

Berbers siding with Moroccans in border fight

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BOU-ARFA, Morocco (UPI)—Yelling, chanting Berber villagers surged around us, pinning us in front of the army garrison in this desert town near the Algerian-Moroccan frontier.

"Long live the king (Hassan of Morocco)!" they chanted together in Arabic. "Make stew out of (Algerian President Ahmed) Ben Bella! Give us weapons to defend the true frontier of Morocco!"

The Moroccans staged a wild, 45-minute demonstration when a group of foreign correspondents arrived here en route to the frontier near the village of Ich, raided Friday by the Algerian army.

Bou-Arfa is 90 miles northwest of Colomb Bechar, Algeria.

The village is inhabited by simple, weatherbeaten people who herd the goats and camels through the unpaved streets. They are edgy because their adobe houses and families are in the troubled frontier area.

Crowd Gathers

When we arrived, men, young and old, raced over the desert to stare at us Westerners, a sight seldom seen in the Moroccan desert.

We were taken to an army garrison. The villagers gathered across the street, quietly watching the photographers.

Then one spotted a tape recorder and began to shout his feelings to the newsmen, who had come from so far away.

Immediately, leathery-faced men in modest white robes and ragged turbans joined in to demonstrate their solidarity against Ben Bella.

Yelling in near-frenzy, they swept across the street. The correspondents retreated behind the garrison walls but the mob, smiling and chanting, charged through the gateway.

Women arrived, some so excited that their white veils slipped off to reveal blue tattoos on cheeks and chins. Silver bracelets jangling, they shouted "Ben Bella is a pig."

Hold Back Crowd

Soldiers had to join hands to keep back the crowd. Finally army officers sneaked the 22 foreign correspondents out the back door to waiting trucks.

The crowd ran after us, barefoot children trying to shake hands.

Later, a Moroccan army captain said the demonstration "was all from the heart."

"This dispute between Algeria and Morocco is not just a problem of frontiers. We have chosen the way of freedom and liberty, like Americans..." he said as we drove toward the border. "Algeria has chosen a dictator."

At Figiul, the commanding officer of the army post was shouting over the telephone to his general, "Situation stationary, no change."

He told us that his post of 70 men is "ready for any enemy attack."

Weekly disease report issued

Jefferson County, with 15 cases of influenza listed by 100 per cent of its reporting medical sources, led its neighbor counties in total communicable diseases last week, according to the Tri-County Health Department.

The county also listed one pneumonia, one shigella and one gastro-enteritis.

Deschutes county, with 68 per cent reporting, listed five pneumonia cases and two influenza.

Crook County, 68 per cent reporting, listed twelve influenza, two pneumonia, one mononucleosis and one scarlet fever.

PARACHUTE MEDICINE

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Sen. Kenneth Keating, R-N.Y., suggests the United States parachute medicine and food to areas in Cuba devastated by Hurricane Flora.

"It would dramatically show U.S. concern for the people of Cuba as well as pointing up Castro's inability to care for the citizens of Cuba," he said Sunday.

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U.S. wheat exports may exceed record billion bushels this year

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WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Agriculture Department predicts that U.S. wheat exports in the current marketing year may exceed a record 1 billion bushels.

In the 320 years that American wheat has been shipped abroad, the previous record export year was 1961 when 718 million bushels were sold overseas.

The department said the possible shipment of 200 million bushels to the Soviet Union and Eastern European Communist bloc countries will be only partly responsible for breaking the wheat export record. Even before the anticipated sales to the Communists was approved by President Kennedy, wheat exports for 1963-64 were estimated unofficially at around 800 million bushels.

The United States long has been the world's leading wheat grower—its production has exceeded only a few times by the U.S.S.R. when a good growing season blessed that country—and now it ranks as the No. 1 exporter. Its nearest competitors are Canada and Australia, both of which export wheat to the Soviets and to

Pope issues plea for co-existence

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—Pope Paul VI, in a dramatic plea for co-existence between Catholicism and communism, Sunday called on Communist China to restore religious freedom to its people.

Addressing himself directly to government leaders in China, where the church has been totally suppressed, the Pope said that being a Catholic does not compromise a citizen's loyalty to his country.

"Belonging to the Church, rather than weakening, strengthens and increases the value of the relationship of citizens with their country," he said, "and makes of them the guarantors and participants in her security... and her true progress."

The Pope spoke after he had consecrated 14 missionary bishops from around the world in St. Peter's basilica. It was World Mission Day in the church, and the Pope said it grieved him there were no Chinese among the bishops he consecrated and no Chinese students attending the missionary college where he spoke.

The empty seats at the Ecumenical Council that should be filled by bishops from China, he added, are "like thorns of pain" to him.



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Clinton case may have great bearing on future course of Negroes' struggle for equal status

By Al Kueflner
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Last Friday toward the end of a complicated three-hour hearing on a civil rights case involving Clinton, La., federal Judge John R. Brown of Houston Tex., leaned across the bench, fixed no one in particular with a flicker of a smile and made an observation.

"I want it noted," said Brown glancing at the courtroom clock, "that we have been here for three hours trying to decide whether a state or a federal court has jurisdiction in this case. This is twice the amount of time we have devoted to any other case on appeal this week."

Brown's remark did not go unnoticed by his fellow judges of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, Elbert Tuttle and Griffin Bell, both of Atlanta.

As the civil rights struggle dug deeper into the nation's life, the conflict over a state's right to control demonstrations through local laws was becoming an increasingly potent issue in the legal side of the dispute. Much in the future could hinge on the final outcome of the Clinton case.

Encourage Negroes

In that situation, the town of Clinton, a rural community in eastern Louisiana near the Mississippi border, was visited by the Congress of Racial Equality

(CORE). Its purpose reportedly was to help encourage Negroes (who make up well over 50 per cent of the population of the area) to register for voting.

Clinton attorney Van Buskirk told the three judges, during Friday's hearing, that the result of CORE's visitation was to eliminate good race relations and to bring the town to the verge of bloodshed. He said young children were being taught disobedience of the law by CORE. Then he begged the state to tear up its stay of a state court injunction which had effectively halted CORE's activities.

On the other side of the argument was William Kusler, the brilliant attorney for the Ghandi Society for Human Rights. He has helped draft one of the civil rights proposals now before Congress and has written as well as argued many phases of the long racial struggle.

Kusler's position was that the federal court should take jurisdiction in the Clinton case away from the state courts. His argument was the usual one: That persons arrested on state charges, particularly in civil rights cases, often linger in jail for weeks or months. Furthermore, he said, local governments can easily block "constitutional" activities through injunctive processes.

Quizzed Legal Staff
Bell in particular quizzed the

Clinton legal staff on the point of delayed action in state courts on persons arrested on various charges.

"This is why everybody wants to get to federal court," Bell said. "We end up with cases because people can't get heard in state courts. This is getting to be a serious matter. There is a point at which the federal court system can break down with all these cases. We must find a way to keep these cases from flooding us."

At Bell's insistence, Buskirk made a guess at the length of time it would take for an appeal to wind through the Superior Court in Louisiana—about 60 days. Kusler hoped to get action in the federal court in about 60 hours.

The issue to be decided: Whether the three judges would retain, modify or remove their stay of the state court injunction against CORE.

"I hope somebody doesn't get killed before this thing is settled," Buskirk told the court.

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Housing group would welcome public hearing

PORTLAND (UPI)—The Portland Housing Authority said Friday it would welcome a public hearing on charges it practices discrimination if witnesses can be subpoenaed to testify under oath.

Gene Rossman, the authority's executive director, said an informal poll of the seven-member group showed "solid support for an investigation of this type."

He said it was the consensus "that any other type of hearing—one in which witnesses would not be under oath—would be meaningless."

Rossman's statement followed receipt of a letter from State Labor Commissioner Norman Nilsen in which Nilsen said the civil rights section of the labor bureau would hold a hearing if the authority requested it.

Drop in insured rate reported

SALEM (UPI)—The first week of October showed a lower rate of insured unemployment in Oregon compared to both four weeks earlier and a year earlier, it was announced today.

The rate of insured unemployment for the week ending Oct. 10 was 2.1 per cent, compared to 2.3 per cent four weeks earlier and 2.5 per cent a year earlier.

Areas reporting the lowest rates of insured unemployment were Baker, .8 per cent, and Ontario, 1.4 per cent. Highs were at McMinnville, 6 per cent, and Grants Pass, 5.7 per cent.

REPORTS PLANE CRASH
CAIRO, U.A.R. (UPI)—Authorities said today 14 persons were killed in the crash of a Soviet military transport plane at Aswan Airport last week.

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