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The Pan-Arab Dream

Arab leaders, it is said, never take one another completely into confidence; neither do they turn their backs on one another completely.

President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt appeared at one time to look upon himself as a sort of modern Saladin, the 12th century leader who united Arabs against the Crusaders.

When Syrian President Nazem el-Kodsai was returned to office last December he spoke of wanting to join with Arab states "beginning with dear Egypt."

The dream of a Fertile Crescent stretching from the Mediterranean to the Persian Gulf has a strong appeal for many Syrians. But there is also a strong nationalist pull in Syria.

"ARABS," wrote T. E. Lawrence, "could be swung on an idea as on a cord; for the uncomplicated allegiance of their minds made them obedient servants."

If so the idea is not pan-Arabism, it would appear. Association with the West in the World Wars seems instead to have inculcated in Arab political leaders and their followers a fierce nationalism.

After losing Syria last autumn, Nasser within three months pushed the Yemen out of the United Arab States. Nasser now is squabbling with King Saud of Saudi Arabia — a "reactionary" — and with other sheiks.

Syria's proposal that Premier Abdel Karim Kassem lead Iraq into the federal union seems inconceivable at present. Nasser has long been bickering with Kassem. Moreover, he opposes Iraq's claim to Kuwait.

IN GENERAL OUTLINE Arab rivalries are three-fold. There are the age-old strife between the valley of the Nile and the valleys of the Tigris and Euphrates and the more recent haul-and-pull between have-not Egypt and oil-rich Iraq, the country of two rivers.

More recently Nasser's ambitions have received a further check. King Hassan II of Morocco has revived the scheme that would unite his state, Tunisia, and an eventually independent Algeria in the Great Maghreb of North Africa.

Perhaps the closest the Arabs have come to any form of unity is in the Arab League, which furnishes a vessel for their political thinking.

Five nations on June 6 agreed to create an Arab Economic Community, including a common market. Within 10 years this would form a bastion against other economic groupings, especially the European Common Market.

The initial members are the U. A. R., Syria, Jordan, Morocco, and Kuwait. So far as has been disclosed, however, there is no disposition among the Arabs to turn their common market into the kind of supranational political entity that is promised for Western Europe — E. R. R.

Formosa and Black Markets

Are American surplus food and relief supplies distributed to needy families on Taiwan finding their way onto the black market in significant amounts?

Elmore R. Torn, a member of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid, has been dispatched to the Nationalist Chinese stronghold to find out and will report back at a meeting of the group today in Washington.

The issue arose on May 10 when it was reported from Washington that the Church World Service, overseas relief arm of the National Council of Churches, planned to reduce food distribution to needy Formosan families, beginning July 1, and to terminate such activities within a year.

A BLACK market in relief supplies, made more flourishing by a ration-card system under which lists of recipients are initially furnished by the local government, was said to be the reason.

But the director of the Food and Peace program in Taiwan warned that hunger and resentment would be widespread if family food relief were withdrawn.

The Church World Service says its intentions were misinterpreted. Nevertheless, the possibility of diversion of relief supplies into black market channels must be clarified.

Congress is sensitive these days to any reports of misuse of foreign aid, and the Chiang Kai-shek government already has trouble maintaining a favorable public image abroad. Moreover, the need for more — not less — American aid to the peoples of Taiwan will be compelling if, as promised, the Nationalist government accepts more refugees from Red China via Hong Kong — E. R. R.

"We May Have To Operate To Pull You Through"



... Communications ...

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible.

Eternal Victory To the Editor: Lurid literature today offers the probability the Soviets have strange secret weapons enabling them to read our thoughts and thus dominate the Mind of Man.

ator Wayne Morse and Senator Neuberger. They are among the 13 worst senators we've got. Thirteen senators scored a mark of 0 per cent in Constitutional voting in 1961.

Change Is No Lack To the Editor: Who are these guys that golf, must play, who want more daylight in each day?

Consented To Compromise To the Editor: Now that JFK has consented to make a compromise on the King-Anderson bill, it's due time that the following facts should be borne in mind:

Can't they remember youthful days When they spent their evenings other ways? To youth a time change is no lark When they have to be in bed by dark.

Paul F. Wilson, 614 Berrydale, Medford. The same happens to be true in personal and social relations. Five men who might be deemed stupid, if observed separately, can often combine to produce a brilliant result.

Foot Proof Plan To the Editor: In answer to C. W. Corey in June 11 MT, may I back him up 100 per cent? It will be Chinese Red Communist spies masquerading as "starving refugees" who will pour into the United States if we pass an emergency bill to let in a flood of these people.

When I opened our gates to the Hungarians back in the 1950's the real Hungarian Freedom Fighters who got out of Hungary were as scarce as hen's teeth. But we were flooded by multiplied thousands of hard core, trained Red agents.

And for goodness sake, Mr. Corey, don't feel bad about finally waking up about Sen-

U.S. Aid Dollars Amount to Awesome Totals, Varying Results in SE Asia

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst Saigon, South Viet Nam—In the rich, rice-growing delta country below Saigon a few days ago, a United States agricultural expert completed his inspection of a U.S. aid project and prepared to go on to the next one.

The journey by air would take him six minutes from wheels up to landing. But it was the only way he could go, for the area between was under control of Communist Viet Cong guerrillas.

These are the conditions which led Arthur Z. Gardiner, director of the United States operation mission to write, in his report for 1961: Future Is Bright

"With peace, Viet Nam's future is bright, and the work her people have done for themselves can lead to a better life for millions. No one can prophesy when the threats and pressures of the

Communists will cease, and until they do cease Viet Nam's social and economic development will be imperiled."

This correspondent has just completed a tour which included Thailand, Laos and South Viet Nam. Among the three, U. S. aid dollars mount to awesome totals with varying results.

In Laos, where the United States took a \$300 million gamble on establishment of a strong pro-Western government, the protracted civil war left results at near zero.

Until it was cut off to Laos in February, U. S. aid amounted to about \$3 million per month. Resumption of the payments was announced to-

day by U. S. Ambassador Winthrop Brown in view of the new coalition government.

In South Viet Nam, U. S. aid will amount to about \$175 million this year, with the effort frankly devoted less to social reforms in the Ngo Dinh Diem government than to winning the war against the Viet Cong.

Areas of Effort Nonetheless, U. S. interests continue in the development of a better breed of livestock, in the increase in production of rice, in the development of land and water resources, in vocational training, in irrigation and better means of communication.

Altogether in South Viet Nam, the United States has poured about \$2.5 billion, much, much more than the entire national income. Thailand, never a colonial country and generally peaceful despite Communist threats, has shown the best results. Exclusive of military help, U. S. economic aid to Thailand by the end of this year will have amounted to about \$311 million. Thomas E. Naughton, aid director in Thailand, is enthusiastic about the efforts the people of Thailand have made for themselves. He predicts that in four to five years Thailand will be ready to go it alone economically.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From New York: The nation spent a total of \$6.7 billion on highway construction during 1961, but the cost of traffic accidents was even higher.

The economic loss from motor vehicle accidents amounted to \$8.8 billion, according to a survey by C.I.T. Corporation, a major industrial and highway financing firm.

The survey defined accident costs as loss of wages for those killed and injured, reduced earning power because of disabilities, medical and hospital expenses, property damage and insurance.

THE TRAGEDY of it is that most of these highway accidents could have been avoided if more people had paid as much attention to their driving as they should have paid.

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Washington Report

By William S. White (c) United Feature Syndicate

GREAT IMMEDIATE DANGER Washington — In the war years there was a slogan which read: "Loose talk sinks ships." Loose talk can sink economies, too — and it can also sink the cause of true conservatism in this country, for this year and perhaps for a good many years to come.

THE GREAT IMMEDIATE danger in the current debate over economic policy and business conditions is that we may be talked into a genuine recession by two sets of romanticists who live in the nineteenth-sixties but still think in the nineteenth-thirties.

One set is made up of ultra-conservatives among the business and political communities who wish to renew an impossible and long-finished battle with the ghost of Franklin D. Roosevelt. The other set are academic-minded ultra-liberals who are, consciously or not, really hostile to business and who yearn to return to the dead years of the thirties, complete with alphabetical agencies and excessive government controls.

NEITHER group, in fact, represents any great number of people. The ultra-conservatives no more speak for business and Republican conservatism generally than do such outfits as the John Birch society. The ultra-liberals no more speak for rational and moderate Democratic liberalism than does, say, Americans for Democratic Action.

As is the way of all extremist movements, however, they make a shocking lot of noise. Their capacity to mischief is infinitely higher than their numbers would indicate. Together they can manage to bring on a self-induced recession by creating what is not yet really present: a true lack of public confidence in the American economy.

Such a true lack of confidence can be engineered from the ultra-conservative side by a continuation of wildly exaggerated claims that there is an economic "crisis," no matter how obvious it is that this is simply not so.

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SENATE PASSES TV Equipment Measure Washington — (UPI) — The Senate Thursday passed a bill that would require manufacturers to equip all television sets to receive 82 channels.

The bill, which would force addition of the 70 ultra high frequency channels to the regular 12 very high frequency ones, goes back to the House for action on minor Senate changes.

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris (c) Field Enterprises Inc.

FIVE STUPID PEOPLE A professor of education at Columbia University's Teachers College, in explaining some changes in teaching procedure, was quoted recently as saying: "If you take five stupid people and put them on a team, all you have is a team of five stupid people."

It is a little wonder that our teachers themselves are so ill taught. For exactly the reverse is true.

The amazing and gratifying thing about group action, on a team or elsewhere, is that five stupid people usually add up to a great deal more than five stupid people. We can see it all around us.

There is a law known as "synergism" in chemistry, which says that when you have a mixture of different agencies, the total effect is greater than the sum of the separate effects taken independently. With synergism, two and two can add up to five, or even six or seven.

The same happens to be true in personal and social relations. Five men who might be deemed stupid, if observed separately, can often combine to produce a brilliant result.

One of the team may have perseverance. Another may have courage. The third may possess immense vitality. And so on. Even though none of them, singly, is intelligent, their separate virtues may combine to make a superb team for the purpose — whether it is shooting for baskets, running a bank, or building a skyscraper.

We might even go so far as to say that the whole history of human achievement is a remarkable example of this kind of social synergism. If we examine the individuals who were largely responsible for the creation of churches, governments, and powerful social instruments of all sorts, it remains a puzzle that, with their limitations, they were able to accomplish so much of permanent value.

When Aristotle reminds us that man is, first of all, a social animal, he is doing more than merely underlining the obvious. He is trying to make us aware that the results of group activity, in any sphere, are always greater than the sum of individual efforts.

It is true that it often takes one great man to initiate some profound change or some vast project — but he does not

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

RUDY VALLEE tells about a drunk who entered a saloon and announced, "I just cut off my finger." "Go on," jeered the bartender, "that's no finger you're holding up there. That's a half-burned cigar." Obviously confused, the drunk threw away the cigar butt and reckoned, "I must have smoked my finger."

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Answers: 1. Balshoba. 2. Assassinated. 3. West. 4. Racial segregation. 5. An inset engraving. 6. Rocky Mountains. 7. Music. 8. Twelve. 9. Two-thirds. 10. That is correct order.

Flight o' Time Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO June 15, 1952 (Sunday) Dog bites off tip of a 13-year-old boy's nose; boy taken to a hospital where the snipped off piece was sewed back on.

20 YEARS AGO June 15, 1942 (Monday) Seth M. Bullis Jr. receives recruit award while in training at San Diego marine corps base.

30 YEARS AGO June 15, 1932 (Wednesday) Capt. Carl Y. Tengwald reports Medford members of National Guard units are "settling into the routine" of summer training at Camp Clatsop.

40 YEARS AGO June 15, 1922 (Thursday) Magazine for West Coast motorists praises Medford as tourist center; city tourist bureau said "very cooperative."

50 YEARS AGO June 15, 1912 (Friday) Medford police searching for "bold robber" who "broke into the Pacific and Eastern railroad depot here in broad daylight" and took \$21.

What's Your I.Q.? Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. In the Bible, who was Solomon's mother? 2. How did Mohandas K. Gandhi, Hindu spiritual leader, meet his death? 3. If you travel on the surface of the earth until your watch registers two hours fast, have you been traveling east or west? 4. In 1954 the U.S. Supreme Court barred what in the public schools? 5. What is an intaglio? 6. Is the Continental Divide in the area of the Rocky Mountains or the Sierra Nevada range? 7. In what field of art is James Melton well known? 8. How many ounces are in a troy pound? 9. What majority of both houses of Congress is required to override a Presidential veto? 10. Arrange in order from west to east: British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba.

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