

Syro-Egypt Union Will Make Nasser Among World's Most Absolute Rulers

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Cairo — Gamel Abdel Nasser will emerge as one of the most legally absolute rulers in the world as president of the new United Arab Republic of Egypt and Syria.

Nasser has described the new union as a "democratic republic." But as its president, he will appoint not only the cabinet and executive councils for the Egyptian and Syrian regions but all members of the new National Assembly.

Not even in Russia does one man have legal power to appoint the entire Legislature.

Only time will tell, of course, how this absolute power will work out in practice.

A plebiscite in both countries this month will approve the merger. Yemen is discussing the possibility of joining the union, and Syrian President Shukri El Kuwatly Sunday invited Lebanon to come in also, either "in complete unity or on a federal basis."

Feelers have gone out to other Arab nations.

Nasser Only Candidate
The plebiscite also will make the 40-year-old Nasser president of the union. He is the only candidate.

The big question in the Middle East is why Egypt and Syria have pushed ahead so fast toward the merger in the past month.

A major factor, according to both Western and Arab diplomatic sources, was the fear the Communists would take over in Syria. This also

helps explain the wide powers given Nasser, who has outlawed the Communist party in Egypt.

At first only the ministries of foreign affairs and defense will be totally merged. Architects of the merger hope the other ministries can be merged by one, turning the present national executive councils into local administrative organs.

How the merger came about so quickly still is a partial mystery. The turning point, according to diplomatic sources, was a change of view within the Syrian army.

Maj. Gen. Afif Bizri, the Syrian chief of staff who was believed to be pro-Soviet, suddenly flew to Cairo last month with officers from various army factions, the diplomatic sources said. They left behind a notice to the Syrian government that they were going to work out plans for unity.

The Syrian cabinet met in long sessions. Four days later Foreign Minister Salah Al Bitar, a member of the Baath Socialist Party which long favored federal union with Egypt, flew here also to push for immediate and complete unity.

Syrians Feared Communists
Whatever the army's reasons, the Syrian parties were believed afraid of the Communists' growing power. They said they were convinced that only Nasser could stop the Reds.

The sources said Nasser imposed the conditions that the army be taken out of politics and that all political

parties be dissolved and merged into one national union as in Egypt. That would neutralize both the Communists and the right-wing Moslem Brotherhood.

The sources said Nasser had two reasons for speeding up the union. One was that it would increase his prestige and that of Egypt as leaders of the Arab world. The other was that he became convinced Syria's political instability

would lead to either a Communist regime or a rightwing upset favorable to Iraq and the pro-Western Baghdad Pact.

Reliable sources in Baghdad said today that Iraq's King Feisal will go to Amman, Jordan, for a meeting with King Hussein Tuesday. There has been talk of an alignment of Arab monarchs to counter the Egyptian-Syrian merger.

Senate Democrats Jump on Forecast Of 5 Million Jobless

Washington — Senate Democrats today seized on an administration forecast of a possible five million unemployed this month to intensify demands for government action to deal with the economic slump.

Proposals ranged from an immediate step-up of defense work, road-building and other public works to a call for income tax cuts by Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.).

Commerce Secretary Sinclair Weeks, Sunday, said the jobless total rose to 4,500,000 in January and "I wouldn't be surprised if we do" have five million out of work in February.

Five million unemployed would be the highest since 1941 when the jobless total went to 5,500,000.

Predicts Upturn
Weeks predicted the jobless figure will begin to decline next month and the business slump will end by May or June.

Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.), the assistant Senate Democratic leader, told the United Press Week's statements indicated the situation "is perhaps more drastic than even the most pessimistic have led us to believe."

"My hope is that the administration, in view of this statement by one of its major spokesmen, will immediately begin considering ways and means by which proposals by

Gore, for example, and Kennedy could be put into operation to help cushion the shock." He referred to proposals last week by Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), for a big public works program and by Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), to increase unemployment compensation.

"It will do us little good to emphasize and build up our defense posture if at the same time we allow our domestic economy to become weaker," Mansfield said. "The question is just as much spuds as Sputniks."

Mansfield said Democrats will give the administration a chance to take the lead in measures to cope with the economic downturn, but added, "we ought to be ready" to act if the government does not.

"The situation cannot be allowed to drift downstream," he said. "If it continues long enough it might have a snowball effect."

Douglas, a former economics professor and member of the tax-writing Senate Finance committee, came out for a tax cut for lower and middle income brackets and also excise tax reductions on transportation and consumer goods. He told the United Press this would stimulate consumption and build up consumer demand and jobs. He declined to give details of his tax cut plan pending its presentation to the Senate this week.

Nepal Expedition Planned By Texas Oil Man Slick

Katmandu, Nepal — An expedition sponsored by Texas oilman Tom Slick rushed plans to find the legendary "Abominable Snowman" of the Himalayas in efforts to beat a Russian search party.

The expedition's advance party got here Friday night. The trek into the rugged mountains of Eastern Nepal will start Wednesday.

W. M. (Gerald) Russell, leader of the expedition, was excited about the prospect of the search.

"We must hurry up because the Russians are sending out expeditions on a similar errand in the Pamirs," he said.

It was in the Pamir mountains of Soviet Central Asia, an extension of the Himalayas that a Russian scientist reported seeing the snowman twice last summer.

Russell said his five man team will start Wednesday from Diratnagar to track the creature, which has been described as a hairy giant, half-

man half-beast in appearance. He said his group will scour the Arun river valley in Eastern Nepal until the end of May. Footprints of the snowman have been reported as sighted in that area by Nepalese parties.

"The sole object of the expedition is to find the creature, possibly in its natural environment," Russell said.

Norman G. Dhyrenfurth, a former University of California instructor and official photographer for the first successful Atlas ICBM launching, will be in charge of the photography.

The financial backing of Slick equipped the party with 5,000 pounds of baggage to be carried by 70 porters.

LAST ONE
LaFollette, Tenn. — Mrs. Louise Byrd, 81, looked down at the casket of her sister, Mrs. Parzida Lloyd, 87. "I'm the last one," she said. Then she fell over the casket, dead.

What Is The Law?

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Business Is Complicated—Look Before Leaping

Bill thought it was the chance of a lifetime. Frank and Tom, two local businessmen, let him in on a terrific deal. "You won't have to put up a cent," they told him. "You just manage things. But you'll be co-owner, the same as we are. We'll divide the profits equally." Bill agreed and started to work. But after some months things weren't going too well. Frank and Tom made several unwise decisions and the business failed. Creditors demanded that Bill help pay the firm's bills. Bill protested, "I just worked here — why should I be held responsible?"

"Because you're a partner," they replied, "whether you know it or not, or whether you had any agreement or formal understanding or not. And so you're personally responsible for the debts, the same as Frank and Tom."

Bill was flabbergasted. He thought a partnership required legal papers and a definite understanding. It does not. The law only requires that two or more people associate together to carry on, as co-owners, a business for profit.

Anyone going into a commercial venture with someone, should therefore ask himself, "Just what am I getting into? Am I an independent contractor, an employee, an employer, a partner, or agent?" If doubt exists, he should find out from his lawyer by giving him all the facts.

Partnership or Corporation?

Anyone in business for himself makes all the profits or stands all the loss. The advantage of a partnership is that others help carry the load and provide greater resources of energy, imagination, capital and credit. But there are drawbacks, too. All general partners are liable for the firm's debts. After exhausting partnership property, creditors may collect from the personal assets of any such partner.

Partnership drawbacks can be eliminated by forming a corporation, the business can be operated in much the same way and individuals are protected against personal liability. If the corporation fails,

Referendum Sought On Parking Area

Cincinnati, Ohio — The West End Community Council is seeking a referendum against the city council's plan to spend \$2 million for parking facilities at Crosley Field to keep the Redlegs here for at least another five years.

West End residents objected to the council's plan to demolish their homes to make room for 2,600 car spaces near the baseball stadium.

owners can lose all of their investment, but their home, car, and other property will be safe from the corporation's creditors. However, corporations have drawbacks, too. For one thing, taxes are higher. This may be a severe burden on a young company just getting started.

A business of one's own is often satisfying and rewarding. However, it can be risky, too. There are many legal points, designed for protection, which can prove booby traps for the unwary. Some laws are complex and hard to understand. Therefore, any one going out for himself should discuss the entire plan with his lawyer.

Ministers Invited To Send Off Rally

Los Angeles — Some 500 ministers have been invited to a send-off rally for four men who declare they will try to stop nuclear tests in the Pacific by sailing their 30-foot ketch into the test area.

The four members of the non-violent action against nuclear weapons organization, headquartered in Philadelphia, Pa., plan to sail from here today, in the ketch, named the Golden Rule.

They said the Golden Rule would establish a sea-going picket line around the Eniwetok atoll where another series of U. S. nuclear tests were scheduled for April.

The men called the Southern California ministers to meet them at the boat Sunday to discuss the tests.

The four are Albert S. Bigelow, 51, Cos Cob, Conn.; William Huntington, 51, St. James, Long Island, N.Y.; George Willoughby, 43, Blackwood Terrace, N.J., and David Gale, 25, Minnesota.

Charges Denied By Lestoll Man

Holyoke, Mass. — The manufacturer of "Lestoll" denied government charges that the household cleaning fluid is dangerously inflammable.

Jacob L. Barowsky, president of Adell Chemical Co., manufacturer of the detergent said the federal trade commission statement was "absolutely erroneous." Laboratory tests show that Lestoll "is not a dangerous, inflammable material and is not considered hazardous for regular household applications," Barowsky said.

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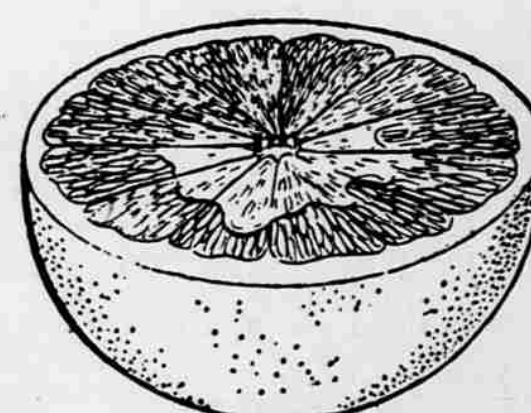
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