

Nasser, Only 38, Perhaps More Than Any Other Man, Holds Key To Middle East Peace

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London—Nasser is only 38 years old and has had only four years of government experience.

Yet he is center stage at a critical moment in world history—a hero to his friends, a "Hitler" to his foes—the man who perhaps more than any other holds the key to peace or a new war in the Middle East.

Gamal Abdel Nasser has traveled fast and far since Jan. 15, 1952, when he was born a postmaster's son in a mud-brick village 250 miles up the Nile river from Cairo. Nobody, not even Nasser, knows where he is going.

Once Obscure Lieutenant

An obscure lieutenant-colonel only four years ago, he is today president and dictator of Egypt. In his book, "The Philosophy of the Revolution," a book which French Premier Guy Mollet likened to Hitler's "Mein Kampf"—Nasser said the Arab world was searching for a hero.

If Nasser appears to see himself as handsome, mustached, six-foot, 200-pounder—as "Mr. Arab," so do millions from the Atlantic Ocean to the Persian Gulf. In his self-appointed role as head of a pan-Arab movement, Nasser has incited and excited the nationalist passions of peoples bent, at almost any cost, on driving out Western "imperialists" from the oil-rich Middle East.

Started Early

Nasser's own nationalism was stirred early. At eight he was sent to Cairo to become a civil servant like his father. At 14 he had been clubbed in a clash with police and jailed. At 17 he joined a league of Egyptian patriots to fight the British. When he went back home he said "You return from your studies feeling a new world is in front of you to be home where there is no food to eat."

In 1935 he went to jail for subversive activities. He came out determined to push the struggle. He decided to become a soldier. It took a year of special study to get into the military academy.

By 1940 he was a subaltern and sent to the Sudan. There he met the ex-officers who today are his ministers of interior and war.

When he came back to Cairo, he irked former King Farouk with "provocative" articles in Cairo newspapers. By 1942 he had become a lecturer at the military staff college and his "Free Officers League" was forming underground.

The Palestine war of 1948 gave Nasser his big push. Disgusted with the Egyptian defeat at the hands of the Israelis and blaming it on the incompetence and corruption of the Farouk regime, he used time in the trenches to recruit officers for his big plot. And he became a war hero, wounded and praised in a stout defense of Faluja. The Egyptian press built him

up as a "saviour"—the "Tiger of Faluja."
By July 22, 1952, he was ready to move. His officers' group toppled Farouk from power. The original plan was to assassinate Farouk but Nasser at the last minute shoved him into exile instead.

For two years Nasser was content to remain behind the scenes while President Mohamed

ed Naguib fronted for the revolutionary junta. Naguib kissed babies, Nasser toiled 16 hours a day when Naguib wanted to slow the revolution and return to parliamentary life. Nasser became premier and put Naguib in "protective custody." Nasser was elected president last summer by a 99.9 per cent vote. Nasser has a beguiling personal charm. He is disarmingly

frank and reacts swiftly. He is consumed with drive and ambition. He will work until 4 a.m. He is willing to take mammoth risks.

He lives simply. Most of his time is spent at his old headquarters. Despite his power, he lives in a modest five-room bungalow with his wife, Tahia, three young sons and two daughters.

He is soft-spoken in interviews, his white-toothed smile flashing. But in speeches his guttural Arabic arouses emotions which he seldom himself displays.

Mountainous Problems

He faces mountainous problems—his country of 23 million is plagued with poverty, disease and 90 per cent illiteracy. He has irked many a former friend with his abrupt nationalization of the Suez Canal. He has dangerously played East against West and given Russia a foothold in the Middle East with a \$200 million arms deal.

Nasser's entire career shows his impatience with any authority if he feels that authority is wrong. Typical is the story that when he was seven, his father strictly forbade him to dig in the garden.

Nasser promptly went out and dug a hole so big that his father fell into it one night.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Augusta, Ga.—Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles on the danger of war in the Middle East:

"Anyone must be far gone in pessimism if he thinks the danger of war in the area is as great as it was 30 days ago. The prospect of peace has considerably improved."

Washington—Rep. Francis E. Walter, co-author of the McCarran-Walter Refugee Relief act, on admitting Hungarian refugees: "I am fearful that by limiting our intake of Hungarian refugees to those who we deem eligible to settle permanently in the United States, we are making a mistake."

London—A garage owner who refuses to sell gasoline to American servicemen because of U.S. policy in the Middle East: "I feel the Yanks played a big part in causing this mess. Now they can suffer as well as us."

Abu Suweiz, Egypt — Brig. Amin Hilmy, Egyptian military commander in eastern Egypt, on his troops' refusal to give up any Suez Canal zone land to the United Nations Emergency forces: "We could not be expected to give up an inch of our territory."

New York—Light heavyweight boxing champ Archie Moore advising the new heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson: "If you fight all the challengers and fight them when their time is due, then you won't ever have to fight a man when he's 39 years old."



Saginaw Summer

In the summer of 1930 the misadventures and self-journeyed by Bay City, Mich., for a year of research in the history of the days when sawmill smokestacks were nowhere out of sight for 20-miles up the banks of Saginaw river.

In 1885, Bay City was the lumber producing capital of the world. On broad Center st., where the hand-planted elms were already tall, the lumber kings of the eighties built mansions to endure.

We hoped also to track down the origin of the Paul Bunyan legend which, we believed, had been started by the descendants of the French pioneers of Michigan and by the shanty boys who had stormed up from the Corktown district of Detroit to the pine camps. We dug up plenty of evidence to support this belief, by the way, but no documents.

The first thing we found in old Bay City was a housing shortage. The best we could do was to rent a furnished apartment of living room, bedroom, kitchen mansion of an old-time pine King, and bath in the remodeled 1880. Some raiders may remember the big Shearer home on Bay City's Center st. That was the place.

The bedroom was small and so were the kitchen and bath. But Center st. was peaceful and beautiful under magnificent shade trees. The place was sleepy and quiet. There was a huge grassy lawn around the mansion. There were roses. And a hammock. And pleasant people.

We had a summer there that was both restful and productive. After getting used to the place, we were not at all sorry for the lack of a modern apartment house in Bay City. When we left eleven months later to spend a season up in the Au Sable country, it was with real regret. The neighbors of the first floor and the third floor, between whom we were sandwiched, had become our good friends.

One located for us a Model T Ford that was ten years old but had only run 10,000 miles. We bought it for sixty dollars, christened it "Snootie" and headed away for the jackpine sand plains and the trailroads of the Saginaw Paul Bunyan.

That was how one couple beat the housing shortage in old Bay City. Another Old House
We've lived in many other old houses in our roving ways. A Seattle example was 22 years



CLEAN JOB—Singer Lisa Kirk will certainly keep clean with her new act at El Rancho Vegas in Las Vegas, Nev. Part of her stage routine is to take a cold shower while singing. She racks up 14 showers weekly on stage.

Israel May Repatriate Egyptian Soldiers Soon

Jerusalem, Israeli sector—(U.P.) Israel probably will repatriate most Egyptian soldiers captured in the Sinai campaign soon, foreign ministry director General Walter Eytan said Saturday.

Eytan said no definite decision has been made on repatriating the Egyptian prisoners but it likely would be made soon "because we have so many of them."

old at a time when it required porch and kitchen repairs. The need in the kitchen was a new sink, counter and cabinets. This was a simple remodeling job for a one-man contracting firm and his suppliers and specialists—such as a tile-setter. The tile job had to be postponed for a time, but it gave us a new kitchen when we got it. FHA Title 1 financing spread the costs economically.

With the porch, our carpentering contractor had only to take out the wood that had been in the weather for 20 years and put in new lumber. In the old construction there were rails two inches thick and 12 wide, lumber solid and clear. The new rails were 2x4", on 4x4" posts, all standard grade with some knots, and green.

The old stepping, wide and clear Douglas fir, was replaced with three standard 2x4s on each step. They will serve as well as the old. That's all there was to the porch remodeling—a \$90 job.

So then we had half of the porch walled in and made into a "home office" nook off the dining room. This cost another \$125. Remodeling is a lot of fun, and it is a service-giver and money-maker too, we've found.

But multiply this case history of minimum need by tens—yes, by scores—of millions, nearly all cases of vastly greater need, and you may see the whole lumber demand of the future in appreciable terms. The main outlook is of new homes for the newly married. But repairs and remodeling of old homes for old folks will use a lot of lumber too.

West Indies Battle Brought Pear Trees

Albany, N. Y.—(U.P.)—The pear tree may be said to have come to New York state by way of a battle in the West Indies more than 300 years ago.

The Dutch attacked the Portuguese on the Caribbean island of St. Martin in 1644. One of the Dutchmen lost a leg in the encounter.

Taken back to Holland to recuperate, the 52-year-old adventurer became fond of drinking "perry," a cider made from pear juice.

That man was Peter Stuyvesant, who a year or so later was appointed governor of New Amsterdam. When he arrived in what later was to become New York City, Stuyvesant brought along his silver trimmed wooden leg—and enough pear trees to fill an orchard.

He planted the trees near what is now the junction of Third ave. and 13th st. in New York City. Today, the state has some 500,000 pear trees.

London—(U.P.)—Moscow radio told the Arab world today that the people of Iraq have risen in a "Holy War" against the government of "imperialist" Premier Nouri El Said.

Long Beach Shoreline Sinking; Threatens Community of Naples

Long Beach, Calif.—(U.P.)—This city's shoreline has sunk so much that the sea threatens to swallow a community of 3,000 persons unless emergency action is taken.

The harbor department reported today that the community of Naples, Calif., which has a picturesque network of canals patterned after the Italian city of Venice, "is right in the water with no ground to spare." It still is sinking along with other parts of the Los Angeles harbor shoreline.

Naples was only one foot above the water at high tide, according to the latest report.

"This is a very serious predicament," a Chamber of Commerce spokesman said. "We're going to have to start building dikes there or Naples will go under."

Only the shoreline is threatened. There is no danger to the entire city of Long Beach, with its population of 305,000.

\$60 Million Damage

The area which is submerging is about 10 miles along the shoreline and about four miles inland," a harbor department spokesman said. "And we are

building dikes and filling in dirt faster than the sinking in most of the area.

He added, however, that damage in property destruction and cost to taxpayers to build bulwarks had hit about \$80 million and would ultimately reach \$100 million.

The sinking, which may not be checked until 1970, was first noticed 18 years ago. It is blamed mainly on the extraction of such underground liquids as salt water, oil and gas. Earthquakes and the construction of heavy installations along the shoreline have also contributed to the downward and horizontal movement of earth.

This has cracked and dislodged piers, steel bridges and docks. The Southern California Edison plant has sunk 23 1/2 feet.

The earth has lowered three feet at the Long Beach municipal auditorium.

Twisted Rails
In one instance railroad tracks were "twisted" like spaghetti, forcing rerouting. Even the second story of the harbor department building itself is on the same level with ships in the harbor, protected from the sea by a large dirt dike.

One fire hydrant and its extension now tower 30 feet into the air.

What can be done about it? City engineers can keep filling in with dirt and building dikes. They can pump salt water into the ground to replace liquids taken out and to maintain pressure. The city plans to ask the state for legislative action to help.

The Harbor Department expects the sinking area to be completed by 1970 but only after years of work expense and headache.

The only serious problem, as we see it, is the labor and expense to carry out this program," the spokesman said.

The chamber of commerce said the damage could result in an economic disaster for Long Beach.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—(U.P.)—Prince Keawe of Hawaii and his bride of one day, American socialite-divorcee Jane Tomberlin, honeymoon Saturday after a delayed wedding.

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