

Algerian 'Freedom Army' Is Well Trained, Spanish Writer Claims

Editor's note: For six weeks, a young Spanish newspaperman was permitted to live with the Algerian rebel army. He rode with the troops on camel patrols and saw at first hand how this army operated against the French forces.

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Written for United Press
WITH THE REBEL ARMY IN ALGERIA — France is not fighting a phantom army here. The Algerian "freedom army" is a well-trained, tightly-organized, well-equipped and dedicated force.

I know, for I've spent six weeks with this army. I can report this army is determined to turn North Africa into another Indochina if France does not meet its demands for total independence.

I lived with Algerian soldiers in several of their ever-moving bases, ate and slept with them in their training camps and rode with them on long, bone-bruising camel patrols.

Unlike musical comedy sheiks, these men wear no flowing turbans. In fact, turbans are against regulations. Their uniforms are American-type olive drab, their headgear garrison caps or the wide-brimmed "ANZAC" hat worn by Australian and New Zealand troops in World War II. Non-Shaver Punished

They are clean-shaven except for flowing mustaches, a sign of virility. A few have permission to wear beards. But the slacker who hasn't and doesn't shave is punished. He must kneel for two hours, hands against his back, nose pressed hard against a wall. These soldiers, who form the

National Algerian Liberation Front (FLN), consider themselves more than just an army. They are part of a combined army-government headed by a single unified command.

Operating under the supreme command of the FLN, the civil organization is charged with administration, tax collection, public health and registration.

Each of the six provinces is commanded by a colonel. Provinces are divided into zones and these, in turn, are divided into regions. Regions are broken down into sectors commanded by a lieutenant and his political counterpart.

Each sector consists of six com-

panies and each company of three sections with 30 men in each. The section is the basic unit of the Algerian army. I lived and traveled with a section from Colomb-Bechar.

These units are in continuous contact with each other by walkie-talkie. For each sector there is a roving doctor and health squad and hidden away in some secret spot is a modern hospital. I wasn't taken there.

Training Between Patrols

Between patrols and skirmishes with the French, days are spent in rugged training. There is a weekly political orientation class. The FLN gives allowances to families of soldiers where

needed, but the men themselves receive no pay.

My first taste of desert warfare came when I accompanied 10 soldiers on a long camel trip into the desert. The mission was to mine the key rail line from Oran to Colomb.

But after three hours of swaying through the black night on our camels, we halted. "The French are ahead," someone whispered.

We dismounted, forced the camels to their knees in a circle and gagged them with blankets. I was ordered to stay with the camels and one soldier stayed with me, the rest moved forward. It was pitch black. The only

thing I could see were fire-fly flicks of light on the horizon. These were the lights of French trucks. Later, I was told this French convoy consisted of 150 vehicles.

After the soldiers returned, they told me they stole behind the outposts and put mines in the path of the convoy. As we slip away into the night, I heard muffled explosions.

"There are some trucks that won't go any farther," a soldier told me.

This was a typical encounter in today's desert warfare. There are few pitched battles. There is much grim, nerve-racking guerrilla in-fighting.

FUMES FATAL TO TWO
Atlanta, Ga. — Two deer hunters were found asphyxiated in their tent near here Wednesday. A third was unconscious. Police said the two died from fumes of a charcoal stove. The survivor was taken to a hospital for treatment.

PROTESTS EXPULSION
Copenhagen, Denmark — Denmark has officially protested the Soviet expulsion of the Danish agricultural attaché from Moscow as a Russian reprisal to Denmark's ouster of a Soviet diplomat on sov charge, it was announced today.

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The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

ROY R.—Ruth has me confused.

RUTH R.—I just want to be happy.

ROY R.—Maybe I'm too dumb to understand women, but my wife really has me confused. We have been married four years and I have a 1-year-old little girl, but we are as far from settled as the day we were married.

We have moved about six times since we were married and we are always in a state of chaos. Ruth is never satisfied with either the apartment or the neighborhood. At first she said she wanted to wait at least five years before we started a family. Then she changed her mind, but now she says she wants to go back to work.

I don't approve of this idea of working mothers, but I would go along on it if Ruth suggested a sensible plan. The only day nursery she has been able to dig up would cost just about as much as she could earn. Does that make sense? She talks of getting a housekeeper, but we have been unable to keep an ordinary maid for any length of time.

RUTH R.—I thought it was a woman's privilege to be allowed to change her mind. I see now I am really not cut out for motherhood. I have no patience at all with the baby and at times I get so nervous I could just scream.

Roy keeps saying, "Well, what do you want?" and he never seems able to understand my answers, which are simple enough for a child to understand.

All I want is what everyone else wants—to be happy. I can't be happy in an apartment in which there is hardly room to turn around, or in a neighborhood where I don't like the people. Neither can I be happy living in such a way that the only outlet for my energies is to scrub a floor or go shopping in the supermarket.

Roy thinks life is so simple for women because they don't have to go out and earn a living, but he doesn't realize how frustrating it can be to have no real goal in life.

THE COUNCIL: Poor Ruth!

Here's a woman with a husband and a baby who can't figure out what her goal ought to be — a woman who sees absolutely no reason to be happy if she lives in a small apartment or doesn't like the neighbors.

Nobody will come to offer Ruth happiness and goals on a silver platter and she won't find either by changing apartments or changing her mind. Ruth is a floundering ship in a sea of confusion because she totally lacks any sense of values.

Unfortunately, there are two passengers aboard the floundering S. S. Ruth. They are Roy and the baby. The baby can't help being a passenger, but Roy has no business in that role. He has left the entire responsibility for the conduct of their lives up to his confused wife. Why? Because he, too, lacks a sense of values.

"I don't approve of . . . working mothers, but I would go along on it," says Roy. Well why, exactly? Doesn't Roy have any confidence in his own judgment? Isn't he willing to fight for his beliefs? Evidently not. They are not important enough to him.

This couple badly needs to gain some sense of values and understanding of the meaning of life. They may be able to profit by talks with clergyman and/or a social worker. To supplement this, they should be guided toward reading that will broaden and deepen their understanding of life.

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LEGAL NOTICES

FILE NO. 57-674-E
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON
COUNTY
CLAIRE MARGARET FOGEL, Plaintiff,

vs.
EDWARD JOSEPH FOGEL, Defendant.
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT, EDWARD JOSEPH FOGEL, IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within four (4) weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to answer or otherwise fail to appear in said suit, for want thereof, plaintiff will take a decree against you for the relief prayed for in plaintiff's complaint, succinctly stated as follows: to-wit:

For a decree of this Court dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between plaintiff and defendant, and granting plaintiff an absolute decree of divorce from the defendant.

For a further decree of this Court awarding to plaintiff the care, custody, and control of plaintiff's and defendant's minor children, namely, Barbara Ann Fogel, Edward Clair Fogel, Theresa Rose Fogel, and Karen Louise Fogel, with the right of the defendant to visit said minor children at all reasonable times.

For a further decree of this Court requiring the defendant to pay to the Clerk of the above entitled Court for and on behalf of plaintiff the sum of FIFTY (50.00) and no/100 DOLLARS per month for the support of each of the minor children of plaintiff and defendant, namely, Barbara Ann Fogel, Edward Clair Fogel, Theresa Rose Fogel, and Karen Louise Fogel, until each respective child arrives at the age of majority or is otherwise emancipated.

FOR A FURTHER DECREE OF THIS COURT setting over unto plaintiff as her sole and individual property the household furniture belonging to plaintiff and defendant.

This summons is published once each week for four (4) consecutive weeks upon Order made and entered by the Judge of the above entitled Court on the 18th day of November, 1957.

The date of the first publication of this summons is the 21st day of November, 1957.

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Camera Bugs Given Tips on Traveling

Dallas, Tex. — Note for traveling camera bugs: The two most convenient places to keep a camera in your car while traveling are the worst from the camera's point of view. The glove compartment is hot and dusty. So is the back window ledge. A dusty camera will give you blurry pictures and it's hard to tell just what will happen to your snapshots if you let the film get hot—but it is sure to have a bad effect. One of the best means of protection is to keep the camera in a carrying case on the seat or floor of the car.

College A Capella Chorus Is Wronged


Madison, Wis. — The Eau Claire state college a capella chorus which serenaded the state legislature in March got abrupt treatment by the state assembly on the day before adjournment. Included among 36 bills and resolutions killed by the lawmakers was a senate-approved resolution commending the mixed group from Eau Claire for its "delightful concert."

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