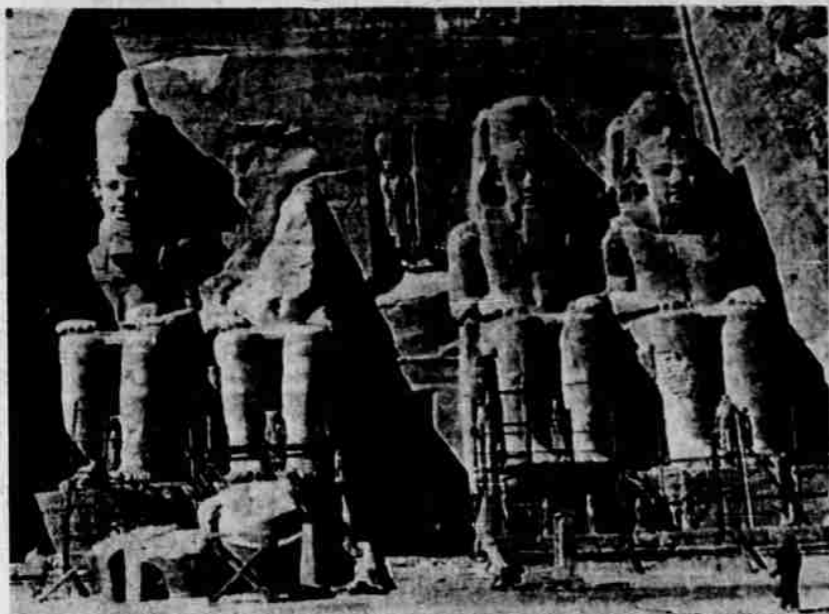


# Time Is Catching Up With 3,500-Year-Old Temples

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Cairo—Five men are meeting here for possibly the last chance to save the threatened jewel of the land of the Pharaohs, the temples of Abu Simbel.



Time is catching up with the 3,500-year-old temples Pharaoh Ramses II built on the Nile river's west bank for his wife and for himself.

The scheduled November, 1964, completion of Egypt's Aswan High dam will send the Nile waters backing up over the temples' site. Any rescue work must start this October. The five experts of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) must pick one of two multi-million dollar methods of preserving these gigantic souvenirs of man's ancient history.

Saving the temples is a task akin to moving a mountain.

The French plan would have men cut the temples from their rock home and float them to their new site. The Egyptians suggest carrying the temples into chunks and lifting them to the top of the cliff where they would be put back together.

Previous plans to salvage the temples have been dropped as too costly or too fantastic. Polish experts suggested a Jules Verne style plan for erecting a tight concrete dome over the temples, guarding them when the water rises. Water-tight elevators would pop tourists up and down to lake bottom to glimpse the temples. This was rejected. Also rejected, because it would mar the scenery, was an earlier French plan for erecting a mammoth earth and rock dam to bar the waters from the temples.

**Italian's Plan**  
The Italians brought forth a plan for hoisting the temples with gigantic hydraulic jacks inch by inch to the cliff's top. But a worldwide drive for funds brought less than a fourth of the \$70 million needed for this. Then in April came the new French and Egyptian plans billed as less costly and within man's ability to carry out.

The French claim they can do the job for \$30 million. But U.A.R. Culture ministry sources told UPI the French plan is doubtful and would actually cost almost \$90 million. This would leave the Egyptian

plan—and it is up to the Egyptian government to finally okay or reject the five-man UNESCO recommendation.

The Egyptian plan would have the temples cut into 20 or 30 ton pieces. Each piece would be lifted—not floated up, as the French suggest—to the cliff top for reconstruction. The bill would run to an estimated \$36 million. The U.A.R. would give \$11.5 million, the rest coming from UNESCO members.

Once the UNESCO experts agree and the Egyptian government gives the go ahead, bids will be invited and work would start later this year. One factor is especially cheering archaeologists concerned over the possible loss of the temples.

U. S. delegate to UNESCO Charles Cooper has described the new plans as "promising" and has indicated Uncle Sam is willing to foot part of the bill.

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## Counselor To Attend Training Session

L. V. Young, counselor at the Medford office of the Oregon state employment service, has been selected to take additional counseling training at the University of Oregon from June 17 through July 12. Eldon Cone, director, Oregon state employment service has announced.

The four-week course in employment counseling is designed to develop further the counselor's competencies in placement of applicants in jobs and helping employers find qualified employees.

Course director at the University is Dr. Haron J. Battle, director of guidance in the Gary, Ind. public schools, and Dr. R. N. Lowe, University of Oregon, is coordinator.

## Kliever To Work in Sen. Morse's Office

Douglas Kliever, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Kliever, 1008 Mira Mar ave., Medford, who recently completed his junior year at Princeton university, will spend the summer working in the Washington, D.C., office of U.S. Sen. Wayne L. Morse.

Two Princeton students were chosen for the special training and educational opportunity offered in the field of political science through the assignment.

The students are not being paid for the work they do, but part of their expenses will be financed by a cooperative program with Princeton university, Kliever's father said.

## HOPE TO SAVE—The ancient Egyptian temple of Abu-Simbel, shown here during repairs in 1960, is in danger of being flooded with the completion of Egypt's Aswan High dam next year. Efforts are under way to save this temple, which is ac-

tain. But the reward can be seen in the first rays of sunrise.

The temples rise against a 250-foot-high rose granite cliff where the Nile cuts through the yellow land of Nubia. It is located near the Tropic of Cancer, a 35-mile riverboat journey down from the Sudanese border. Greenery is rare, and only an occasional palm grove or a Nubian village with its rainbow-colored houses breaks the view of the yellow sands. But the riverboat comes into a natural harbor at the foot of the cliff. A visitor is in luck if the boat comes at sunrise.

**Changes at Sunrise**  
Sunrise changes the giant facade of four seated figures of Pharaoh Ramses from rose to gold. The first rays illuminate the foreheads and shoulders of the 66-foot-high figures and then begin descending.

The rays pierce the open doorway of Abu Simbel, leaping into a series of enormous chambers that go 180 feet into the rock. More statues of Ramses, gargantuan and as fierce as a pagan god, line the corridors in semi-darkness. The early sun rays strike each one and shoot briefly into the temple's inmost sanctuary.

They spotlight for a few minutes the bas-reliefs and carvings and color. There on the wall is Ramses, lunging with his spear at his enemies, Ramses, whom scholars say invoked the oppression that caused Moses

to lead his people out of Egypt, almost comes alive.

**Queen's Temple**  
About 60 yards downstream lies the temple of Queen Nefertari, the Pharaoh's wife. But there too is Ramses, the proud, conquering god-king, hovering and protecting over his elegant and beautiful queen. The twin temples, the yellow

sand, the red cliff and the Nile form an undivided, unforgettable scene. It has been that way for 35 centuries. No wite five men of UNESCO must decide how to carve up and move the temples or leave them to drown.

There is a French plan and an Egyptian plan for saving them.

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