Algerian Independence Would Boost North African Dreams

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Growing Problems

New Guard Booths, More Guards Result in Congressional Debate

By DICK WEST

Washington — (UPI) — Just about a month ago, the House passed a bill providing almost $130,000 to build 13 new guard booths at the White House. Last week, in a sort of follow-up action, it voted to authorize the employment of 80 addition guards to occupy the booths.

West

The first bill caused Rep. Frank J. Becker (R-N. Y.) to wonder "what sort of luxurious frills" a guard booth could have that would cause it to cost more than some houses.

The second bill planted an entire garden of questions in the fertile minds of Rep. H. R. Gross of Iowa and certain other Republican congressmen.

Gross wanted to know whether the extra police were needed to look after "Macaroni and Spaghetti," a somewhat scrambled reference to Caroline Kennedy's two ponies, "Macaroni and Tex."

Oponent Reassured

Sponsors of the bill assured him that executive mansion guards were not involved with empty saddles in the old corral on the New Frontier.

And even if they were, added Rep. Wayne Hays, an Ohio Democrat, that would be time better spent than "trapping squirrels on a White House putting green."

Hays also had a retort for Gross' observation that the White House constabulary would more than double the size of his home town police force in Waterloo, Iowa, a city of some 75,000.

Said Hays: "More tourists pass through the White House in one year than have passed through Waterloo in all history."

The counter jabs from the Democratic side did not induce Gross to sheath his needle and retire from the field.

In one last sally before the House passed the bill, he suggested that perhaps the extra police were needed "to provide protection for all-night twist parties."

Security Problems Grown

At times during the two-hour debate, backers of the bill managed to point out that White House security problems have grown considerably since the present 170-man police force was established in 1952.

It remained, however, for Rep. J. Arthur Younger (R-Calif.) to produce what I regarded as the most thought-provoking comment.

"I wonder if it wouldn't be a good idea from the tourist standpoint to have a daily mounting of the guard like they do at Buckingham Palace," said Younger.

"I think we could use plumes and probably put them on horses and really do a good job."

Presumably, Younger had in mind mounting the guard on Macaroni and Tex. But I rather doubt that Caroline would stand still for that.

Suspect Arrested In Portland Holdup

Portland — (UPI) — FBI agents arrested a suspect Monday night about six hours after the Eastport Plaza branch of the Equitable Savings and Loan Association was robbed and its manager briefly held hostage.

Robert Arnold Frazier, 21, was picked up on a federal robbery warrant and arraigned in Portland. The FBI said he was accused of taking some $1,200 from the branch about noon. The robber also used his gun to force the manager to accompany him outside the building before releasing him in a shopping center.

The FBI said Frazier had been working as a carpenter. Bail was set at $10,000. The FBI said efforts were continuing to recover the money.

Rabat, Morocco — (UPI) — Algerian independence this year will give a major boost to the age - old dream of a North African Maghreb Union of 25 million Arabs.

Moroccan officials make no secret of their hope it will speed the political and economic union of the four North African nations — Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Libya.

A United Arab Maghreb, they say, not only would constitute the largest Arab Republic — but also a powerful new force in African and world affairs.

The name Maghreb means "west." The idea of a Maghreb alliance or union, long a dream of Arabs throughout North - Western Africa, first was studied in practical form at a conference at Tangiers in April, 1958.

The conference was attended by representatives of the Istiqlal party of Morocco, the Neo-Destour party of Tunisia and the Moslem Rebel National Liberation Front (FLN) from Algeria.

Assembly Proposed

The conference proposed establishment of a consultative assembly of the Arab Maghreb, consisting of representatives of the Moroccan and Tunisian parliaments and the National Council of the Algerian Revolution (CNRA).

This assembly would be assigned to study questions of common interest to the three countries and to make recommendations to their governments.

The conference also recommended that the individual governments of the North African states not make separate foreign affairs and defense commitments.

Although the recommendations of the conference were not carried out in full, they remained the basis for United Maghreb policy.

Since 1958 a number of Maghreb units have been set up, such as confederations of students, teachers and labor unions.

Moves toward a closer link between their governments have been more timid.

Blocked by Rivalries

They were blocked to some extent by rivalries between the three countries, such as Moroccan annoyance at Tunisia's refusal to support her claims to sovereignty over Mauritania.

Originally, the Maghreb Union project was limited to Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria. Recently Libya was included in it.

In July 1961 representatives of Morocco and the Algerian Moslem government - in - exile held renewed talks on Maghreb unity plans.

They agreed "to take all possible steps to undertake without delay the establishment of a United Arab Maghreb on the basis of a fraternal political and economic association, particularly for the joint exploitation of natural riches."

A joint ministerial committee of Morocco and the Algerian government - in - exile was to have met last February to work out more detailed plans for a Maghreb Union. Other North African countries were invited to take part if they wished.

Tied by Negotiations

However, the meeting has not yet taken place, partly because the Algerian exile government was tied down with peace negotiations with the French.

But responsible Moroccan officials lost no opportunity to speak up in favor of a Maghreb Union. Hardly a public speech is made in this country in which the question is not raised.

Allal El Fassi, president of the ruling Istiqlal party in Morocco and minister of state for Islamic affairs, said in a recent interview that Maghreb unity projects should be pushed ahead in both the political and economic spheres, but that priority should be given to the economic side.

"What must be avoided at all costs," he said, "is parallel industrialization of all four countries, necessitating heavy investments but with small internal consumers' markets."

He called for "joint economic, but also political planning" by all four countries.

Abderrahmin Bouabib, former premier of Morocco and a leader of the opposition Progressive party, said creation of a Maghreb economic union has become a necessity in the present world.

"After Algerian independence," he said, "the single dominant problem will be that of her development. What interests us here is to know whether, within the framework of a United Maghreb, the economic growth provided for in the various development plans has a chance of reaching major proportions."

JAMES W. HARRISON
Joins BLM Staff

Harrison Named to BLM District Post

James W. Harrison joined the Medford district bureau of land management staff recently as administrative assistant to District Manager Ross A. Youngblood.

Harrison was born in Clarendon, Tex., but has lived in Oregon most of his life. He is a graduate of Marshfield High school, Coos Bay, and of Linfield college, McMinnville.

Harrison taught in the Central Point schools from 1939 to 1941.

Harrison has had 7½ years as a teacher and administrator in the high schools in Oregon, Oregon state driver's examiner for two years, and Coos county judge for 10½ years.

THE COURT HELD

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Editor's note: This column is to present general principles of law. It is not to be taken as legal advice. Slight changes in facts may change the outcome of a case. If you have a problem, see an attorney.

A man alighted from a bus at a time when the streets were covered with snow. He noticed immediately that there was a snowbank three to four feet high between him and the sidewalk. The bus started up within five seconds after letting him off and was turning the corner in a way that crowded him against the snowbank. He beat on the windows of the bus in an effort to get it to stop. He was in full view of the driver. The bus continued and the former passenger attempted to inch his way toward the back part of the bus. In so doing, he slipped and fell under the bus and was run over.

The man brought an action against the street railway company, who owned and operated the bus, seeking damages for the injuries he had suffered due to the driver's negligent conduct. The company contended that the man was no longer a passenger at the time he was injured and that his injury was due to his own negligent conduct.

THE COURT HELD: The Minnesota court held that even though he was not a passenger at the time of the injury the company still owed him a duty to operate the bus in a reasonable manner until he had a chance to get a safe distance from it. The court awarded damages to the injured man to compensate him for the injuries suffered. The court said that he had been without fault and was merely trying to get to the walk at the time the injury took place. (Patton v. Minneapolis St. Ry. Co., 247 Minn. 368, 77 NW 2d 433, 1956.)

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