

In the Day's News
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Perhaps we'd better talk a little in this space today about foreign affairs. Some interesting situations are shaping up in the news.

For example:
West Berlin and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

WEST Berlin - all of Berlin, for that matter - is one of those impossible things that just COULDN'T be permitted to happen in a world supposedly run by reasoning people, but DID happen.
West Berlin is a little island of Western freedom entirely surrounded by communist slavery.

IT'S A LONG, sad story - much too long to be gone into in detail here.

It started at Yalta, where we turned over much of mid-Europe to Russia, presumably in an effort to get her into the war with Japan. When the Germans surrendered, Germany was divided into four occupation zones - the American, the British, the French and the Russian. Berlin, the capital, although entirely surrounded by Russian-occupied territory, was also divided into four zones - British, French, American and Russian.

This impossible situation still exists.

IT REMAINS a festering sore in international relations for a perfectly simple reason. West Berlin has become an island of Western free enterprise prosperity and relative happiness in a sea of communist misery.

That situation gripes Russia. It gripes her particularly because the highest ambition of the poor devils of Germans who are compelled to live in communist East Germany is to get over into West Berlin and live happily ever afterwards.

That doesn't look good for communism. So Russia is perpetually seeking (without actually going to shooting war) to make West Berlin such a hot potato that the Allies (to use a World War 2 term) will drop it and get out.

That's the long and the short of it.

WHAT of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan?
That also is too long to be gone into in detail here.

IT BOBS into the news because of what is known in diplomatic language as a "coup" that has just taken place. ("Coup" is a French word that has a wide range of meanings. Among other things, it means a SUDDEN BLOW. French is the language of international diplomacy, and so sudden developments have come to be known among the diplomats as "coups.")

In this particular coup, a desert chieftain has seized power in the Sudan. There is a possibility that he may have done so to keep Nasser from grabbing the Sudan as a part of his United Arab Republic, which is his baby. He hopes to use the United Arab Republic as a stepping stone to his goal of becoming another Hitler or Mussolini or Stalin - or what have you.

IF YOU want to know why the Sudan is tempting to Nasser, take a look at your map. The SUDAN CONTROLS THE HEADWATERS OF THE NILE.

The Nile river is Egypt. Without the waters of the Nile, Egypt would be ALL desert instead of being only part desert.

It should be added that Nasser wants ALL OF AFRICA. So does Russia. Nasser wants all of Africa in order to make him a very much bigger big shot. Russia wants all of Africa FOR COMMUNISM. Without the Sudan, it will be harder to gain possession of all of Africa.

That's about the long and the short of the Sudan business.

Music Educators to Meet at SOC Nov. 22

Ashland-The Southern Oregon Music Educators association will hold its annual fall meeting in Churchill hall at Southern Oregon college Saturday, Nov. 22. Dr. Herbert Cecil, SOC music department staff member, has announced.

Music teachers from Jackson, Klamath, Lake, Josephine, and Douglas counties are expected to attend.

The organization is concerned with all musical activities in the public schools and is especially concerned with the organization of the annual spring music contests.

Officers of the SOMEA are Dr. Herbert Cecil, chairman; A. I. Myrick, Medford, vice chairman; and Oscar C. Bjorlie, SOC music department staff member, secretary-treasurer.

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