

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Suppose we talk today about STRONG MEN—the occasion being that there's a new one on the horizon. His name is Ibrahim Abboud. He joined the Strong Man's Club only Monday when he seized supreme power in the Sudan (which is located in mid-Africa) in what the dispatches describe in proper diplomatic language as a "coup d'etat."

His best known buddies in the exclusive organization he has just blasted his way into are Khrushchev, Tito and Nasser. It should be added that these are PRESENT members. The ex-members of the Strong Man's Club are too numerous to be listed here.

WHILE we're at it, we might as well get this coup d'etat business straight. It's

French — French being the language of international diplomacy. It's an ancient historic term—so well established that Webster includes it, defining it thus: "A sudden decisive exercise of force whereby the existing government is subverted; an unexpected stroke of policy."

Its literal translation is SUDEN BLOW OF STATE. If your inclination is to go highbrow and talk about it at the next coffee hour, you should bone up a little before tackling it. Don't say COOP DE TAT, pronouncing the TAT part as in tating.

It's French, and French has its own linguistic peculiarities. If you want to be de rigueur, you must say COO DE TAH. If you yearn to be a diplomat, you'll have to learn to say it that way. Otherwise, you won't pass the examination.

ONE MORE word: Maybe SUDAN doesn't

mean a thing to you. Here's a clue: The capital of the Sudan is Khartoum. If you're a Kipling fan, you'll recall Kitchener of Khartoum.

Lord Kitchener of Khartoum made a lot of history. He added the Sudan to the British Empire, and was greatly admired by Kipling.

WHO is this Ibrahim Abboud? He was unheard of until he pulled his coup d'etat—as was Nasser, for that matter. But he seems to know all the rules. For example: His first act as a Strong Man was to SHUT DOWN THE NEWSPAPERS. He took the ban off two days later, but he warned the papers not to speculate on political news and to print ONLY OFFICIALLY authorized announcements.

In other words— To tell the people only what Ibrahim Abboud thinks the

people ought to be allowed to know. That establishes him as an orthodox member of the Strong Man's Club.

IN CONCLUSION: Is he good? Or is he bad?

I WOULDN'T know. But history tells us quite plainly that most of the troubles of ordinary mankind since history was first recorded have come about because of these strong men who TAKE TOO MUCH POWER INTO TOO FEW HANDS.

A SURE THING Fort Dodge, Iowa —(UPI)—Radio station KYFD said it received a post-election response to a pre-election postal card poll with the names of winners marked and the explanation: "Sorry to be so late, but I never make snap decisions."

Misunderstanding Told In Recording Claims

Portland — Virgil Heath, bureau of land management supervisor for Oregon, has reported some misunderstanding about the necessity of recording mining claims on Oregon and California re-vested lands and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands.

Heath said many mining claim locators are forfeiting their unpatented claims because they are not complying with the O and C Mining act of April 8, 1948. This act opened the O and C Mining act of April 8, 1948. This act opened the O and C Mining act of April 8, 1948. This act opened the O and C Mining act of April 8, 1948.

Cub Scouts Visit Mail Tribune Plant

Seven members of Cub Scout Pack 1, Den 3, St. Mary's school, visited the Mail Tribune plant Wednesday afternoon. They were David Budreau,

exact legal description of the land on which the claim is located, then inquire at the nearest BLM district office, or the land office at Portland, as to whether the claim is located on O and C or Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands. If so, the O and C mining law must be complied with or the claims will be voided, Heath said.

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