



AFRICAN MAP CHANGING—The changing face of Africa is shown in this new map. On July 1, there will be six new national flags fluttering in the breeze, along with six applicants for membership in the United Nations. Nine African countries will have achieved independence. Three of these have agreed to federate. Two have agreed to merge. (UPI Telephoto)

Six More African Countries To Receive Independence July 1

Editor's note: This is the first of three dispatches on the emergence of nine African territories as independent states, with probable complete freedom for five more before the end of the year. This dispatch outlines the impact the new nations may have in the United Nations, along with a description of the countries.

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London (UPI)—On July 1, there will be six new national flags fluttering under the hot blue African sky, along with six new applicants for membership in the United Nations.

Assuming they all are accepted, this will raise the membership of the world organization to 90 nations, of which 17 will be African states.

Before the end of this month, eight African countries will have achieved independence and a ninth on July 1.

Three of these, members of the French community, have agreed in advance to federate. Two others, one Italian-administered and one British, have voted to merge.

Africa will be overhauling Asia and pulling up fast on Latin America as the largest geographical group in the UN.

Could Be Largest

This increase of African membership could make the Afro-Asian group substantially the largest bloc in the UN, with a membership of 27, compared with 21 Latin American countries.

Before the end of the year, African membership in the UN is likely to be further increased by the addition of Nigeria and four more members of the French community.

Thus, if they can reach agreement on controversial issues, the African bloc could wind up controlling more than one-third of the total UN membership, with the result that the General Assembly would be unable to pass a resolution on a matter of importance against their united opposition. The necessary two-thirds majority would be impossible.

The Security Council already has approved the admission of two new African members to the UN this year—the republics of Cameroon and Togo, both formerly French-administered UN Protectorates.

Big in Area

Another French territory—the Mali Federation, made up of Senegal and the French Sudan—recently achieved independence. Mali is a sprawling northwest African territory two and a half times the size of Texas, but with a population of just under seven million.

One of the new countries is Madagascar, the world's fifth largest island. Madagascar, whose last queen, Hova, surrendered to the French in 1896, has an area of 228,000 square miles—two and a half times the size of Great Britain—and a population of six million.

Other French communities granted freedom are Chad, the Central African Republic, the French Congo and Gabon. The first three have decided to federate into the Union of Equatorial African States, which will adopt the shorter name of the Equatorial Union.

East Africa got its first independent state on June 26 when British Somaliland was rushed into independence almost as fast as the Belgian Congo, from direct colonial rule by Britain only a year ago.

Await Big Event

Four more French territories—the Ivory Coast, the Volta Republic, Dahomey and Niger Republic—also are advancing towards independence this year.

But the event of the year in Africa, from the point of view of its long-term impact, comes on Oct. 1, when the British Federation of Nigeria hoists its independence flag.

Nigeria's last census, 10 years ago, showed its population was 32 million. A natural rate of increase would put it at 38 million today.

Up to now, the leading state in Africa has been the white-ruled Union of South Africa. But Nigeria, with a population more than three times that of the Union and with its vast mineral resources, wealth in oil and rapidly expanding industries, is expected to wield considerable power in Africa.

Mrs. Neuberger Asks Federal Campaign Help

Newport, Ore. (UPI)—Mrs. Maurine Neuberger today asked stricter regulation of campaign expenditures and for federal help in financing political campaigns.

Mrs. Neuberger, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate seat held by her late husband, told Lincoln county Democratic women that most voters did not realize the vast sums of money which modern political campaigns require.

"Television," she said, "can be prohibitively expensive and yet it has become an indispensable tool in modern campaigning. Such enormous expenditures in a campaign can lead to a candidate entering into obligations and commitments in conflict with the public interest."

TV Proposal Endorsed

She endorsed a proposal to grant free prime TV time to each of the major presidential candidates, and also said she favored enactment of legislation to have the federal government help finance campaigns for Congress and for President.

"Victory in an election should not go to the candidate with the most money, the highest paid ghost writers, the fanciest campaign paraphernalia, the most confetti, or the biggest public relations and advertising staff," she said.

Errol Flynn's Estate Sued

New York (UPI)—The late Errol Flynn lured teen-aged blonde actress Beverly Aadland into "moral debauchery and sex orgies, and taught her a lewd, wanton and wayward way of life," it was charged Monday in a \$5 million suit against his estate.

The suit charged the swash-buckling star overpowered the 15-year-old girl with his charm and worldly experience and "roused within her deep, unripened passions and unnatural desires inimical to the interests, welfare and fulfillment of her normal youth."

The action was brought in state Supreme Court by the now 17-year-old Beverly's court-appointed guardian Howard F. Trussel of New York. It named as defendants Flynn's estranged wife Patricia Wymore, and Justin M. Gollenbock and Louis Grossman, the temporary administrators of Flynn's estate.

The actor died last Oct. 14 in Vancouver, B.C., where he had gone to sell his yacht. The estate has been variously reported as worth from \$100,000 to \$1 million.

Local Man Has Eye Surgery in Portland

A Medford man was one of the first patients to benefit from a gift by the Oregon State Elks association to the University of Oregon's Medical School's ophthalmology department.

The gift was a powerful electromagnet, costing \$1,500, used to draw out metal splinters which have accidentally lodged in the eye.

Gene Roethler, 357 Cerritos ave., owner and operator of Roethler Shell Service, Sixth and Front sts., returned last week from Portland where he had eye surgery June 17. Two previous operations had failed to recover the metal splinter. The electromagnet was donated to the medical school last month.

Program for College Freshman Year in High School Studied

Eugene—Colleges and universities of Oregon are laying the ground work for a program that will eventually place the freshman year of college work in the high schools of the state.

Educators of this state believe that such a program is possible and a \$43,783 grant from the Fund for the Advancement of Education (established by the Ford Foundation) supports their belief.

The grant, given to the University of Oregon for work of the Oregon Council on Advanced Placement, will set up a teacher-training conference on the university campus Aug. 15 to 19 in order to allow further "early-stage" work on advanced placement. It will also assist the council in promoting the principles of advanced placement through training and briefing conferences, in-service training for high school teachers, and supplying necessary information and evaluation to the schools to encourage them to introduce new advanced placement courses.

Needs Listed

During the coming year Dr. Roland Bartel, a university professor of English who is state coordinator for the Oregon Council on Advanced Placement, will spend 50 per cent of his time on council business.

Dr. Bartel believes advanced placement will aid high schools as well as colleges, and it will give the brighter student the opportunity of passing more swiftly to advanced students. He states, however, that for the program to be successful, there must be qualified teachers in the high schools who can give college level instruction; time for advanced placement teachers to prepare for more advanced work; a willingness on the part of

administration and community to make special provision for the gifted student; and consultation between colleges and high schools.

A few high schools in the state are already offering advanced placement. The newly formed council will facilitate operation of the present courses and make it possible for more schools to participate.

Most of the four-year colleges in Oregon are now in the program.

A high school entering the program may participate in as few or as many courses as it chooses. The logical place to start in is the area where the school has its strongest teachers, Bartel points out.

Schools will have considerable latitude in setting up courses. Recommendations are available from a national office or from participating colleges.

One of the key features of the program is the special national examination on the basis of which colleges give placement or credit or both. And while any college student may take this examination, Bartel stresses that students who have taken college level work will be most likely to come out best.

Got College Credit

The 1959 freshman class of the University of Oregon included 44 students who had completed college-level courses in high school, he said. The university gave college credit

Army Calls 8,000 For September

Washington (UPI)—The Army has issued a call for 8,000 draftees in September.

The quota is 1,000 larger than in August and is the largest monthly call since last December. The Army requested 9,009 draftees then.

The new call will bring to 2,547,930 the number of men called up under the draft since the start of the Korean War in 1950.

NOT A CARPORT

Overland, Mo. (UPI)—The city has filed suit against Alderman Wallace R. Gates, seeking to enjoin him from erecting a carport at his home. The city contends it violates a city ordinance. Not so, says Gates. The structure is an awning, not a carport. And, he maintains, there is no law which says he cannot park his car under his awning.

The night Roseburg almost blew up!

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