

Arab Refugees Secretly Long for First Shot in Mid-East Unrest

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Amman, Jordan—(U.P.)—While the Western powers strive to avert the threatening Mid-East war there are nearly a million dispossessed Arabs secretly longing for the first shot to be fired. They hope it will restore them to their lost homes. These Arab refugees were driven from their Palestine homelands in the 1948-49 Arab-Jewish conflict and they are living today on dreams of hatred and revenge.

In terms of human tragedy they are an indelible stain on the world's conscience. More than half of them—almost 500,000—live in the tiny Hashemite kingdom of Jordan, packed like cattle into sprawling mudbrick camps which encircle the main towns in signs of sullen menace. Their one idea is just to go home. But home is today's modern

Israel, already overcrowded with Jewish immigrants tilling the soil and cultivating orange groves which once belonged to Arab owners. And Israel has no intention of giving up. In Jordan the refugees are concentrated mainly in the west bank territory of the former Palestine which was annexed by Jordan's King Abdullah after the 1949 armistice. They can look out in many instances across the twisting demarcation

line and see the farms and houses they once occupied in the hands of Israeli settlers. Foods and shelter for the refugees is provided by the United Nations Relief and Works agency which distributes basic rations and tries to resettle and rehabilitate the refugees. Its annual budget for Jordan is \$14,000,000, of which \$12,000,000 goes for food. That provides each refugee with nine cents worth of food a

day. Its 1500 calorie content equals the lowest rations ever distributed to conquered Germans at the end of World War II. It is an exercise in borderline starvation. For those who are undernourished, and there are thousands, there are "supplementary feeding tents" inside the camps. A medical certificate permits one to get a hot meal there. I saw one being served in Jordan's largest camp, outside Jordan,

where 40,000 refugees are gathered—four times the population of Jericho itself. Outside the door of the mud-walled, cane-roofed dining room stood a group of ragged children holding tin plates pathetically in their hands, waiting for scraps that might be left. But there was nothing left. A toothless old woman burned almost black by the 140-degree sun clawed at the camp superintendent's arm asking to be put on the undernour-

ished list. "I have to turn her down every time," the superintendent said. "There's only so much food and so many mouths to feed. There are others who need it more." The food and medical supplies given by the United Nations keep the refugees going but has no effect on their attitude toward their lost lands. Listen to 65-year-old Ramadan Abdel Hage, who once owned two orange

groves, a tractor and fertile farmland and is now living in a one-room mud hut. "The British aid to Jewish colonization forced me to leave my home. The British were our friends and allies and we were their friends. But they betrayed us. They brought Jews and put them in our midst. But we will go back by force if necessary. If the British don't support the Jews we can deal easily with them."

Consolidation Is Approved by Three School Districts

Residents of Medford, Oak Grove and West Side school districts yesterday voted overwhelmingly for consolidation into one district. The vote in Medford was 252 to 61 in favor, Oak Grove residents favored consolidation 163 to 23, and West Side patrons voted 93 to 1 in favor. Votes will be canvassed by the Jackson County Boundary board, which will notify districts of the effective date of consolidation. County School Superintendent Alf B. Mekvold said he probably would call a meeting of the board later this week.

Tentative Date

Tentative effective date is July 1, start of the new fiscal year, Mekvold said.

During fiscal year 1956-57, three separate budgets will be drawn up and voted on by the individual districts. The budgets will be administered from the Medford school district.

The following year, one budget will be drawn up for the entire district, according to Leonard Mayfield, city school superintendent.

Consideration of consolidation resulted from the belief that the mutual economic and educational interests could best be served by the change, school officials said.

New District Name

The new district will be known as Medford, No. 549C-1, when the consolidation is completed. If and when later consolidations are approved, the last digit will be changed to show the number of the consolidation. Portions of Kenwood and Dewey districts, which have been inoperative for some time, will also be joined to the Medford district at the same time.

Red Cross Appeals For Blood Donors

Red Cross workers this morning appealed for "drop-in" blood donors at the Elks temple on North Central ave., where the bloodmobile will be stationed today until 6 p.m.

Mrs. J. A. Burba, blood bank chairman, reported this morning the donor appointment schedule was far from filled. She said Jackson county would fall seriously short of its 250 pint quota unless there is a significant number of "drop-in" donors this afternoon.

The bloodmobile will be in Ashland Wednesday at the Elks temple there, also from 1 to 6 p.m.

An average of 125 pints of blood is used monthly in Jackson county, the chairman said, and the reserve is nearly gone. Residents donated more than 300 pints in the February bloodmobile visit.

Several donors representing the oil industry in Jackson county have made appointments through the efforts of the Oil Information committee here.

Annexation Discussion Scheduled for Tonight

Advantages and disadvantages of annexation will be discussed at a meeting of residents of the Grandview-Kenwood district and Medford city officials. The discussion will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Medford city hall.

It will be the second of three meetings planned by the residents, the first having been with county sanitarians. A third meeting will follow at which residents are to decide what to do concerning annexation or formation of a sanitary district.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 510.04, off 8.48; 20 railroads 168.54, off 2.36; 16 utilities 66.68, off 0.39, and 65 stocks 179.46, off 2.51. Sales today were about 2,590,000 compared with 2,760,000 yesterday.

Weather

FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness, becoming partly cloudy Wednesday. Scattered rain showers tonight. Low tonight 40. High tomorrow 60-65. Temp. Highest Yesterday 76. Lowest This Morning 45.

Hammarskjold in Israel on Mission To Prevent War

New Clashes Imperil Diplomat's Purpose

Jerusalem, Israeli Sector—(U.P.)—U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold arrived today in Israel to try to prevent war in the Middle East. But a new series of clashes between Egypt and Israel imperiled his urgent mission.

An Israeli army spokesman announced that one Arab commando was killed and another wounded and captured today in an engagement near the Jordan border and that Egyptian commandos dynamited the waterworks in five Israeli villages near the Gaza strip.

The attacks by the Arab Fedayeen or suicide squads have inflamed Israel even more than recent border fighting, and Israel labeled them premeditated aggression. Cairo radio said the raids were in retaliation for Israeli shelling of Arab refugee settlements.

Met By Burns
Hammarskjold flew to Lydda airport outside Tel Aviv from Beirut, Lebanon, where he arrived shortly after midnight. He was met by Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, the U.N. truce supervisor for Palestine, and briefed. Hammarskjold flies to Cairo later today.

The two men talked 30 minutes in the Lydda airport restaurant and then drove into Tel Aviv for lunch. Burns, who cautioned Egypt that further Fedayeen attacks might cause it to be labeled an aggressor, planned to fly to Cairo too.

Albert Grand, U.N. truce commission spokesman, said no reply had been received from Egyptian Premier Abdel Gamal Nasser in reply to Burns' request for an immediate halt to the commando raids. Ten of the commandos have been killed deep inside Israel since Saturday.

Declines to Talk
Hammarskjold declined to talk with newsmen on his arrival. Two British members of Parliament who were waiting for a plane to London also failed to talk to the secretary general. They were told he would talk only with Burns.

Hammarskjold flew here as western diplomats in Jerusalem warned that a delay of even a day or two in his mission might be too late to prevent war. Their warning was heightened by today's clash, 10 miles northeast of Beersheba, near the Israeli-Jordan border.

Russia Holding Out On Disarmament Plan

London—(U.P.)—The United States, Britain and France were reported near agreement on disarmament plans today, but Russia was said to be holding out for major changes in the emerging Western blueprint.

The four powers reconvened with Canada to consider "disarmament secretary" Harold E. Stassen's warning that U.S. armed forces will be held at their present levels for at least a year, if not increased, unless Russia agrees quickly to join in a cutback to 2,500,000 men.

The United States now has about 2,900,000 men under arms, compared to an estimated 4,000,000 in Russia, 5,000,000 in Red China, and some 1,000,000 in the European satellite states.

Princeton, N.Y.—(U.P.)—Ince to University resident Harold W. Dodds said he would not interfere with plans for a speech by convicted perjurer Alger Hiss here April 26.

Ike Sets Major Speech April 21

Augusta, Ga.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower, deeply concerned by tinder-box conditions in the Middle East, today scheduled a major foreign policy speech to the nation from Washington April 21.

The President will speak to an evening banquet of the American Society of Newspaper Editors at the Statler Hotel. One Draft Finished

Mr. Eisenhower has finished one draft of the speech and a new draft worked over by his foreign policy and speech advisers in Washington was scheduled to reach here today by special aerial

U.S. Troop Use Discussed

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Air Force Tells Plans To Speed Atomic Airplane

Washington—(U.P.)—The Air Force today announced a new move to speed development of an atomic-powered airplane.

It said a \$7,500,000 reactor will be built at the Air Force's Wright Air Development Center at Dayton, O. It is expected to be completed by the first of 1958.

The announcement came a day after the Air Force reported it has given Lockheed Aircraft and Convair contracts calling for "further development" of an atomic plane.

Actual Construction Seen
The announcements seemed to indicate that the big atomic plane program has progressed to the point where actual construction of an atom airplane is about to start.

The Atomic Energy commission and its contractors have been working for years on a nuclear power plant capable of driving airplanes of the future indefinitely in supersonic flight. Building the planes is the next big step forward.

The Air Force said the new reactor at Dayton will be a 10 megawatt model. It will be used to test aircraft materials, components and systems being developed for nuclear-powered planes.

Water-Cooled Reactor
The Air Force said the chief feature of the facility will be a water-moderated and water-cooled reactor similar to the materials testing reactor the Atomic Energy commission has at Idaho Falls, Ida.

The Air Force said that the Army Engineers' Louisville, Ky., district has supervision over design and construction and has contracted with Ralph M. Parsons Co., Los Angeles, to carry out all work except construction of the reactor itself. A contract for design, fabrication and installation of the reactor will be awarded under competitive bids after the basic facility is designed.

Harry Dorman Joins Bonneville Power

Portland—(U.P.)—Harry S. Dorman, former Oregon director of finance and administration, today was appointed assistant to the administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration, effective immediately.

Administrator William A. Pearl said Dorman's primary responsibilities would be to assist the administrator in working out improved procurement, contract and management programs.

Dr. Pearl said "His long experience with the budget and finance problems of the state of Oregon and his other accomplishments eminently qualify him to assist us."

Two Are Fined on Driving Charges Here

Two drivers were fined \$255 apiece, given suspended 30-day jail sentences and lost their operator licenses for 90 days in district court Monday.

The two, Harley Leonal Watson, 22, of Grants Pass, and John Edward Southwell, 54, post office box 705, Ashland, pleaded guilty to charges of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.



HONEYMOONER'S SPECIAL—A group of Chinese Canadians pose happily aboard the American President Liner President Wilson in San Francisco after arriving from Hong Kong with their brides. In center are the latest of the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Yipp of Saskatoon. Chinese who have lived in Canada for five years or more are allowed to return to China to bring a wife home.

Planners Consider 2 Freeway Routes Here

A letter from the State Highway commission describing the two proposed routes for Highway 99 through Medford was considered last night by the Medford city planning commission.

The letter had been forwarded from the city council with the request that the planning commission make a recommendation as to which route would be most suitable. The highway commission has proposed the new freeway take either a Hillcrest road or Genessee st. route.

Members of the planning commission decided to study the letter because a decision at this time would be "too premature." A public hearing on the two proposed routes will be held in Medford next month, according to the highway commission.

Recommend Garage
The planning commission also made a recommendation to the council that space adjacent to the new East Side fire hall be provided for a garage for the Jackson County Disaster car.

A recommendation was made that the council make the proposed change of the city zoning ordinance to include an agricultural zone. Members also recommended that the north and south alley in Edwards place adjacent near Medford Bowling lanes be vacated.

Approval was given the final plat of Country Club Manor subdivision presented by Robert McIntyre.

Recommendation was made that 55 feet of Marshall ave., through Garfield subdivision be vacated to provide a footpath to Jefferson school.

Laborers Picket CP School Project

Central Point—A picket line was established at the site of the new Central Point elementary school by laborers yesterday.

It was reported pickets were placed at the site in a dispute over fringe benefits for laborers between the contractors association and the local laborer's union.

Solon Sees Evidence Ike Is Not President

Washington—(U.P.)—Rep. Usher L. Burdick (R-N.D.) said today he has often wondered if President Eisenhower actually is President. He said "there is strong evidence" in the farm fight that he is not.

Burdick said he found this evidence in a published report that Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson "will not accept" the pending farm bill.

"I guess that settles it," Burdick said in a news letter. "There is no use trying to see the President, which I was tempted to do... I hope someone will go down and see Mr. Eisenhower and suggest to him in a roundabout way that he, Mr. Eisenhower, is the President, and not Mr. Benson."

Stevenson Faces Kefauver Write-in On Illinois Ballot

Chicago—(U.P.)—Voters in the Illinois presidential primary decide today whether to start Adlai E. Stevenson's band wagon rolling again with a big vote of confidence.

The alternative would be a sizeable write-in vote for Sen. Estes Kefauver in Stevenson's native Illinois.

Stevenson, Illinois' former governor, is officially opposed on the Democratic ballot. But in a last-minute appeal for votes he called the Illinois primary "the most important referendum" he will enter in his campaign for the presidential nomination.

Two Million Voters
About 2,000,000 voters, about half of those eligible, were expected to cast ballots. Fifty convention delegates will be elected in both parties, but the presidential primary results are not binding upon them.

The polls were to open at 7 a.m. (EST) and close at 6 p.m. Results may not become definite until late tonight, particularly if a hard to count write-in surge develops. Cool, cloudy weather, with a chance of rain or snow, was forecast.

There was little doubt about the outcome of the Republican contest. President Eisenhower faces token opposition from Sen. William Knowland (R-Calif.), who would have got out of the race if he had the chance, and perennial campaigner Lar Daly.

State Level Fight
On the state level, Republican Gov. William G. Stratton is in a brisk fight with two opponents, led by state Treasurer Warren E. Wright. There is a two-way fight for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, but Republican Sen. Everett M. Dirksen and Democrat Richard Stengel are unopposed for the senatorial spots on the ballot.

The Democratic presidential race is complicated by write-in drives for both Kefauver and Ohio's Gov. Frank Lausche. The Kefauver camp denies it is making an organized drive for votes, but hopes to collect 10 per cent of the total.

Benson's Son Says Democrats Stalling
Portland—(U.P.)—Republican Campaigner Reed Benson, son of Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson, today accused the Democrats in Congress of deliberately stalling President Eisenhower's soil bank legislation "to keep the farmer in hot water."

Benson told party leaders at a breakfast meeting here today that it is now practically too late for the soil bank plan to bring relief to farmers this year because spring planting has already started.

"The President pleaded for the soil bank, but it was six weeks before the Senate called my father to testify," he said.

He charged that Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) delayed consideration of the farm bill by reading a 350-page speech in the Senate.

Corvallis Students To Follow Custom

Corvallis—(U.P.)—If the mid-morning coffee break is good enough for adults, it's good enough for teen-agers. That's the opinion of Corvallis school officials who today ordered a 10-minute observance of the American custom for high school students. But school clubs will serve fruit juice and pastries, no coffee.

School officials said the practice will cease immediately if students abuse the privilege.

Mid-East Crisis Object of Talks By Congressmen

Dulles, Leader Meet No Requests Made

Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and 14 congressional leaders today discussed the question of congressional authority to use American troops if necessary, to keep peace in the Middle East.

But leaders emphasized that the administration did not request such authority at this time. They said there appears to be no immediate emergency requiring congressional action now.

Dulles and the leaders discussed the rising tension in the Middle East at a 90-minute conference at the State Department. Dulles called the meeting with the express approval of President Eisenhower.

Aggression Warning
The conference followed a formal warning by Mr. Eisenhower last night that the United States will "support and assist" any victim of aggression in the Middle East.

House Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr., of Massachusetts, said there is "no particular pressing emergency that we know of at this time." But he added that such an emergency could come up at a time when "nations are shaking their fists at one another."

Martin said Mr. Eisenhower intends to request congressional action "if danger" arises. But, he said, there is no reason to expect such a request at this time.

No Immediate Action
Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) said Dulles was "asked if he was proposing any congressional action now and the answer was no." Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland of California likewise emphasized that "no request was made for any congressional action."

In his statement from Augusta, Ga., last night, Mr. Eisenhower said he guards the situation in the Middle East "with the utmost seriousness."

Norblad Denies Irregularities

Washington—(U.P.)—Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) said today there was no basis for charges of illegality in his filing for the Republican nomination for Congress from the first Oregon district. He said it was unnecessary for the Oregon Attorney General to spend his time on a question that did not even exist.

State Rep. Richard Groener, Milwaukie Democrat, recently requested an opinion from Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton about the legality of transferring a filing fee from one candidacy to another. Norblad switched his candidacy from governor to congressman.

But Norblad said in a letter to Thornton that there had been no transfer of filing fees and that the Groener charge was apparently based on misinformation.

Norblad said he paid a new filing fee with a personal check for \$100 when he abandoned his candidacy for the gubernatorial nomination and filed for reelection to Congress.

He offered to make the cancelled check available to Thornton's office.

Winter Wheat Crop Harvest Estimated

Washington—(U.P.)—The Agriculture Department today forecast a winter wheat crop of 716,477,000 bushels will be harvested this year.

With plantings held to the legal floor of 55,000,000 acres for the third straight year by rigid federal controls, the crop would be up 11,105,000 bushels from the 705,372,000 produced in 1955.

The estimated winter wheat crop, added to the previously estimated production of 188,000,000 bushels of spring wheat, would mean a total wheat crop of 904,477,000 bushels for 1956.