

# Ibn Saud's Grip On Saudi Arabia Now Weakening

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The man rated as the greatest Arab since Mohammed is ill and more trouble is brewing in the Middle East.

Trouble in addition to the dispute between Israel and Jordan, the dispute between Iran and Britain over oil and the dispute between Egypt and Britain over Suez. This one involves Americans.

The man is 73-year-old, six-foot-four King Ibn Saud who conquered Nejd and the Hejaz, with the holy cities of Mecca and Medina.

to form the kingdom of Saudi Arabia and to take possession of a land mass extending from the Persian Gulf to the Red Sea.

And, incidentally, to win control of one of the richest oil pools in the world.

**Saud's Grip Weakening**

But now Ibn Saud's grip is weakening after more than 50 years of iron rule.

And, perhaps as result of his weakness, the first serious strikes are plaguing the American-Arabian Oil Company which pours into the Saudi Arabian treasury (meaning Ibn Saud's own pockets) more than \$200,000,000 a year.

The fact that the workers would dare to strike is in itself indicative because strikes are outlawed in Saudi Arabia where justice is swift and often harsh under the dictates of the Koran.

The penalty for murder is decapitation by the sword, for theft, amputation of the left hand at the wrist, for drunkenness, 80 lashes of the whip, for adultery, burial to the waist in the sand and stoning to death.

**Story Book Figure**

Ibn Saud is a figure out of Arabian Nights.

His is a story of hard-riding desert Bedouins who shot from the saddle and existed for days at a time on a mere handful of dates.

Already controlling the greatest land mass of any Arab kingdom, Ibn Saud might have been the man to unite all the world's 50,000,000 Arabs.

However, internationally he has been content usually to side with Egypt and to carry on a running feud with the Hashemite kingdoms of Jordan and Iraq.

**DIES OF INJURIES**

MEDFORD, Oct. 21 (UP)—Virgil Schults, 50, of Rogue River, died in a hospital here from injuries suffered in a one-car automobile accident on the Gold Hill "clover leaf" on highway 99 Sunday.

Authorities said Schults was a passenger in a car driven by Foss B. Culpepper, 41, also of Rogue River, who received minor injuries. Officers said Culpepper apparently was not familiar with the dividers on the new clover leaf.

**ATTENDANCE SET**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 (UP)—President and Mrs. Eisenhower will attend the opening of the National Symphony Orchestra's fall season tonight at Constitution Hall.



**JOINING LAW FIRM**—Harold W. Pierce, Willamette university law graduate and more recently connected with the Oregon department of veterans affairs, will be associated with the Bend law firm of DeArmond, Goodrich, Foley and Gray, effective October 26. He is a Marine corps veteran and also a licensed pilot.

## Salem Attorney Joins Bend Firm

Association of a Salem attorney, Harold W. Pierce, with the Bend law firm of DeArmond, Goodrich, Foley and Gray, effective October 26, was announced today.

Pierce, a graduate of Willamette University, was admitted to the Oregon bar in September, 1952. His pre-law studies were at Wooster college, Wooster, Ohio, and at Boston University. He is married and the father of two daughters.

A Marine Corps veteran of the second world war, Pierce is a licensed commercial airplane pilot. For a time after having been admitted to the bar he was claims examiner in the bonus division of the Oregon Veterans administration; then hearings officer and finally, up to the time of his resignation to come here, assistant attorney general, Department of Veterans Affairs.

He is joining a Bend law firm that was established in 1935, by H. H. DeArmond and the late Jay Upton, who died in an automobile accident in 1939. In 1940 Ralph S. Hamilton returned from Portland to be associated with the firm, going to the Deschutes circuit bench in March 1941, when Judge T. E. Duffly died.

Other members of the firm are Alva C. Goodrich, who became associated with the firm in 1937; Robert H. Foley, who entered the firm in 1945, and Alvin J. Gray, who joined the firm in 1950. Both Foley and Goodrich were in the armed services from 1942 to 1945. Foley was elected Deschutes district attorney while he was in the service, and operated the office for a time under a leave of absence.

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## Gen. Dean Wants Field Command

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 (UP)—Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, 54, who fought alongside his men in Korea in a vain attempt to stem a Communist assault, said today he wants to continue commanding troops in the field.

The tall, gray-haired general, America's top ranking prisoner, in the Korean War, made the statement before going to the White House for breakfast with President Eisenhower.

Dean came here yesterday to report to his superiors on his three-year ordeal in a Red prison camp, and to get a new assignment. The White House breakfast was a surprise honor extended by Mr. Eisenhower, under whom Dean served as assistant commander of the 44th Division in Europe during World War II.

The general talked yesterday with Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson shortly after his arrival at the National Airport, an occasion marked by full military honors, the booming of guns, ruffles and flourishes by the Army band.

## Bloodmobile Visit Set at Prineville

PRINEVILLE, Oct. 21 — The Prineville Junior Chamber of Commerce has launched an intensive campaign to meet Crook county's quota at the final call of the Red Cross bloodmobile on Nov. 5. The Crook county chapter of the Red Cross and Epsilon Sigma Phi society is participating in the campaign.

Ray Carder, coordinating committeeman of the Jaycees, says all-out efforts will be made to complete the quota for collection of blood from Crook county for 1953.

**STORAGE SHORTAGE SEEN**

SPOKANE, Oct. 21 (UP)—Exports of Pacific Northwest wheat increased during September, but not enough to relieve expected 1953-1954 crop year, Pete Stallcop, executive secretary of the Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers Assn., said today. Stallcop said about 5,900,000 bushels were shipped during September, which was about 2,700,000 more than during the same comparable period last year.

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## Redmond Church Picks New Name

REDMOND, Oct. 21—Zion Lutheran church is the new name of the former Redmond Lutheran church, following a corporation meeting of the membership last week.

Members of the congregation voted to name their church Zion Lutheran because of the significance of the name. In ancient Biblical times, even as now, the word "Zion" meant a citadel or stronghold, and for the future represents eternal refuge. The church had been known as Redmond Lutheran since 1949. Moritz McShannon presided at the meeting as president of the congregation.

Rev. Morris Dalton, church pastor, advises that a number of members of the church will accompany him to brotherhood meetings at Hope Lutheran church in Hines, Sunday. The circuit meeting will begin at 4:30 p. m.

**RESIGNATION REPORTED**

REDMOND, Oct. 21—George Hostetter, director of the Deschutes Farmers Co-op, was chosen by other directors to serve as secretary-treasurer of the Co-op until time of the annual meeting in late November or early December. Robert Paulsen, who has been employed by the board for the past two years as secretary-treasurer, resigned earlier this month to assume management of the Credit Bureau corporation in Ontario. Paulsen with his wife and two young sons left Redmond Monday for the eastern Oregon city.

## Ralph Tudor Says New Water Policy Significant, 'Sound, Simple, Clear'

NEW YORK, Oct. 21 (UP)—Undersecretary of Interior Ralph A. Tudor said today the administration's new power policy "is one of the most significant statements on any domestic matter the administration has yet made."

He reviewed the two-month old policy before the American Society of Civil Engineers and termed it "sound... simple and clear." He said the chief difference in the practices of the present and past administrations is that "we believe... local interests should have a full partnership right to participate in the planning, ownership and operation of local facilities."

**Intent of Congress**

"I do not believe that the federal government should dominate or monopolize the development of any area."

Tudor said the administration is complying with the clear intent of Congress to give publicly owned utilities of cooperatives preference in the sale of power from federal dams. However, he said, "we do not believe... the law intended the not believe... the law intended the preference privilege should be used as a means to provide power for large industrial consumers at the expense of domestic and rural consumers who may be served by a privately owned utility."

Yesterday the Interior Department announced approval of 20-year contracts between four Pacific Northwest private utilities and the Bonneville Power Administration for a firm power supply. Officials said the long term contracts will benefit domestic and rural customers of the companies, which had previously been held to five-year contracts.

But Sen. Wayne L. Morse (Ind.-Ore.) condemned the contracts as "a sellout of the public interest to private utility monopoly." He said the contracts violate procedure followed for 50 years and "will hurt the industrial growth of the Pacific Northwest" and the national economy.

Tudor also mentioned the public versus private power fight for development of Hells Canyon near the Idaho-Oregon border as an example of differences in administration practices.

He said when the new administration took over, the Interior Department was involved in the controversy as an opponent of the private power company's plan before the Federal Power Commission.



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