

# Survivor of 'Black Hole' Tells Of Anguished Cries for Water

Kosti, Sudan—(U.P.)—A survivor of the "black hole" of Kosti where 190 Sudanese tenant farmers suffocated said today their anguished cries for air and water went unheeded by police guards.

The Sudanese told a shocking story of the horrible hours in a prison ward where prisoners were packed so tightly those who died remained in an upright position.

The survivor said that he and the other tenant farmers were arrested Tuesday morning and taken by truck to the town of Juda. He said they were held without food and water until late afternoon.

Drank From Canal

He said they were hustled on board huge trucks for transportation to Kosti, the huge cotton-growing center in the White Nile province.

"They allowed us to drink from the canal on the way," the Sudanese said. "We reached Kosti (after some five hours) completely exhausted."

He said all 281 prisoners were crammed into 65 by 20 foot room. Semi-official reports said there was a total of 334 prisoners.

"We couldn't sit—we had to stand all the time," he said.

"After two hours, we felt the strong heat," he continued. "We couldn't breathe. The doors, two small glass windows near the ceiling and the wooden shutters were all closed."

Begged for Water

"We shouted, cried and banged on the doors. We begged police for water and told them we were suffocating, but without avail."

When the iron doors were

others died in the hospital.

In Khartoum, student rioting flared and newspapers printed bitter editorials blaming the government for the "black hole" deaths and the slaughter of an opened Wednesday morning 187 men were dead, he said. Three

other 150 tenant farmers in a brawl with police.

The riots stemmed from the refusal of the cotton farmers to sell their crops to the market of the Goda farm combine. Company officials charged the riots were Communist-inspired.

### Young Democrats Plan Saturday Convention

Portland—(U.P.)—The first annual convention of the newly-organized College Federation of Young Democrats of Oregon will be held at Reed College here tomorrow. Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton and State Sen. Monroe Sweetland will be principal speakers.

# Benson Asks Nationwide Backing For Flexible Farm Price Program

Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson, in a direct blast at radio-TV commentator Edward R. Murrow, said Thursday night anyone who claims farmers are headed for a depression is "simply not telling the truth."

Benson appeared on Murrow's CBS television show, "See It Now," to reply to a Jan. 26 program which Murrow called "The Farm Problem—A Crisis of Abundance." Benson said it gave a "somewhat distorted picture of the American farm situation."

Benson called on the nationwide TV audience to back the administration's flexible farm price support program and "make your wishes known" to members of Congress. The Senate now is debating a Democratic-sponsored bill to junk the administration program.

Benson also said that American agriculture is "not on the rocks" and is "not depression-bound."

"Whoever says it is," he declared, "is rendering the cause of the farmer a disservice and is simply not telling the truth."

Benson, defending his farm program and attacking Democratic proposals for high rigid price supports, also declared that "there is no crisis of abundance."

He said current farm troubles stem from "an imbalance between supply and demand" and "a critical cost-price squeeze."

Prices, Income Smothered

"Surpluses are smothering farm prices and income," he said. "That's why our farm families are not sharing as they should in this nation's record prosperity."

He denounced 90 per cent

price supports as "price-fixing by government" and blamed them for huge crop surpluses. He said the administration program calls for a halt to price-fixing, and will help build bigger farm markets.

## Is That So?

A brain thumper it is. Identify me by No. 2 and you are an outdoor expert; by No. 4 a woodsman; by No. 6 a dude wrangler; by No. 8, a drugstore cowpoke. The answer is in the last paragraph. Strong enough to avoid peeling?

1. Without using my legs, I am a powerful swimmer—but none of my kind go far asea. A meat-eater, I refrain from chewing my food. To help my digestion along, I swallow hard objects

like pebbles. I build a large nest. Come springtime, when romance gives me a twinge, my bellows carry a mile to my smaller mate.

2. I may continue to grow half a century or more. Once adult, man alone is my enemy—and even though armed, he shows considerable respect for me. With my bantamweight youngsters, it's different: birds, soft-shelled turtles, raccoons, fish, snakes and even their own father may gobble them up.

3. My fossil remains, found both in Europe and America, show that I once had 6-inch teeth set in a 6-foot head, that I measured over 50 feet. Today my kind is smaller—from 4 to 25 feet—and encircle the globe's warm regions. Before the white man, my range in America extended from the Rio Grande in Texas to North Carolina.

4. I construct my den in the river bank above water level, entering it through an underwater passageway. Direct sunshine at 100 degrees F. kills me—hence I bask in the water or mud. To overcome cold, I hibernate, perhaps months on end—the farther north, of course, the longer.

5. The female builds the nest. Some make a large mound of vegetable matter and mud, others scoop out a hollow in the sand. She lays from 20 to 100 hard-shelled, goose-sized white eggs and then covers them with sand and decaying vegetable matter—the latter incubates them. After eight weeks or so, the mother hears the "grunting" from inside the buried eggs, scratches away the covering, and then the young peck their way out with an egg-tooth which is discarded within a couple of days.

Young Eight Inches Long

6. At birth the young are eight inches long and look surprisingly

## By EUGENE BURNS Ranger-Naturalist

mature. They grow slowly, about a foot a year until mature, at ten. At an early age I form a partnership with a plover-like little bird. He picks my teeth and removes things from my close-set overlapping bony armor plate that covers my back and neck.

7. For a landlubber, I've made some rather clever adaptations. For easy walking in bogs, my feet are webbed; for floating in water, just under the surface, my nostrils open on the tip-top of my upturned snout so I can breathe, and to keep a sharp lookout, my eyes protrude, stem-like. Should I desire to submerge completely, I close three valves; one for my nostrils; another for my ears; a third for my throat—the latter permits me to kill my prey under water.

8. A night-time feeder, I eat anything which I can overpower such as fish, salamanders, birds, and creatures which come to the river banks, including cattle. My favorite approach is to proceed slowly, carefully—and then make a sudden rush, striking my victims with my large, powerful tail, and then seizing them in between. My formidable jaws and dragging them under the water to drown.

9. My sharp interlocking teeth are embedded in vice-like jaws. Despite my big mouth, I cannot swallow anything large so once I drown my prey, I seize hold of a chunk and twist it off by turning my body lengthwise in the water. Curiously, once my big mouth is clamped shut, a comparatively weak man can hold it shut with his bare hands.

10. Of all reptiles, I am perhaps the most highly specialized. The soft under part of my tough skin is made into traveling bags, handbags and shoes; my teeth make fine ivory; my musk glands rare perfume; and some people think my eggs scrumptious. I am best known for my so-called crocodile tears. I care not a whit for my victims

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## Brazilian Loyalists Prepare for Attack

Belem, Brazil—(U.P.)—A commandeered riverboat loaded with loyal troops was reported steaming today toward Itaituba, head of navigation on the Amazon river, to attack rebels holding the airstrip at Jacareacanga.

Air force sources said the 1,100 soldiers, marines and airmen in the riverboat Presidente Vargas will land at Itaituba and advance against the remote jungle airstrip.

Reports that the government is planning an air raid and a paratroop landing at Jacareacanga later today could not be confirmed immediately.

The air force sources said the Presidente Vargas bypassed Santarem, a riverside city abandoned by the rebels Thursday, and headed directly for Itaituba.

## 4-H Club News

**Kitchen Workers**

The "Kitchen Workers" Phoenix 4-H club met at the Kidwell home, Feb. 18. The hostess, Patty Kidwell, demonstrated the baking of cakes. Games were played after the regular meeting, and Cokes and cake were served.

Patty Kidwell Reporter

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