



CHECKING ON PROSPERITY—Dividend checks stack up to an all-time high in 1955 as payments to stockholders in American companies reached record totals. Above, a clerk in the Wall Street office of J. P. Morgan & Co. prepares a batch of 1955's last dividend checks for processing.

Printers Join Detroit Strike

DETROIT (UP)—Printers will join the three-week strike against Detroit's three newspapers today, stalemating negotiations progress with the announcement that the Pressmen's Union will sign with the publishers.

Members of the Detroit Typographical Union 18 voted 217 to 14 to join the striking stereotypers and millers at noon today.

The Pressmen's Union, one of the largest of the newspaper craft unions announced that it was ready to sign a contract with publishers.

Kenneth Hull president of the printer's union, said the union voted to strike because of wages, hours, working conditions, contract expiration and the union's claim to jurisdiction over a new type of printing process.

Hull charged that the publishers "are not bargaining in good faith" and said several issues remained unresolved.

Saturday Night Advice Given

TRUMBULL, Conn. (UP)—Town Court Judge John P. Evans wasn't impressed with reasons given by Eugene H. Dilliston 28 as to why he was caught driving while his license was under suspension.

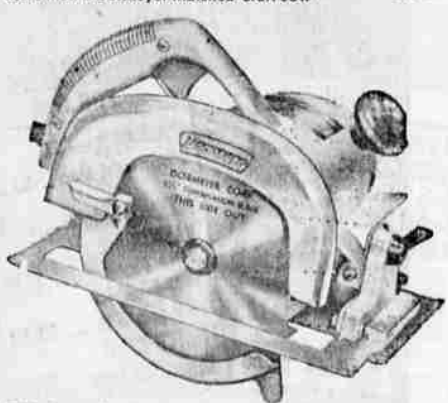
Dilliston said his girl friend had forgotten her glasses, and he volunteered to take the wheel of her car. In imposing a \$100 fine, the judge said:

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Likes Independence So Well He Must Have It Right Now

By CHARLES M. McCANN

United Press Staff Correspondent

Sayed Ismail I-Azhari, prime minister of the Sudan, has decided that he likes independence so much that he must have it right away.

Great Britain and Egypt, which had long controlled the Sudan, agreed on Dec. 3 that its people would hold a plebiscite to determine their future.

But Azhari announced last week that he intended to proclaim complete independence immediately.

As the result, the Sudan Parliament yesterday proclaimed the complete independence of the 467,500 square mile territory and established a republican form of government.

There is nothing either Britain or Egypt can do about it, so apparently a new nation has been born.

It is quite a blow to Egypt.

Agreement Cancelled

One of the chief complaints Egypt had for years against Britain was that under what was called a condominium, or joint control arrangement, Britain actually was dominant in the Sudan.

In 1951, former King Farouk canceled the condominium agreement and assumed the title of king of the Sudan as well as of Egypt.

But Britain would not consent, and Farouk's proclamation did not stick.

Farouk lost his throne in July, 1952. Britain and the new Egyptian government agreed that the Sudan should have the right to determine its own future, subject to a three-year transitional period.

Egypt had expected confidently that the Sudanese would agree to unite with it.

In fact, under an agreement which Britain and Egypt signed early this month the Sudan was to hold a plebiscite in which the choice would be complete independence or union with Egypt.

Egypt made a big play to sell the Sudanese on the union plan. Some Americans may remember the photograph, published all over the world, showing Maj. Salah Salem, Egyptian minister for national guidance, dancing with Sudanese tribesmen in a pair of loudly-colored shorts during a propaganda tour.

Favored Union
Azhari himself, when he became Premier early in 1954 as leader of the Sudanese National Unionist Party, was on record as all in favor of union.

But as has happened in other territories like the Sudan, the granting of a little independence led to the strong desire for more.

Dispatches from London and Cairo say that yesterday's action by Azhari and his Parliament is illegal and unconstitutional.

But neither Britain nor Egypt seems in position to interfere. Their troops have left and Azhari is in control.

Azhari's dark-skinned, rugged face shows his determined character. Now 53, he was graduated from the American University in Beirut, Lebanon. He became a school teacher. In 1946 he entered politics as an unconditional Nationalist to work for independence. He served short jail terms in 1948 and 1949 for his activities.

But he is head man now, and it looks as if he may soon ask for admittance to the United Nations.

Spray Packaging Plan Spreading

CHICAGO (UP)—Many of the items in the family medicine cabinet soon will be packaged in spray form, according to Morris J. Root, technical director of one of the nation's largest aerosol firms.

In a speech before members of the American Drug Manufacturers Association, Root said almost any drug product meant to be applied externally can be adapted for spray packaging. This would include topical antibiotics, antiseptics and anesthetics.

Root explained that aerosol packaging can increase effectiveness of many pharmaceuticals. He mentioned, for example, the possibility of getting immediate wide coverage and relief with a soothing burn ointment, compared with the pain of hand application.



OVERCOMES HANDICAP—One-armed Max Dobis of St. Paul, Minn., manipulates the delicate parts of a watch he's repairing at an exposition in Chicago, Ill. Dobis, 38, was one of the handicapped employees who demonstrated their skills at the exposition. He lost his arm during World War II, learned the watch repair skill after the war, and now works as a watchmaker in a St. Paul department store.



KEYBOARD ART—Pictures, not letters, roll from the typewriter of Dona Alberich of Barcelona, Spain. She's shown here at Maldenhead, England, making a copy of Gainsborough's "Duchess of Devonshire." She uses a typewriter with a long carriage and a multicolored ribbon.

Enjoy Advancing Age, He Says

CHICAGO (UP)—Be your age and enjoy it, an industrial health expert advises men worried about the onslaught of time.

Dr. W. H. Rice, chief surgeon of Amco Steel Corporation, said men should choose and plan enjoyable recreations so that they become less active with advancing years.

"Be, and enjoy being, your age," he said.

Dr. Rice suggested that over-eating be avoided. And he said adequate rest periods should be taken as one grows older.

"Twenty to 30 minutes of complete relaxation, lying down, during the noon hour is one of the most valuable things which can be done to prepare you for the afternoon tasks," he said.

Whenever possible, Dr. Rice said, meetings should not extend past mealtimes because eating regularly is very important.

Mighty Big Cleaning Bill

CHICAGO (UP)—Americans spent 10 per cent more this year than last for cleaning up dirt and litter in their homes and places of business, the National Sanitary Supply Association said.

The association estimated Americans paid \$19,000,000 for the work force to help keep us clean last year and \$1,000,000,000 for materials.

As a country, we spend more money than any other people in the world for cleanliness, but it pays off, according to Leo J. Kelly executive vice president of the association.

Kelly said that as a result of keeping clean, along with a better standard of living, widespread immunization, better medical care and the expansion of local health services, the death rate from all infectious diseases in America dropped from 676 per 100,000 persons to 79 in the past 50 years.

SPECIAL GIFT

TROY, N.C. (UP)—Grocer Harry Lewis received a special Christmas gift today from lumber yard operator John Hall.

Lewis, who has driven Hall to his doctor's appointments, jokingly said he expected a stick of peppermint candy for a Christmas gift.

Hall hired a candy salesman, who after a long search, found a stick 36 inches long, 24 inches around and weighing 35 pounds.

The rickshaw was invented by Jonathan Goble, an American missionary in Japan, between 1867 and 1871.



WHAT A LIFT—Employees of a West Berlin, Germany, gas-work crane make light of heavy work, thanks to this new-style crane. It raises a freight car and empties its 40-ton load in a matter of seconds.

DRIVERS PERPLEXED

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (UP)—Taxi cab drivers were perplexed to hear on their radios: "Pick up a passenger at Pier 1."

There are no piers near Huntsville.

The message came from the Naval Air Base dispatcher at San Diego, Calif., some 2,500 miles away. Freak atmospheric conditions were responsible for the reception.



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