

Dulles Lands in Midst of Troubled Middle East

By PHIL NEWSOM

Two major conflicts and a host of minor ones have made the Middle East the military and political vacuum it is today.

Pip in the midst of this sea of discord, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles lands today to learn the facts, and, if possible, to use his good offices.

First stop, Cairo, Egypt. In Cairo, the British and the Egyptians are at another one of their stalemates over British occupation of the Suez Canal zone.

The Egyptians once more have stated flatly they will enter no defense pacts with the West until the British unconditionally are out of the Canal zone.

Assurances Wanted

The British, who have occupied the zone for 70 years and have invested more than a quarter of a billion dollars in

installations, realize that eventually they must vacate but first demand some guarantees from the Egyptians,—namely, proof that the Egyptians can maintain the vital link between East and West and assurance that British troops can take over again in case of war.

The British hope that Dulles can intercede with the government of Gen. Mohammed Naguib and find some way for the talks to get going again.

Hands are Tied

Naguib is internationally minded; but back of him is an onrushing tide of Egyptian nationalism which might engulf him and cause his downfall should he concede too much.

Dulles intends to visit 12 nations in 20 days, on a tour extending from Greece in the West to India in the East, skipping only Iran.

It is perhaps fortunate for him that the trip will be so fast, the disputes he will encounter have been going on for years and they will not now be solved overnight.

On his tour, he will visit Israel and most of her opponents in the Arab-Israeli war.

Civic Players Offer Comedy

The Salem Civic Players will present a three-act comedy, "Excuse My Dust," Friday night of this week at Richmond school.

Proceeds of the play go to the Richmond PTA fund. Miss Beulah Graham is director of the play.

The play takes place in a newly-constructed auto court. Two carpenters who are still on the job make a real pair of comedians.

Characters in the cast and those playing the parts are:

Lysander Willis, by Arthur L. Davis; Bertram Ellis, Ed Anderson; Paul Gerard, John Bransen; Senator Kay, Jim Baer; Judy Carson, Jeanne Molan; Sue Ann Dodge, Sharon Barker; Mrs. Petersen, Dorothy Hill; Winnie West, Helen Lucas; Mrs. Potter, Helen Roberts; Miss Mason, Marge Bransen.

Retail Food Prices Drop

Washington (AP)—Retail food prices came down about 3.4 per cent during the first three months of this year to reach the lowest level since December, 1950, the Agriculture Department reported yesterday.

It said the decline in grocery store price tags coincided with a 4 per cent drop in the prices farmers got for their food products.

Retail food costs now stand about 3 per cent below what they were a year ago. The farm value of foods is down about 9 per cent.

THE WOMEN TAKE CARE OF THE MONEY



Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest of Utah, right, treasurer of the United States, greets Miss Catherine B. Cleary, 36-year-old Milwaukee Bank official, who has been nominated assistant treasurer, in her Washington office. Miss Cleary also has practiced law in Chicago and taught school in Cambridge, Mass., and New Canaan, Conn. She was born in Madison, Wis. (AP Wirephoto.)

Keizer

Keizer — Mrs. Charles Hansen, 533 Sunset avenue, was the winner of the first TV set given away by the IGA stores Monday, May 4.

John J. Payton, radioman 3rd class aboard the navy troopship Thomas Jefferson, and Mrs. Payton have been guests the past week at the home of Mr. Payton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Payton. They left Tuesday for San Francisco where he will meet his ship on its return from Alaska.

The H. P. (Rusty) Teets family motored to Roseburg last weekend to visit their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Don Cline.

Mr. and Mrs. Onas S. Olson spent several days at Gold Beach on southern Oregon the past week.

Friday, May 15, at 1 p.m., mothers with their children, who will enter school next year are to meet in the Keizer school auditorium where Mrs. Taulman, public health nurse, will show a film and explain about health charts to be filled out.

Mrs. Carmalite Weddle, principal of the school, will tell mothers about preparing their children for school. The children will visit the first grade rooms.

Refreshments will be served by the health committee.

At the regular meeting, May 14, the Keizer PTA will honor the graduating parents. These will be the parents whose youngest and last child graduates from Keizer school on May 20th. The program will be the same theme as the commencement exercises May 28.

The following is a list of the parents:

Hazel and Leslie Johnson, June and George Klein, Annie Babb, Roy and Emma Luke, Lora Sohn, Harold Springer, Dora and William Clark, Mable and Clifford Bentson, Viola and Max Clark, Nellie and Bill Graham, Roy and Ruby Holden, Chuck and Dorothy Teeter, Roger and Dorothy Morse, Helen and Hobart Jackson, Juanita McClanahan, Alice Griffin, Driscollina and Charles Faulkner, Mildred and Ben McConnell, Stella and Ora Hudson, Leona and Max Kleman, Esther and Buck Bieberich, Wave and Edward Pierce.

The bird house contest which has been in progress for several months will end on May 8, and cash prizes will be given out at

Award Covers Three Bridges

On recommendation of City Manager J. L. Franzen, following the opening of bids several days ago, the city council Monday night awarded contracts for construction of three new bridges and for the year's street paving.

On a bid of \$64,337 Orlando C. Bennard of Portland got the contract to build bridges on Ford, Mission and 25th streets.

There is a bridge problem on Chemeketa street. Alderman Tom Armstrong said it would be a waste of money to repair it again, and City Engineer J. H. Davis said that if the \$15,000 set apart for bridge repair were tapped for the job it would take most of the fund.

Warren Northwest was awarded the paving contract on parts of 22 streets. Its bid was \$78,236.

A contract to furnish concrete for curbs and sidewalks was awarded to Commercial Sand & Gravel company whose bid was \$10.24 a cubic yard.

Bailey Bros. Circus Dated

Bailey Bros. Circus is coming to Salem June 8 and 9 under sponsorship of Salem Lions club.

The 46-act circus will be performed at Waters Field, featuring an aerial ballet and other aerial acrobatic acts, clowns, trained baby elephant, chimpanzees, horses and dogs.

Preparing for the show, a circus headquarters was set up Monday at 237 N. Liberty St. by two advance men of Bailey Bros., promotion director Bill Claybourne and publicity man W. J. McNew.

Children's tickets will be sold through local merchants in connection with their own promotions, it was announced, and the service club will conduct the ticket sale at the gate. George A. Brown, circus chairman for the Lions club, said tickets will be in the popular price range.

Salem Lions club will share in proceeds and use any profits in its youth and blind work projects.

FLAG BILL APPROVED
Washington, (AP)—A bill to ban display of the United Nations flag on a level with or above the American flag on U. S. territory was approved Monday by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

the May 14 PTA meeting. The contest was made possible through the cooperation of Walt and Bill of the Keizer Builders Supply and the manual training teacher of Keizer school.

Ferder First At Corvallis

J. J. Ferder from the Salem Toastmaster club took second place in the District 7 speech contest for Toastmasters held at Corvallis Saturday night. First place went to Victor Miller of Portland.

Ferder, who represented two areas, had as his topic "Salvation of a Sucker." Six speakers took part in the contest attended by approximately 250 persons and about 25 of them from Salem.

Included in District 7 of Toastmasters are Oregon southern Washington and northern California.

WOOL GROUP TO MEET
Portland (AP)—Legislative and promotional programs are to be discussed here May 20 at a regional wool industry conference. James Coon, president of the Portland Wool Trade association, said the group will discuss revision of the federal price support program.

Clear Lake

Clear Lake—Carol Mason has won the position as valedictorian of the eight-grade graduating class, and Jerry Girod, that of salutatorian.

Other members of the class are Marvin Duckett, Connie Husler, Magot Purdum, Bonnie Shull, and Jackie Springer.

Graduation exercises will be held May 15, at 8 p.m. The address will be given by Rev. Gordon E. Jaffe, of Albany, and Rev. R. S. Lawrence will give the invocation and benediction. T. R. Girod, chairman of the school board, will present the diplomas.

Also included in the program are musical numbers. The teacher is Miss Grace Klampe.

The school picnic will be held on the school grounds May 19, with lunch being served about noon. There will be races and a ball game. Students will also receive their report cards that day.

Officers for the Clear Lake EUB church and Sunday school were elected Thursday evening. Mrs. T. C. Mason will serve as superintendent of the Sunday school, with W. R. Massey as assistant. Miss Lois Sorenson was named treasurer and Mrs. W. R. Masse, secretary. Class leader for the church will be Mrs. Lois Adams; assistant class leader, Mrs. Floyd Springer; treasurer, Mrs. Naomi Massey; and trustee for a five-year term, Mrs. Arthur Evans.

The Women's Societies for World Service of Evangelical United Brethren churches are holding their convention at Jennings Lodge May 12 to 14. Mrs. Arthur Sorenson and Mrs. Arthur Evans will serve as delegates from the Clear Lake Society. Wednesday, May 13, will be known as "drive in" day, when an effort will be made to get as large an attendance as possible.

Tornado Destroys Old Indian Legend
Waco, Tex.—An old legend of the Huaco Indians was destroyed Monday, along with uncounted lives and some \$10 million dollars worth of property.

The Indians, for whom Waco was named, used to say that the townsite was the only spot in Texas safe from tornadoes.

Monday's tragedy was Waco's first tornado in history.

Idaho Governor On Hells Canyon

Boise, Idaho (AP)—Gov. Len Jordan told a press conference the Interior Department's stand on Hells Canyon Dam doesn't mean the "death knell" for multi-purpose projects in the West.

It does, however, represent a change of thinking and was "very gratifying to those who have worked so hard," he said.

Jordan was in Washington when Secretary of the Interior McKay announced that his department had withdrawn opposition to the Idaho Power Co. plan to build a smaller dam on the Snake river. The department in the Truman Administration opposed the Idaho Power Co. dam and favored a huge government dam at Hells Canyon on the Idaho-Oregon border.

"I don't think this means the death knell for federal multi-purpose projects because they are all different," the Republican governor said. "But it does represent a change in thinking. Multi-purpose projects will come under scrutiny as to who can best develop them."

Liquor by Drink at Albany Starts Slowly
Albany—Liquor was sold by the drink Monday at only one of the three commercial establishments for which class A licenses have been approved by the state liquor control commission, but on Tuesday at least two will be vending such refreshments. The third is expected to start retailing liquor

under the new state law within a few days.

Liquor by the drink was selling at prices ranging from 50 cents to \$2. The latter higher figure was for the fancy concoctions calling for a number of ingredients and special service.

Besides the only three Class A retail hard liquor licenses granted in Albany, only three asked, are three Class C club licenses. One DA license is being sought by a local establishment. This type entitles the establishment to operate without the cabaret feature attending a Class A licensed place.

Fire Razes Home

Albany—Aided by a 25-mile-an-hour wind fire completely destroyed the home and contents occupied by a family of five Sunday on the No. 10 Grange Rd. just southeast of Albany. Sturling the loss were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Miller and their three children. The house was owned by Ora Fry. Damage was estimated at \$9000.

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