

Jordan Appears Quiet But Underneath Lies Economic and Political Troubles

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Amman, Jordan — There's a hundred dollar bill in a money changer's window on Feisal Street. It bears the legend that it is issued by the "Magnificent State of Texas" and "Good Only for Bragging Both Private and Public."

That phony bill is a good symbol both of American influence and the unreality in this country of camels and cadillacs.

Outside a store selling niblets, Spam, Tide, Gillette blades and a variety of cocktail snacks, a professional letter writer squats under an umbrella playing his ancient trade.

From a graceful minaret a muezzin calls the faithful to prayers—on a Western Electric public address system.

Superficially, Jordan has been quiet since the courageous young king put down a palace revolt last Spring by appealing directly to loyal troops.

But under the surface, it is far from quiet.

Subsidy Necessary

Barring an inconceivably rich oil strike, Jordan is and always will be incapable of supporting itself economically.

If the annual subsidy of more than \$30 million, which the Americans have provided since the British were ousted last year, stopped, the economy would collapse in a few weeks, according to experts.

Efforts are being made which will bring more land under the plow but economists say only a maximum 20 per cent is arable.

Between 10 and 15 per cent is now being tilled. The government also has a scheme to develop Port Akaba by building roads, and establishing an oil refinery and potash works but none of these plans is likely to diminish the deficit by more than a fraction.

Little Import Control

Despite the shaky economy, little effort is made to control imports and the streets swarm with the latest models of American and German cars, and shops are full of luxury goods.

The political position is stabilized, but the king is taking no chances. Crack troops of the

famed Arab Legion still enforce martial law, patrolling streets, searching persons entering government buildings and guarding foreign missions. A full company is camped on the grounds of the American Embassy.

Despite these precautions there is still occasional violence. Last week dynamite planted in the power station left a good part of Amman without electricity for more than an hour.

The population has tripled during the last ten years, including half a million refugees from Palestine annexed when the late King Abdullah took over the west bank of Jordan. Thus, na-

tional Jordanians are outnumbered two to one in their own country.

The result of this influx is that two thirds of the population is composed of people just as likely to give loyalty to Syria or Egypt as to King Hussein and Jordan.

While the young king is genuinely popular, only the discipline and dependability of the army saved him last Spring.

Officials—understandably anonymous—estimate that the present government led by strong man Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Samir Rifai would get a maximum three per cent vote in a free election.

Many People Working To Solve Problem Of What To Do When One's Not Working

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New York — I have been reading, in my leisure time, a weighty study of the great problem of what to do with your leisure time. This is no joking matter. In coming years, the machines are going to give us free time—plenty of it.

Already there is growing up a regular profession of recreation in which many people are making a life work of doing out what everybody else should do when not working.

I have always thought I had this problem solved. I have a knack for loafing and, as a matter of history, during one whole year in the great depression of

the 1930s there was a remarkable flowering of my ability to stare absently into space, like a cow.

However, space-staring is not recommended in the present study. Indeed, the suggestion is thrown out that we may begin working harder in our leisure than we do at work and that job-time may become our spare time—a concept that already has me dizzy.

The study, in the form of papers by numerous experts, occupies an entire edition of the bimonthly "Annals" of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. In one section, Dr. Margaret Mead, the ethnologist, says that the generation which has married since World War II has shifted the balance to the home as the center of existence.

Plan at Home

The car, the TV set, pets, babies, do-it-yourself are contributory to home life as play, Dr. Mead says. However, do-it-yourself plus five children "besides being delightful, is strenuous, time consuming, backbreaking . . ."

Hence: "The job outside the home, if not seen as recreation in the spiritual sense, is becoming recreation in the physical sense. It is a relief from the exactions of the close personal life at home, a chance for a little peace and quiet, a quiet smoke, time to collect one's thoughts."

Well, isn't that fine? But what I like is a later sentence:

"If a man is doing the best he can, getting up at night with his young babies, taking them off their mother's hands as soon as he gets home, or perhaps

getting supper because she has a part-time job too, it is unfair to ask him to wear himself out at work."

Now we're getting someplace. That's exactly the way I feel about it, and I hope my boss is listening. Where did you go? "Out." What did you do? "Nothing." — I went to work for a while.

No Turning Back

In a concluding article of the series, Dr. James C. Charlesworth, president of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, says we certainly can't return to the days of Thomas Jefferson, when 94 per cent of Americans lived on farmsteads. The farmer and his wife worked seven days a week, 14 hours a day, but were proud and interested in their jobs because they were everything from soil analysts to furniture makers, clothes makers, and Indian fighters.

Now, short work-time, monotonous, boring mechanized jobs, and early retirement pose a recreation challenge. He proposes compulsory teaching of recreational skills in schools (same as literature, history, mathematics), state departments of recreation, and acquiring land now for future recreation.

He is pretty bitter about "mass spectation" — thousands watching a few professionals, without themselves engaging in any recreation: "Herein dwells a dark threat to American democracy, for if people are trained to sit and watch professionals in sports and other recreation, they will also sit and watch while some ambitious busybodies take their government away from them and operate it."

RED SPY SENTENCED

Karlsruhe, Germany — A 69-year-old widow began a 16-month prison term today as a spy for the East German Communists. Mrs. Charlotte Wall-haus near Bonn, was convicted of conducting treasonable relations with the Soviet zone intelligence service. She was accused of planting microphones in her guest rooms to collect information, and watching West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's motorcade go by her window to get data on security precautions.

JEWELRY MAN DIES

New York — Carl Rosenberger, 85, founder and chairman of the board of Coro, Inc., manufacturers of costume jewelry, died Monday of a heart attack.

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Quotes From the News

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New York—Yankee catcher Yogi Berra, on his team's chances of overtaking the Milwaukee Braves in the World Series: "We've had our backs to the wall before, and we made it."

Barcelona, Spain—One of the United States' top military scientists, who declined use of his name, on space travel: "Space is the next major area of competition. If we lose this one, we might as well quit."

United Nations—Indian Defense Minister V. K. Krishna Menon, reiterating his nation's demand for a suspension of nuclear tests: "We think that we should take into account what has happened, not in terms of fear, saving of face or national pride, but in view of the fact that we have entered a new planetary epoch."

Washington—U.S. Surgeon General Leroy E. Burney, giving Japanese painted toys a clean bill of health: "There . . . is no occasion for special alarm at this time concerning the allegation that toys of foreign manufacture were especially dangerous in this connection."

Vienna—U.S. Rep. W. Sterling Cole (R-N.Y.) the first director-general of the International Atomic Energy agency: "The leading posts in the agency will be filled in such a way as to give the broadest possible representation to all the world's major nuclear powers. That, of course, includes the Soviets."

Fire Marshal Conducting Grade School Fire Drills

Fire Marshal Truman Nelson is conducting a series of fire drills in Medford schools during National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 7, through 12.

Nelson said all drills are without warning to the school. He arrives and pulls the fire alarm bell and then he and his men, stationed throughout the building, observe the methods and swiftness of evacuation of the building by students and teachers.

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Checking the school fire drill program is about half completed, he said. The average time is about 60 seconds per school, although many students have not had much chance to become familiar with the drills, he added.

Nelson said a firemen's hat program being conducted in all first grade classes. Insurance agents have sponsored a free hat to each first grader, he said. The hats are given after the instructor gives a short class period on fire safety, Nelson said.

Each grade school student has been given a sheet with home fire hazards listed, he said.

Nelson said he hoped that next year a program would be started in schools during National Fire Prevention Week similar to the grade school traffic safety talks given each year by city police. A fireman would visit each grade school classroom during the week to explain fire hazards.

Naval Research Head Reminded of Saying

Washington — The head of naval research, Rear Adm. Pawson Bennett, was asked Tuesday about claims this country could have beaten Russia to launching an earth satellite.

"It all reminds me of an old Navy saying," he replied. "When in trouble, when in doubt, run in circles, scream and shout. It seems to me a lot of people are doing that."

OBSTETRICIAN BUSY

Freeport, N.Y. — An over-worked Long Island obstetrician said Tuesday he may have established some kind of a record. He delivered three sets of twins at the same hospital in 24 hours.

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Madison, Wis. — John Carli Monday asked the Wisconsin Supreme Court to review a one-year jail sentence Carli received after allegedly chewing the ear off a resort owner over the price of a drink.

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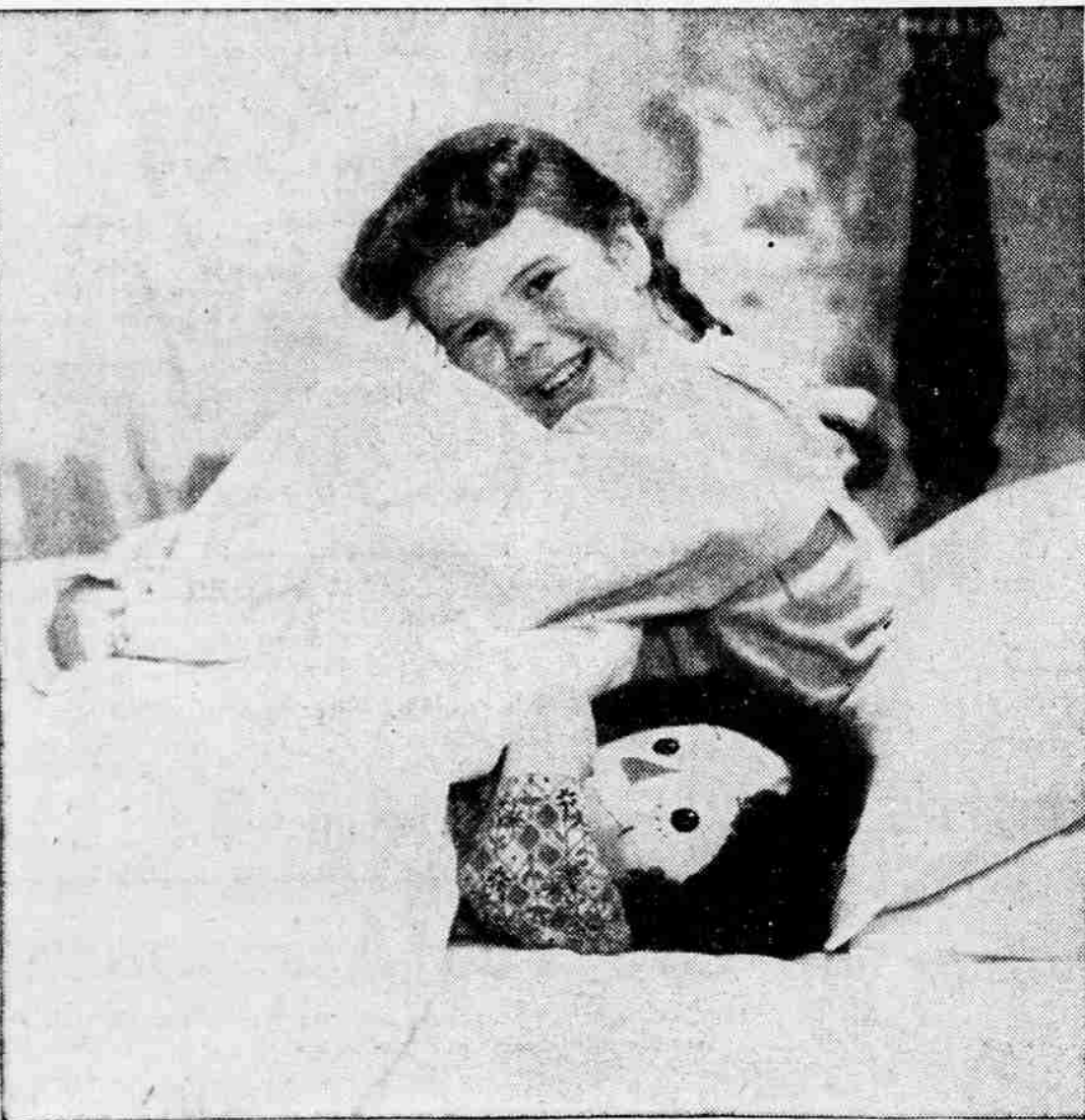
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