

'Lion of the Atlas' May Be Man Behind Uprising in Morocco

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More than 30 years to winning total independence not only for his native Morocco but for all of French North Africa.

There seems good reason to believe that old Abd El Krim, "The Lion of the Atlas," is the man behind the new Arab uprising in French Morocco.

If so, the French government may face a grim situation for a long time. For El Krim has dedicated his life for more than 30 years to winning total independence not only for his native Morocco but for all of French North Africa.

He has not been in Morocco since 1926. But his name is still one to conjure with.

Statements are now being issued in Cairo saying that independence for all of French North Africa is the aim of the Moroccan rebels.

The statements are sponsored by a "North African Liberation Committee" which has its headquarters in Cairo.

It is in Cairo that exiled El Krim is living as the guest of the Egyptian government. French authorities are becoming convinced that he is directing the center.

Organized Army
A spokesman for the center said on Tuesday that the rebels in Morocco and Algeria, adjoining it on the East, are now fighting as a unified, organized "liberation army."

He said that the present uprising is commanded by an underground general staff. Dispatches from Morocco have emphasized that the rebels who are fighting in El Krim's old territory, near the border of Spanish Morocco, are smartly uniformed, well armed and expertly organized.

There has been fighting in French North Africa for some years.

But the present uprising in Morocco is the first organized one in that protectorate since El Krim led his warriors against Spain and then France in the 1920s.

Abd El Krim is old now—72 or 73—and his short, thick beard is white. His limp, the result of a

broken leg he suffered in a leap years ago from a Spanish Moroccan cell window, is more pronounced.

But his short body is still sturdy and he still has the burning eyes of a fanatic.

Military Victories
It was in 1921 that the name of Abd El Krim first became known around the world. He led his Riff tribesmen in a rebellion against Spain. He routed the Spanish Moroccan army.

The impact on Spain was terrific. A military dictatorship was formed, and indirectly the revolt led to the overthrow of King Alfonso XIII.

El Krim turned his attentions to French Morocco. He finally was defeated in 1926 by France and Spain together.

France exiled him to Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean.

It made the mistake, in 1947, of easing up on him, and decided to install him and his retinue of wives, concubines and aides on the sunny French Riviera. He got off his ship at Cairo, and stayed there.

Farmers Straighten Kinks in River

Foosland, Ill. — (U.P.) — Along with regular farm work, Ernest Meredith and his two sons are straightening out the Sangramon river.

Meredith and the boys, Glenn and Bob, decided the winding river, which cuts across their farm, was taking up too much valuable land.

So they got a second-hand bulldozer and proceeded to straighten out the kinks in the river, which makes six right angle turns in on of their 180-acre fields.

The Merediths expect to have the course of the river straightened out by next year. And they expect the job to increase the value of their farm of 320 acres by \$100 an acre while making another 60 or 70 acres of land tillable.

NEWS EXECUTIVE BURIED

New York — (U.P.) — Funeral services were held here today for Maj. Gen. Julius Ochs Adler, 62, first vice-president and general manager of the New York Times.

A Nichol's Worth of... Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
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Washington — (U.P.) — The most wonderful thing about a new collection of famous poker stories is that there is no copy by ladies.



HARMAN NICHOLS
ought to know something about his subject.

Quite properly, the book is called "Dealer's Choice," which has nothing to do with the players, who only play straight stud or draw poker time and again around the round table.

Jerry does, however, give one lady credit, except that maybe up to this point nobody ever knew she was from the weaker side. It was way back there when Spalding's Home Library put out a volume on poker. It was authored by A. Howard Cady, and the "A" stood for Alice. Now her secret is out.

This friend Lewis has a foundation of information. He recalls the time that President Grant sent one Robert Cumming Schenck to be U.S. envoy to England. Little did Grant know that his emissary was a bug on poker. Anyhow, Queen Victoria invited Schenck to her summer home for a hoe-down with the higher-ups.

A Little Game

The envoy worked it around to a point where he suggested a game of poker, which is one thing the Russians didn't invent. The queen thought that was a good idea. One thing led to another and Queen Vic wound up the evening with a bundle, in pounds and such.

She thought so much of the game and of the envoy from the states that she asked him to write a book of rules on poker. He did, but it got him in a mess of trouble. In his book Schenck said:

"It is a great object to mystify your adversaries up to the call, when hands will be shown. To this end, it is a good practice to talk a little nonsense, with the view to misleading your opponents as to the value of your hand."

Some folks thought this was no way for the U.S. ambassador to the Court of St. James to talk.

There were calls from all to the White House demanding the recall of our Schenck. But he survived the protests, thanks to the queen. She let the word get around that she, as a beginner and early winner, thought his book was darned good poker advice.

I particularly like the chapter by the late Bob Benchley, the lovable funny man.

Something Different

He dearly loved dancing girls but didn't much care for the poker playing kind. He found himself involved in a party in his own house, where he had furnished the liquor and barbecued suckling pigs. Generally, Bob related, he was shoed out of the house when games came along. Things like write everything down you can think of that starts with a "W." One night somebody mentioned poker.

Benchley put on his best poker manners and decided to stick around. First time around the game, with women aboard, the dealer suggested "Whistle up your windpipe. Seven-card stud, two, three, and red-haired queens wild. For high, low and medium."

Bob thought he would teach the sissies a lesson. He had a straight. But with that many wild cards, everybody else around the table had a royal straight flush.

Cost old Bob \$11.60 on the hand. He not only gave up games with words beginning with "W," he also gave up playing poker with women.

Over 4000 Newcomers Seek Oregon Licenses

Salem — (U.P.) — More than 4,000 newcomers to this state applied for Oregon drivers licenses during September, William E. Healy, assistant secretary of state, said today.

The applicants came from six foreign countries, 47 states and the District of Columbia.

Largest number, 401, were from Washington state followed by 358 from Arkansas and 297 from California.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

So that we may deal realistically with the facts of life, which is always advisable, let us recite here in chronological order a series of events that began in Denver late Sunday afternoon.

THE Sunday evening medical bulletin from Fitzsimmons army hospital reported President Eisenhower "a little tired and not feeling as well as usual." The bulletin added that he was given a mild sedative to help him fall asleep more easily.

When the change in the President's condition was noted, the news was telephoned at once to Dr. Paul Dudley White, one of the world's foremost heart specialists who has been in constant consultation since the chief executive's heart attack.

In commenting on the change Dr. White said: "It makes us suspicious that there may be something behind it." "But, he added, "the President may be all right later" (when he awakens).

THE news Monday morning was reassuring. The hospital bulletin said the President's condition remained satisfactory and that he apparently had suffered no complications.

The bulletin added that he awoke "rested and refreshed" and visited with Mrs. Eisenhower during breakfast. For his morning meal, he ate a slice of cantaloupe, an egg, two strips of beef bacon, a slice of whole wheat toast and a glass of skimmed milk.

It was added somewhat later that he may sign additional government papers this week.

All of which is wonderful.

LET us now get on with our sequence of events.

Remember that it began late Sunday afternoon. Modern communications are so nearly perfect that within a matter of minutes the news of the possibly disturbing change in the President's condition was known all over the world.

Remember that this bulletin came at a time when stock exchanges all over the world were closed. People had all night to reflect on the possible consequences of an unfavorable change in the President's condition.

WHEN the New York Stock exchange opened Monday morning, it ran into a wave of selling. Prices fell one to three points in many instances, and some losses went on out to six points at the worst.

Volume mounted swiftly as the selling progressed and prices fell.

WHAT does that mean? It means that people feel widely and generally that if President Eisenhower should be removed by death or total disability from the scene of world events the future would be far less bright and beautiful. It can have no other meaning.

NOW for the moral. Let us suggest it in the form of a question.

Have we reached the point where we put too much dependence ON ONE MAN?

I DON'T KNOW.

But I can't help the feeling that we are approaching the point where we place too much emphasis upon the executive branch of our government (which is headed by one man) and too little emphasis upon the legislative branch, which is composed of MANY men. We are coming to think of the President as all-important and of the congress as relatively unimportant. History teaches us that this is a dangerous trend.

I THINK we'd better begin to think of the supreme importance to us of getting the ablest men we have into the congress.

Most Second Graders Get Second Polio Shot

Portland — (U.P.) — Dr. Thomas L. Meador, city health officer, today reported that 87 per cent of first and second graders receiving initial immunization doses of Salk vaccine had returned for their second shots. A third, or "booster" shot, would be provided by private physicians under the program.

COMMANDER IN SEOUL
Seoul, Korea — (U.P.) — U.S. and United Nations Commander Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer flew here from Tokyo today to confer with Korean and American officials.

Firemen To Vote On Maritime Strike

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Members of the AFL Firemen's Union scheduled meetings today to vote on giving their negotiating committee authority to call a strike against the Pacific Maritime Association.

A negotiating session between the union and the PMA ended yesterday with no agreement being reached. Vincent Malone, union president, said the union is "liable to take some action" unless the shipowners come up with a "tangible" wage proposal.

Malone indicated, despite the strike threat, that the action would consist initially of cancelling the contract.

He accused the shipowners of offering "reduction in pay" in their counter-proposals to date. He said the union wanted a proposal that it could submit to the membership for a vote "with a good chance it will be accepted."

Meanwhile, the Marine Cooks and the PMA recessed their wage talks yesterday without coming to an agreement.

Vancouver Man Held On Charge of Murder

Portland — (U.P.) — Quinton Robert Gault, 53-year-old Vancouver, Wash., baker, yesterday was charged with first degree murder after admitting he had scuffled with a Portland waitress shortly before she was found dead in her apartment Tuesday night.

Gault denied knowledge of Miss Marks' death. However, he admitted arguing with her over payment of her rent, and said he struggled with her.

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