They say that if Britain had taken the ablest young Egyptian officers to England and had given them training in such crack military schools as Sandhurst, they could have taken the leadership in forming an Egyptian army with a western orientation.

LAND OF LOST OPPORTUNITY

If... if... if... the land of lost opportunity. A little opportunity may still be left. British proposal for an international commission that would appraise the British administration in the Sudan is a start. It avoids any complication with Soviet Russia.

But should this prove unacceptable to Egypt, then a United Nations trusteeship should be proposed as quickly as possible in spite of the hazard of the Russian veto or, worse, Russian participation in such a trusteeship. UN action would almost inevitably have to be in preparation for the departure of British administrators from the Sudan.

Egyptian spokesmen say they can starve out the British troops by shutting off supplies of food and water and thereby forcing them in a comparatively short time to get out. British spokesmen say they can hold out for years by bringing in their own supplies. That way invites disaster. It is readying up the corpse for the next post-mortem.

This process of post-mortem has about it an air of almost suicidal futility. That senators should at this point in world history spend time deciding what Henry Wallace meant or did not mean, and if he meant it who influenced him to mean it, in a pamphlet written in 1946 is a phenomenon historians will have a difficult time explaining.

FUTILE, UNFAIR CONTROVERSY

It is, moreover, grossly and wickedly unfair, inasmuch as it seems to impugn the loyalty of individuals who may have been mistaken but who were sincerely and honestly seeking the best way out of an almost impossible situation. What is happening in the nomination of Philip Jessup to be one of the American delegation to the meeting of the UN General Assembly is a tragic case in point.

This controversy has become so involved, so complicated, that no one can any longer tell where right or wrong lies or even whether there is a right or a wrong in the tangled mess of China's downfall. But, meanwhile, Jessup is being sacrificed to the fears, the prejudices and the politics of those who mean to pin the guilt on someone.

If it were a crime to be mistaken, a very high percentage of the members of Congress would be in jail today, and on one score alone. The moment the war ended a large majority of both Republicans and Democrats demanded that the boys be brought home, often accompanying this with a denunciation of the brass hats. This, in itself, had a lot to do with creating the vacuum of power from which so many of our current troubles stem.

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SO THEY SAY—

I can't see any justification for paying farmers for doing something they would normally do. Farming should be a respectable business with a respectable income for anyone who wants to work for it.—Robert Meikle, farmer, of Michigan.

In a material and geographical sense, Korea... is a promontory jutting out into salt water ruled by American seapower under an air canopy controlled in the main by American Air Forces.—Winston Churchill.

In its frustration, the Congress (today) is groping for some sort of code of ethics. But the Congress is confronted with the fact that sacred honor cannot always be tested by legality or enforced by law.—Herbert Hoover.

Whatever happens in Korea, we must not make the mistake of jumping to the conclusion that the Soviet rulers have given up their ideas of world conquest.—President Truman.

All day long a man competes. When he comes home at night he wants a stupid girl who'll keep her mouth shut and let him look at television.—Cy Howard, radio writer.

When It Rains



THE FORRESTAL DIARIES The Events Leading to Forrestal's Resignation; Final Days Spent in Naval Hospital

22. Resignation

Early in December, 1948, the President had told his press conference that there would be no immediate changes in the Cabinet. Then on Jan. 7, 1949, the resignation of both Marshall and his Under Secretary, Lovett, was announced.

Next day the President's press secretary, Charles C. Ross, said flatly that the Winchell prediction was untrue; and Forrestal, when he was asked later by the reporters whether he expected to continue, said: "Yes, I am a victim of the Washington scene."

Fatigue Begins to Tell

There is no doubt that Forrestal was tired. As his fatigue increased, some associates in both the White House and the Defense Department felt that he became less and less willing to reach decisions.

"One of the reasons," General Eisenhower recalls, "that Forrestal felt such an acute need for some help was his inborn honesty and his very great desire to serve the country well. He would listen carefully to presentations, even where he was certain that these were partisan and even prejudiced; his ability to see truth on both sides of bitter questions led him to a turmoil out of which it was difficult to form a clear-cut decision in which he could personally have real confidence."

Very probably, when Forrestal wrote to a friend on Jan. 13 that he would stay on for "an additional period," he had already discussed with the President some definite limit to that period. He conferred with the President on the 28th; there are no diary notes of the meeting, but apparently Forrestal was arranging on that day for his succession.

Declines Ambassadorship

According to Johnson, the agreed date for the change was May 1, the interim to be used to brief Johnson on the duties of the office. There are indications that Forrestal later visited Johnson at his office and documentary material was occasionally sent to Johnson from the Defense Department.

Johnson evidently did. Forrestal talked as late as mid-February of the possibility that, when he did leave office, someone other than Johnson would replace him. Forrestal also remarked about this time that he felt the President had always been very fair with him.

The climax, when it came, was swift. Forrestal had an appointment with the President at 12:30 on March 1; he left no record of the interview, but at least one friend came to understand later that at this meeting the President asked Forrestal to send in his letter of resignation at once, and that this had been a "shattering experience."

His Letter of Resignation

The letter went to the White House on the forenoon of March 2, and was released next day, together with the announcement of Johnson's appointment. The letter of resignation pled "urgent personal considerations"; the President's letter of acceptance declared that at "my personal urging" Forrestal had served far longer than he had intended.

Louis Johnson was sworn in as Secretary of Defense at a brief ceremony at the Pentagon on March 28. Forrestal drove to the White House to pay his respects and there found, to his complete surprise, that a second ceremony had been arranged at which the President pinned to his coat the Distinguished Service Medal.

Next day Forrestal flew to Hobe Sound, Fla., as a guest of Robert Lovett, his old friend and colleague in so many crises of state. The effect, unfortunately, was not what had been hoped. With his final departure from office Forrestal was precipitated into a depression so severe that within a day or two psychiatric help seemed imperative.

Tragic End to His Career

By the end of April he was responding well to treatment. He seemed his old self to numbers of his friends and associates, including the President, who visited him. By the middle of May his physicians were looking forward to his discharge in another month or so, and as a necessary part of the treatment they risked a relaxation of the restraints that had been set around him.

Fair Salamis, the billows' roar Wanders around thee yet, And sailors gaze upon thy shore Firm in the Ocean sea Thy son is in a foreign clime Where Ida feeds her countless flocks, Far from thy dead, remembered rocks, Worn by the waste of time—

Comfortless, nameless, hopeless save In the dark prospect of the yawning grave... Woe to the mother in her close of day, Woe to her desolate heart and temples gray, When she shall hear Her loved one's story whispered in her ear! "Woe, woe!" will be the cry— No quiet murmur like the tremulous wail Of the lone bird, the querulous nightingale—

The copying ceased on this word: the sheets were laid in the back of the book and the book itself set down open at the page. It was 3 o'clock in the morning. Forrestal went into a small diet kitchen on the same floor, which he had been encouraged to use, and fell to his death from its unguarded window.

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Editor's Mailbag

MacARTHUR INSPIRES EUGENE—(To the Editor) Dick Neuberger says I should be a success in some prizes to prove himself before he aspires to public office. I add also he should have a client vocabulary to expound self without profanity.

Why such rigid discipline young men out under such a Stillewell, anyone who has the Stillewell letters must wonder why such was ever published. MacArthur may have had it but I never heard a whisper mentally and morally—many men in Washington's circles can be said.

When "the big three" in the shadow of the Ark Roosevelt had the opportunity to bring to this nation a message of inspiration that would have been through history; instead Churchill's weakness will be a black page. While the "Stalin" Roosevelt and Churchill were "nodding."

Who are Communists? A bunch who want to be big. No qualifications, just a revolt, they never read history, they know the end of tyrannical dictatorship. The old Kaine trained from infancy that he was the man to rule the world, more "Ivan the terrible" Hitler, Napoleons, etc., were all had greater civilizations have we today but greed destroyed them, never to again.

The barbarism of European politics and religions should lesson to the entire world. When we need a bucket of radio to catch the blood children's bedtime stories, news-stands filled with sex everything that can be broken down American men and the government ads can we do about our over mental and penal institutions there's just one answer.

We were skidded into our twenty years ago and have gone down hill, mentally, spiritually, when we thought were through with the dirties we were pushed right into the alphabet.

Evelyn Ma

DEADWOOD REPORT

DEADWOOD (To the Editor) On Sept. 27, Mr. Truman a message to the Senate in which he proposed that legislation be enacted to provide that once all Government officials receive a salary of \$10,000 or more required to file a statement of sources and the amounts of income, for public perusal.

Strange words indeed from who has condoned many others have condemned. What activities of the Democratic National Chairman were called the attention of Honest Harry found nothing wrong. After expose of the 5-percenters exonerated those who surround him. When the Fullbright Committee submitted its report on irregularities in the R.F.C., Harry denounced the report "asinine." Of the Alger investigation that was only a "herring." When Romington, convicted, was under investigation, Honest Harry issued Executive order which denied certain files from the investigating committee. He has issued orders forbidding members of the military and civilian employees revealing information not for important legislation and for public's guidance. He is responsible for the complete failure of the Courts from the out the truth about subversive influences in the government.

It would seem that Harry's critics have good reason to question the sincerity of above-mentioned message. Senator Martin says "The laws were ready have kept America clean and have protected the nation for 175 years." Senator says of Honest Harry's message "It is an implied apology to the Senate for having referred to report by one of the Senate committees as being 'asinine.'" Senator Millikin says: "I think it is a wash. I think it should be thrown into the garbage can. It is an example of the cheap political tricks to attempt to throw others to escape the blame. It is where it belongs. The message ought not to be in the Senate. It is too unimportant, too cheap, too degraded."

But once more Oregon's institutional glub-er-all "transference for a long time" a prelude to the coming five pages of the Congressional Record, the establishment league of Owen Lattimore and Institute of Pacific Relations "I rise to praise the president of the United States, because it is be deserving of the great praise the message which he sent to the United States Senate today."

Not a word against Truman! Not a word against the secrecy order which violates constitutional guarantees of the press. Just a freedom of the Missouri Pendergrass for the Missouri Pendergrass.

Yours, Dave Hove