

British Troops Declared Fighting On Yemen Soil

London — (U.P.) — The official radio of the ruler of the feudal Arab kingdom of Yemen charged today that British troops supported by tanks and armored cars were fighting on Yemen territory.

The British Colonial Office here said that Royal Air Force planes in the British administered Aden protectorate had been in action against "intruders from the Yemen." But a spokesman said "they have not been in action in Yemen."

Latest in Series

These charges were the latest in a series in which Britain and the Red Sea state of Yemen recently have accused each other of raids along the ill-defined border between Yemen and Aden, both of which lie at the southern extremity of the Arabian Peninsula.

Reports reaching here said Yemen was mobilizing its army after declaring a virtual state of war against Britain over the frontier dispute which has been going on for nearly 50 years.

Aden reports said about 12,000 Yemen troops have converged on Taiz, where Yemen's King Iman Ahmed lives in his "palace of plenty."

The Colonial Office claimed the Yemen's action is due to fear that recent improvements in the status of the Aden protectorate made Yemen's claim to sovereignty over the area less attractive to the inhabitants of the protectorate.

Auto Rams Bed; Two Slightly Hurt

Portland — (U.P.) — Two Portland residents escaped with only minor injuries early Sunday when a runaway car crashed into the bedroom of their home and hurled them from their beds.

Police said Ray H. Knittel and his wife, Marie, both 38, were thrown against a wall with sufficient force to break the partition frame.

A 18-year-old Prineville youth, Ernest Leonard Grubbe Jr., was identified as driver of the car.

The crash demolished the bedroom of the home and moved the house from its foundation.

Grubbe told police he must have fallen asleep at the wheel of his car. He was not injured. He said he suddenly realized he was heading directly toward a lumber truck and wheeled the car to avoid crashing into it. The vehicle struck the curb, then skidded into the stucco house.

Price Supports To Hurt Small Ranchers

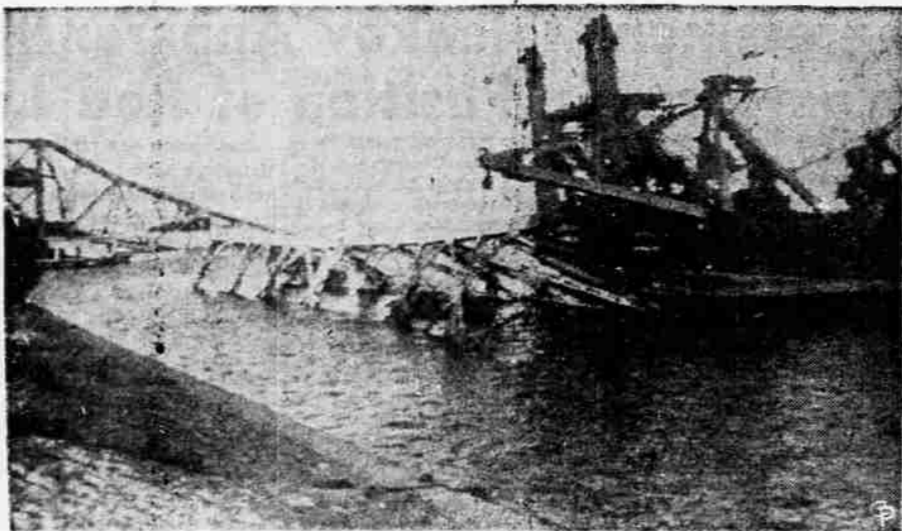
Phoenix — (U.P.) — The president of the American National Cattleman's Association said Monday government price supports for the cattle industry would drive small ranchers out of business, but still would allow "the big ranchers to make profits."

Don C. Collins, Kit Carson, Colo., told the 60th annual convention of the association, which opened here:

"I am not damning supports and the soil bank, but using them as examples of what can happen when the politicians do the farming and ranching."

"I am sure history will bear out the contention of many men that the soil bank and other support schemes now in existence in some phases of agriculture will turn out to be lessons of what it costs tomorrow to get a dollar today."

Detroit — (U.P.) — Wildcat strikers who had threatened to idle 60,000 workers have agreed to return to work at the Chrysler Corp. assembly plant.



DREDGING A BOMBED BRIDGE from the Suez Canal are two German salvage vessels, dimly seen behind the shattered bridge beams they are lifting from the water. Authorities expect the canal will be open to traffic in May. (International Soundphoto)

Porter Thoroughly Enjoying First Taste of Role as Congressman

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Washington — Every congressman gets at least two standard pieces of equipment

when he is sworn into office — a huge, black leather chair that swivels in all directions, and a desk big enough to accommodate stacks of letters from constituents and the congressman's feet.

Charles O. Porter of Eugene, Oregon's newly elected fourth district representative, returned to his office after presenting his credentials to Speaker Sam Rayburn, settled back in his chair, propped his feet up where they could now rightfully be placed, and declared with obvious satisfaction:

"I've been looking forward to this for 24 years. When I read Lincoln Steffens' book (Shame of the Cities) when I was in Eugene High, the year my dad lost our house through a foreclosure, it made a profound impression on me, and I suppose made me a Democrat. But that was the motivating force for me to want to become a congressman."

He's Enjoying It

Now that he had made it, Porter was enjoying it hugely, plunging right into the customary backstage dickering that goes on for choice committee assignments. He hopes for a spot on the appropriations committee but knows those much-sought posts go to veteran legislators.

He's talked to Chairman Emanuel Celler of the Judiciary Committee, which usually attracts lawyer members.

In the outer office of his two-room suite in the Old House Building on Capitol Hill, four staff members were already answering mail and a battery of telephones.

Mapped Career

Porter recalled how he mapped out his career with the deliberation of a navigator who had only one destination, taking the route of the law profession.

"I went to law school not because I wanted to become a lawyer, but because I wanted to get into politics," he said.

Along the way his passion for improving the social conditions of the world, sparked by Steffens' "muck-raking" book, only grew as he learned what made the wheels go around in the social realm.

But as a freshman congressman, Porter said he is going to devote himself as much as possible to local problems of his congressional district. His first bill, introduced on opening day, symbolized this approach. It would authorize modification of the existing river improvement

project for the Siuslaw river to open the port of Florence to ocean-going freighters and barges by deepening its channel.

Porter said that "450,000 persons would, through this assistance, be given a closer outlet to ocean traffic than any other port on the coast and \$6 per thousand board feet could be saved on

lumber shipments that now move through Portland to reach shipping."

"But I also intend to spend a third of my time on war and peace," said Porter. "I'm going to work out a study program to educate myself to world problems, especially what the UN is doing."

Stumbo in Court To Defend Action in Property Sales

Roseburg — (U.P.) — One of the Stumbo brothers appeared in court here yesterday to defend the Stumbo clan's action in selling four-inch squares of property in the middle of U.S. Highway 99.

Robert G. Stumbo presented a motion to strike a State Highway Department suit against the Stumbos on the grounds there was a misjoinder of parties.

The Stumbos, Robert, two brothers and a cousin, contend they own a 16½ foot strip of land which the highway passes over.

They gained notice last summer when they strung a rope barricade across the highway on a busy Sunday afternoon and

brought travel to a standstill. Highway department workers reached for their records and admitted that the controversial strip of land did belong to the Stumbos.

Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly heard the motion yesterday and warned "the court cannot allow time to deal with trifles."

Stumbo charged that the highway department had "lost its sense of humor."

Knew It Long Ago

Leonard Lindvall, attorney for the State Highway Department, said the Stumbo brothers knew of the right-of-way question nine years ago and could have cleared it up without difficulty had they only contacted the department.

The Stumbos earlier subdivided their plot of land and began selling the four inch squares at \$2 each. After about 100 were sold, the State Highway Department suit halted the sale.

Judge Wimberly ordered both sides to file the briefs in the case.

Four Lodged in Jail After Court Monday

Four men were lodged in the county jail Monday in lieu of fine payments after being sentenced in district court by Judge Rawles Moore.

Sentenced were James Herbert Whitsitt, 43, Camp White, and Curtis Ray Ford, 22, 2819 North Pacific highway, Medford, both of whom pleaded guilty to driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Each was fined \$225, their driver's license suspended for 90 days, and they received 30-day suspended jail sentences during good behavior.

George Arthur Plumlee, 18, Selma, Ore., was committed to jail after failing to pay \$30 fine for being drunk on a public highway, and Morris Albert Fredin, Camp White, was also committed to county jail in lieu of \$15 fine payment for being drunk on a public highway.

'Discriminatory' Tax Repeal Sought

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. Harlan Hagen (D-Calif.) said today he will work for repeal of a "discriminatory" transportation tax on unprocessed farm products.

He said he would ask for early hearings before the House Ways and Means committee on a repeal bill he introduced Monday.

The three per cent tax is "particularly discriminatory," Hagen said, on western farmers because of the higher freight rates and consequently higher taxes that they pay.

He pointed out the tax was imposed during World War II as a means of discouraging farm shipments by rail to save space for defense material.

"It has since remained on the statute books and long outlived its usefulness," he said.

Name for Brazil's New Capital Protested

Rio De Janeiro — (U.P.) — Brazil's plans to call its projected new capital "Brasilia" faced possible revision today.

Officials of the city of Brasilia, in Minas Gerais state, brought legal action to prevent use of its name. Federal law prohibits use of the same name by two communities.

The old Brasilia, founded in 1832, has 40,000 population. The projected new one is provided for in the 1946 constitution and was given its name by Congress last year. The government expects to transfer the capital from Rio to the new site inland some time this year.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

New District Ranger Due at Tiller Station

Roseburg — (U.P.) — Leonard E. Flowers yesterday was named as district ranger for the Tiller Ranger station. The announcement came from Vondis Miller, Umpqua national forest supervisor.

Heat Wave Threatens Argentine Corn Crops

Buenos Aires — (U.P.) — Farmers in Buenos Aires province feared for their corn crops today as a record-breaking heat wave continued into its second week. The heat wave, which sent the mercury to 101 degrees Monday, has produced a serious drought.

APPROPRIATE

Brighouse, England — (U.P.) — Elvis the Pelvis won in a walk-over Monday night when the Town Council voted to name a twisting new street "Presley Drive."

DRAFTY DRAFTEES

Sydney, Australia — (U.P.) — Fifteen draftees assigned to the New South Wales Scottish Regiment began 42-day sentences in the guard house today for refusing to wear kilts.

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