

Jordan King Expects To Meet With Nasser as Step To Improve Relations

Editor's note: Relations between Jordan and the United Arab Republic have taken a dramatic turn for the better after a prolonged period of bitterness. In an interview with United Press International, Jordan's young King Hussein talks of his hopes for the future.

alleged interference in Jordan's internal affairs.

Then, in a dramatic move towards reconciliation, Hussein sent Nasser a personal message Feb. 23 calling for "cooperation and solidarity" in the face of "common dangers which face us."

"I was rather pleased with the president's lengthy reply," Hussein said today. "The letter I received from him, I think, is an indication of a desire to bring about a better understanding."

Asked if he would meet personally with Nasser he replied: "I think there is every chance for such a meeting. . . I can't say just now what would be the time or place."

He said he would reply to Nasser's letter "within the next few days" at greater length, and would range over a number of topics of common interest.

The king also noted the better cooperation between Jordan and Iraq since diplomatic relations between the two countries were resumed last October.

He indicated he saw no immediate likelihood of an Arab summit conference but added that if one were suggested "I would be perfectly happy to attend."

"I have always felt that the exchange of views is a way of bringing about better understanding," he said.



TURN FOR BETTER—Relations between Jordan and the United Arab Republic have taken a dramatic turn for the better after a prolonged period of bitterness. In an interview with United Press International, Jordan's King Hussein, top photo, said there was "every chance" he will meet personally with United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser, lower photo, as first step to improving relations between the two nations. (UPI Telephoto)

Amman, Jordan — King Hussein of Jordan said today there was "every chance" he will meet personally with United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser as a further step towards improving relations between the two nations.

In an interview here he called his recent exchange of letters with Nasser "only the first step" towards building a spirit of cooperation between Amman and Cairo.

"There will have to be many more," he said. Relations between the two countries deteriorated seriously last fall following the bomb assassination of Jordan's Prime Minister Hazza Al Majall in Amman.

Hussein implicated Nasser in the killing. He condemned the United Arab Republic before the United Nations General Assembly in October for

Three Men Appear In Circuit Court

Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly yesterday suspended imposition of sentence for three years for Del Raymond Beebe, transient, who pleaded guilty to obtaining property under false pretenses.

Judge Kelly ordered Beebe to make restitution as a condition of his probation.

Beebe was charged with issuing a bad check for \$10 to a Medford market Jan. 21.

Judge Kelly suspended imposition of sentence for five years for Winton Russell Tipton, 1000 Henry st., Ashland, who had pleaded guilty to larceny from a building.

Tipton was charged with taking 100 pounds of frozen meat from a warehouse in Medford. Tipton was ordered to make restitution as a condition of his probation.

Sam Wolpa, Sacramento, Calif., was arraigned on charges of obtaining property under false pretenses. Robert Dickie, attorney.

Back Stairs: Threat of Kidnaping

By MERRIMAN SMITH UPI White House Reporter

Washington — (UPI) — Back stairs at the White House: The investigation of recent death and kidnaping threats against President Kennedy and his family in south Florida was described by White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger as "routine."

Said one investigator who went nearly two days without sleep in working on the case, "how routine can you get?"

Salinger had no choice but to say what he did — or say absolutely nothing. If he knew or had openly conceded the gravity with the Secret Service regarded the case, the effect on the public would have been highly alarming.

Hard on Reputation The publicity attending the threat, which came to light while the Kennedys were vacationing last week in Palm Beach, Fla., was undoubtedly hard on the golden reputation of the community.

Palm Beach police chief Homer Large was explosively angry that his normally genteel and placid resort city should figure in news stories involving threats of kidnaping and assassination.

This, however, is one of the reverse rewards of the presidency and for the resorts he favors with his presence.

Palm Beach, itself, was in no way responsible for the most recent threat on the lives of the President, Mrs. Kennedy and their children.

What brought the famous southern resort into the tense affair was that the threats originated in south Florida.

The threats in themselves were not geographic.

The surly Cubans involved reportedly had advocated the extermination of the Kennedys wherever they were.

The two Puerto Ricans who tried in a blast of killing gunfire to shoot their way into Blair House to murder former President Harry S. Truman came from Puerto Rico to Washington to do the job.

File Kept on Writers Salinger's rather required use of the word "routine" in describing the current case was true to the extent that periodically, nuts and malcontents in various parts of the country write a President hate letters and threaten to kill him. These letters are checked out and a permanent file is kept on the writers.

The investigation in south Florida was a far different matter, however. The first report spoke of emotional advocacy by a pro-Castro Cuban garment worker of kidnaping as a means of turning U.S. policy from its anti-Castro position.

Emotional as it may have been, this was enough to set off a painstaking federal investigation. The one threat voiced in Miami led to other trails and the Secret Service began to pick up traces of shadowy Cubans talking darkly of wiping out the entire Kennedy family as a blow for Castro.

This took the case quickly out of the routine class and turned it into a hard-boiled investigative matter. The Secret Service knew it was coping not with simple oddballs who think they deserve a larger pension, but with men and women fired by political casuism, nationalistic zeal for a foreign power and possibly more dangerous than any other factor, one or more willing martyrs.

Highly Dangerous Such people can be highly dangerous when their zeal reaches the point where they would willingly give up their lives to strike down an object of their hatred.

It is quite unlikely that one woman in Washington would share the evaluation of a case such as the Cuban threats as "routine." She is Mrs. Lester Coffelt, the widow of a White House policeman slain by two Puerto Ricans as they went after Truman.

Until their guns blazed in front of Blair House, their case, too, was routine.

LAKE AREA Lansing-Seven counties in Michigan have more than 300 lakes of varying sizes.

Monkey Doesn't Dig Any Monkey Business

Providence, R.I. — (UPI) — A monkey who lives in a cage in the cellar of Mr. and Mrs. Silvio Napolitano's home eats macaroni and sweet potatoes and enjoys riding on the back of a patient angora cat. But he doesn't like his tail pulled.

Doreen Gargano, 3, who likes monkeys, was warned not to touch the animal, especially its tail. Doreen forgot, and pulled the forbidden tail. She was treated for monkey bites on the left arm.

School News

Medford High School

Edited by Sandy Shugart

Five Medford High speech students, Suzy Thompson, Judy Sims, Mike Phillips, Joel Gregory, and Mike Higgins, have qualified to compete in the Oregon High School Speech league annual state tournament April 14 and 15 at Oregon State college.

Eligibility is automatically given to all first and second place winners in district meets.

At the recent Southern Oregon district meet, Suzy Thompson took second place in after dinner speaking; Judy Sims, first in extemporaneous speaking; Mike Phillips, first in radio speaking and second in oratory; Joel Gregory, first in panel discussion; and Mike Higgins, second in impromptu speaking.

Third place winners, Nancy Duncan, in poetry and serious reading, and Jim Frake, in radio speaking, will be alternates at the tourney.

In the recent annual southern Oregon solo and ensemble music contest at Fruitdale school in Grants Pass, Medford music students received 15 superior ratings.

Superior ratings went to the baritone quartet, woodwind quintet, mixed clarinet quartet, saxophone sextet, bass clarinet quartet, woodwind quartet, and saxophone quartet in the instrumental ensemble division.

Individual instrumentalists receiving the top rating were Susan Moyers, flute; Linda Hess, saxophone; Julie Faight, saxophone; Darrelyn Huson, piano; Carolyn Breazeale, cello; and Walter Ayres, violin.

Julie Gandt and the mixed ensemble received superior ratings in the vocal division.

Seven Medford High school seniors are competing in the 15th annual state AFL-CIO scholarship contest. They are Judy Sims, Suzy Thompson, Martha Simpson, Mike Phillips, Margie Childers, Dick Gordon, and Ken Wilson.

Exams for the scholarships were scheduled at Medford High and contained mostly essay-type questions.

Those placing high in the examination will be interviewed and eventually three students will be chosen to receive \$800 scholarships.

Eight Medford High students have registered for the annual Junior Engineers and Scientists Summer Institute this summer at Oregon State college June 11 to 24 for boys and at Willamette university June 18 through July 1 for girls.

Those to attend include Jim Albright, Jim Berg, Frank Graham, Mike Higgins, Dave Irving, Richard Knights, Sandy Shugart, and Jim Tungate. From these students will be chosen as many as can be accommodated.

Following a week of campaigning, student body primaries were held last Friday. The top two candidates for each office will be voted on Friday. The top two for president are Carl Washburn and Chuck McNair; Bruce Niedermeier and Frank Graham, vice president; Teresa Six and De Lawson, secretary; Joyce Leon and Don Weter, treasurer; Bill Heyerman and JoAnn Johnson, business manager; Sandra Bates and Vicky Enders, yell queen; Ken Bradford and Mark Cochran, yell king.

Identity Cards For Liquor Voted

Salem — (UPI) — A bill aimed at making it extremely tough for minors to buy liquor by requiring special identification cards for purchasers 21 to 25 passed the House Wednesday.

Only four votes were cast against the bill.

The identification cards would bear photographs, enabling liquor outlets to distinguish between adults and minors in the borderline age group.

One dollar liquor permits also would continue to be required.

The bill now goes to the Senate. Actually, it is the House version of a Senate bill which would have done away with the liquor permits, substituting only the ID cards for the 21 to 25 age group.

Rep. Grace Peck said this would have resulted in a \$600,000 annual loss in permit fees for the state.

Medford Youth Gets Army Commission

Eugene-William G. Frohnmayer, Medford, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army from the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University of Oregon.

He has been assigned to the Armor branch and will take up his training at Ft. Knox, Ky., April 25. Frohnmayer is a graduate from the university in history.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Frohnmayer, route 2, box 418, Medford.

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