

For Europeans in Algeria

Nothing But Worries Left

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ALGIERS—A middle-aged European family man took a deep breath and gazed out over the blue harbor, the white jetties and the graceful sail boats.

"Before the rebellion we had a wonderful life," he said. "I was not making much money but that didn't matter. Now it's all over. All we have are worries."

Once the average European white-collar worker had a life of swimming at miles of unspoiled beaches, sail boating and even skiing in the snowcapped Algerian mountains. Now all he has left are problems as terror stalks Algeria.

"My company offices were shattered by a plastic bomb," he said. "They are supposed to pay the employees compensation for a certain time, but we will never get it without going to court."

"I've been running my legs off taking any odd job I can get. Can that last much longer?"

Four years ago the man had a youthful face, suntanned and healthy. Now he has the wrinkles of someone 10 years beyond his age.

HOMES PLAGUED WITH WORRY

The uncertainties of daily life plague each home with worry. A late husband may mean a kidnapping by a band of Moslems, retaliating for the killing of Moslems by the European Secret Army in its attempt to block Algerian independence. Some of the kidnap victims have been released or escaped. Others have been executed against a wall.

There are many tardy husbands and other family members these days. In lightning quick dragnets the police pick up truckloads of people from the streets in their hunt for the secret army and release them only when their identity and presence are fully explained.

Women used to go down town for afternoon shopping, having a cool drink in a sidewalk cafe with friends and perhaps dining out with their husband in a seaside restaurant. Now the

women leave home only for the most necessary errands. Too often they have heard the assassin's pistols and seen the bloody corpses on the sidewalk.

Even their daily shopping for food is complicated. Their neighborhood fresh vegetable markets have been shot up so many times—the merchants are nearly all Moslems—that they have gone out of business. Electric and hardware shops now sell vegetables.

PROBLEMS MULTIPLE

Housewives keep stocks of canned goods, candles and camp stove fuel for days of dragnets, strikes or battles. Some keep pistols and grenades for self defense.

Their little household problems have multiplied 10-fold with the near breakdown of civil services. There are no more garbage collections in many neighborhoods. Housewives try to burn the garbage in their patios, or grind it and flush it down the drains. This could plug the whole city sewer system, officials warn.

Mail, money orders and checks to pay bills are hopelessly complicated. Postmen—many are Moslems—make few deliveries for fear of being shot. Post offices often close with no explanation. Few people accept checks now because so many banks have been robbed of their resources and payment is so slow.

In Algiers, the normal government pensions, social security payments and family allowances have been halted because of a shortage of money.

Families with children are in constant turmoil. There has been no school for months. Mothers do not dare let their children out of sight for fear of attacks or kidnappings. The youngsters mostly remain under foot in the apartments. Even balconies are forbidden for play because some Europeans have fired on police from them.

TEENAGERS ARRESTED

Parents with idle teenage children wonder constantly if they are getting mixed up in secret army terror. Many teenagers—even girls—have been arrested. Some have admitted belonging to killer commandos. It has happened in the best of families.

The increasing numbers of Europeans leaving for France reflect the hardships. A high proportion are women and children or elderly people.

Some parents approve of their children entering terrorist activities, saying they are fighting for the land just as the French did in the resistance during World War II.

Many families, of course, are oriented around secret army activities. They are activists, fund collectors, neighborhood organizers or tract distributors.

In one family gathering over the morning newspaper a youth pointed to an item in the list of terrorist attacks and was overheard boasting: "That's the one I did."

Everywhere economic conditions are worsening. Few are buying anything they can live without.

Businessmen are wondering if it would be better to close up and leave. But they know if they did, their stores would be bombed by the secret army, which demands that the Europeans remain in Algeria.

Families live for the weekends. It is the one time they can drive to the beaches or woods and try to relax. Some areas are still considered dangerous because of Moslem bands. Areas near military camps are favorite spots.

The Europeans rarely get out of the sight of barbed wire, military vehicles or heavily armed police and troops.

"Guns, guns, guns," said one young European. "That's all we've seen around here for years, and I'm getting sick of it."

Scouts Get Awards

Awards to Scouts in Boy Scout Troop 56, Stella Magladry School, Boy Scout Troop 188, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and Cub Pack 202, Adams School, were announced this week.

Awards in troop 56: Randy LeRoy, Tenderfoot; Vincent Bishop, Dennis Henry, Gene Johnson, Randy LeRoy, Douglas Patton, Rick Wilde, Second

Class; Ralph Marshall, First Class.

Two new junior assistant masters have been named for troop 56: Carl Edwards and Grant Nicolai Jr.

Awards to Troop 188: Bob Schaffer, Tenderfoot; Stewart McCormack, Second Class; Jim Williamson and Bob Williamson, First Class; David Williamson, Star.

Awards to Cub Pack 202: Richard Cramer, Danny Field, David Lively, Philip Mack, Gary Oberg, Jimmie Roberts, Dale Stapleton, Wolf; Ames Hendrickson, Randy Oswald, Ralph Porter, Richie Roberts, Bear; Merrit Adams, Bruce S. Davidson, Lion; Gene Lively, Webelos.

Summer Session For High Schools To Open June 18

Summer school for Eugene high school students will begin with registration at 8 a.m. standard, 9 a.m. daylight, June 18.

Classes for all Eugene high school students will be offered at South Eugene High School, said James Laing, vice principal of South Eugene, who will direct the summer school.

This summer the following courses will be offered: biology, U.S. history, modern problems, English, chemistry, developmental reading, mathematics, mechanical drawing and social living.

More information is available from Laing at DI 2-1151, ext. 206. Enrollment forms may be obtained from high schools and junior high schools.

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Boys and girls may attend the Y Camp Silver Creek outing for one week, sometime between July 1 and August 12. Camp Silver Creek is in Silver Falls State Park, 28 miles east of Salem.

Also offered is a day camp, Camp Pmaey (Y Camp spelled backward). This camp operates on Little Fall Creek, 25 miles east of Eugene.

More information on these camps is available at the Central Lane Y Building, 2055 Patterson St., DI 4-6251.

Four Airmen Killed In Highway Crash

EAST HAMPTON, N.Y. (AP)—Four Air Force men were killed early Monday when a car in which they were riding careened out of control and crashed into a tree and pole.

They were attached to the Suffolk County Air Force Base at Westhampton Beach, near here on Long Island.

Names of the victims were withheld pending notification of the next of kin.

JFK to Meet Press

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