

Nasser's Eyes Everywhere in British Colony

Undeclared War Rages To Expel English From Aden

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ADEN (UP)—Walk down any dusty street in this teeming, sun-baked nerve center of a strategic British colony.

The eyes of Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser will follow you all the way, gleaming fluorescently from shop windows.

Blaring radios bring the "Voice of Cairo" into every corner of this Oriental market.

Barefoot and bedraggled urchins threading their way among honking cars, wandering goats and wailing beggars taunt the white man with shouts of "Nasser! Nasser!"

This is an undeclared war to oust the British from one of their few remaining territories in the oil-rich Middle East. Here it is largely a verbal war.

Up in the rugged mountains and desert of the Aden protectorate, the same battle is being fought with guns. The pictures of Nasser are hidden there, but his influence is felt.

The Sheikhs, emirs and sherifs who rule Britain's Aden protectorate—the barren hinterland beyond the seaport Aden colony—are pro-British. So are many of the colony's merchants and businessmen. They like the security, law and order Britain gave this sun-parched rim of the Arabian peninsula.

All-Time Low

But Britain's prestige here hit an all-time low after the attack on Egypt last fall. At British-built movies only half the audience will stand when "God Save The Queen" is played. At Arab movie houses, the anthem no longer is played at all.

Remarkably, there was no trouble in the colony, site of a vital British naval base, when the Suez war flared. But business slumped, and, as this was written, there were only three small freighters in the once-jammed harbor. The oil refinery, cut back production two-thirds but kept men at work with a "crash" maintenance and repair program.

There was serious trouble in the hinterland, where the worst border fighting between the British and the neighboring Arab state of Yemen since 1934 erupted. The battle continues, with nightly raids by Yemeni tribesmen on encampments of Cameron Highlanders and Aden forts.

Lured By Rifles

The British say that 1,000 Aden tribesmen who dye their faces blue for battle have gone over to the Yemen in recent months, lured by offers of rifles and payment if they use them well. The Naib of Ibb, a Yemeni leader, claims 200,000 Aden tribesmen—one-fifth of the protectorate's population—have deserted to join the fight to "free occupied Yemen." The Yemenis claim Britain has "occupied" their territory. Nasser and the Communist world have backed Yemen's cry.

Rifles are strange bait. But they are highly valued in a land where tribal feuds and bandits make it advisable to have one handy at all times. They cost up to \$475 apiece, leaving tribesmen with the choice of working half a lifetime to buy one or just slipping across the Yemen to pick one up. The temptation is too strong for many a tribesman to resist.

Eden Arrives At Auckland; Back on Feet

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP)—Smiling but looking weak, former British Prime Minister Eden arrived with his wife in Auckland today for a rest.

Eden said in a brief news conference that this was his first full day out of bed since two bouts with fever during the trans-Pacific voyage aboard the liner Rangitata.

He said the first attack was mild, the other sharper. He said that neither lasted long but they weakened him.

The Edens were greeted by Prime Minister Sidney Holland and his wife and Sir William Jordan, New Zealand's wartime high commissioner in London.

Eden came to New Zealand to recover from the ill health which his doctors said forced his resignation as prime minister Jan. 9.

Plumber Puts Hootch on Tap

DALLAS, N.C. (UP)—Plumber Nelson Eidson found himself in hot water today because his elaborate home plumbing system did not hold water.

In fact, officers found that it held nothing but pure whisky.

For some time officers had suspected that, in addition to his obvious flair for pipe-fitting, Eidson had other talents. Last year he was arrested for hiding whisky in his fireplace.

When officers raided his home this week, one of them accidentally turned on the kitchen tap. Whisky came out and kept coming. The officers followed copper tubing from the kitchen sink to a 42-gallon tank in the back yard.

Eidson was released under \$500 bond on charges of violating the liquor laws.

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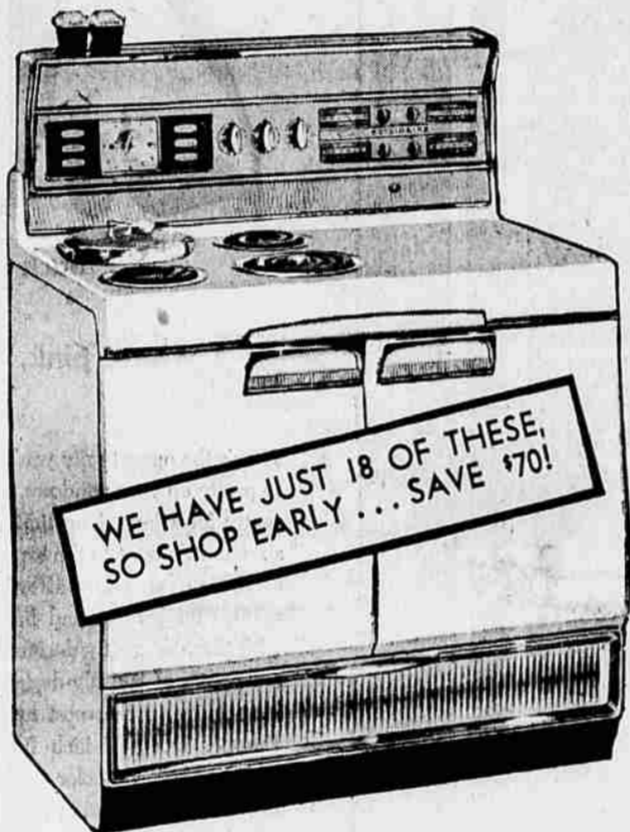


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