

Egypt Papers Hail Eden Resignation

Cairo —(U.P.)— Egyptian newspapers jubilantly hailed today the resignation of British Prime Minister Anthony Eden as a victory for Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser and Egypt. The theme of editorial reaction was that Eden who invaded Egypt to topple Nasser had only toppled himself. Eden's resignation was the main topic of editorials in all morning newspapers. All stressed Nasser today is stronger than ever while Eden has ended his political career.

Irish Republican Army Believed To Have Only 350 Men in Force

London —(U.P.)— A band of not more than 350 men is believed to make up the entire Irish Republican Army "field force" that has brought the recent violence along the border of North Ireland and Eire. But the raids by a handful of men have roused 12,000 police and troops in the six counties of North Ireland which are part of Britain. The situation is so tense that North Ireland Premier Lord Brookeborough is being pressed to put a death sentence on carrying of firearms. And Irish Premier John Costello made a special broadcast disavowing the use of force to solve "the problem of partition."

What's behind this new outbreak of violence? Why does it come particularly at this time? What do the IRA raiders hope to achieve by attacks on police barracks, radio transmitters and government property in North Ireland? The answer to those questions are as elusive as the temperament of an Irishman. The one uncomplicated fact is that there is a small group of people — call them terrorists, patriots, idiots or nationalists — who are determined on the union of Ireland no matter what the cost. Secret Group The IRA is an outlawed organization which moves in great secrecy. But one report in Dub-

lin is that its leadership has changed recently and that younger men have decided on drastic action to dramatize their cause. Another factor is that Eire holds a general election in April and tough-fisted old Eamon De Valera is expected to be returned to power. De Valera has the record of showing no mercy to the IRA. The story of Ireland's feud with the British goes back to the 16th century when the English and Scots moved into Ireland with military backing and took over some of the prize land and jobs. As much try to get an American Southerner and Northerner

to agree on the Civil War, as to get an impartial story of what followed. Friction was intensified as the country rapidly increased in population. Over 1,000,000 died in the famines of 1846-50 when the potato crop failed. Thousands more emigrated to the United States, carrying their bitterness with them. Armed rebellion against British rule came on Easter Sunday of 1916. It was put down but in 1921 a treaty was signed giving the 26 counties of Southern Ireland independence and retaining the six northern counties as part of the United Kingdom. Demands for the union of the entire Ireland never ceased.

The religious issue is, of course, the greatest complicating factor. In South Ireland there are some 2,700,000 Catholics and only about 160,000 Protestants. But Northern Ireland is predominantly Protestant, following the Church of England. An important element is that inhabitants are now leaving South Ireland at the rate of 1,000 per week — from a country of roughly 3,000,000 population! Economic conditions are very bad and there are many who believe that, to survive, Ireland must be united with the northern cities and industries. As might be expected, the situation is not without humor. The British Broadcasting Cor-

poration extends its service to North Ireland where radio owners pay a fee of \$2.80 per year. But the broadcasts can also be heard in south of Ireland—without fee. Some weeks ago IRA raiders blew up a BBC transmitter near the border. Irish listeners promptly wrote the BBC complaining about the interruption.

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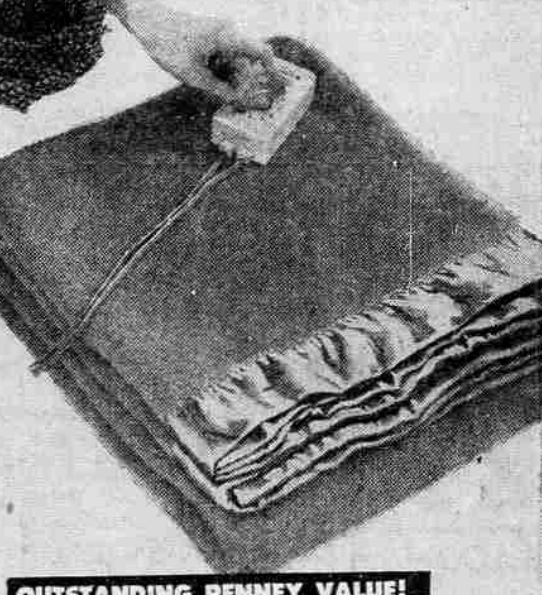
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