

Travel Posters Still Call United Arab Republic Egypt for Reason

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 CAIRO (UPI)—In places like "The United Arab Republic," the United Arab Republic. But the travel posters still call it Egypt for an obvious reason. Few other names so readily excite visions of ancient times, the smell and taste of a country that rose in monumental splendor thousands of years before the epoch of ancient Greece.

When you read about the U.A.R. in newspapers today it is usually a story about President Gamel Abdel Nasser, the Aswan High Dam or the German scientists who are helping to build rockets beside the Nile. But there are two personalities in this country. There is the United Arab Republic which is undergoing radical social, economic and political change. And there is Egypt, which is changeless.

Would Be Barren
 The country's geography is simple. Except for the fringe of Mediterranean coastline in the north, Egypt is an arid desert that would be as barren and desolate as the Sahara except

for one thing: The Nile River. From the southern border facing Sudan and extending 890 miles north to the sea the ancient river feeds on oasis of fertile land. Herodotus 5,000 years ago called Egypt "the gift of the Nile." It is here that the waters of the White and Blue Nile spill the rich mud from Uganda and Ethiopia thousands of miles to the south. The river enters Egypt as a ribbon of water slicing between barren rocks and sand. North of Cairo it fans out like the

Mass Transit Line Planned in East
 PITTSBURGH, Pa. (UPI)—The Port Authority of Allegheny County has obtained options to buy 30 bus lines and two incline railways and is negotiating to buy Pittsburgh Railways Co., which operates trolley and bus lines.

The authority plans to consolidate the lines into a single mass transit system and hopes to add rapid transit lines by leasing abandoned railroad right-of-way.

veins of a leaf to form the Nile Delta. To the east of the river toward Egypt's long Red Sea coast desert mountains rise above 7,000 feet. To the west are the lower Libyan Mountains and the forbidding Western Desert.

Egypt covers 386,000 square miles, an area equal to Texas and New Mexico. Yet only about 5 per cent of this area, a green belt following the course of the Nile, can support the country's 26 million people.

To Early Stone Age
 Life along the Nile goes back to the early Stone Age. It was along the Nile that man probably first began farming. Egyptian history itself dates back to 3200 B.C. and King Menes. The ruins of his capital, Memphis, are 18 miles from the modern capital of Cairo.

The virtually rainless Egyptian climate has helped to preserve the incredible record of Egyptian history. No wonder it has taken a special science, Egyptology, to sort out the succession of Pharaohs and dynasties, the Persian conquest (525-332 B.C.) and the effects of Alexander the Great's arrival

in 332 B.C. Alexander was only 24 years old and stayed only six months but he founded a city that was to become one of the capitals of the world. And he set the pace for Egypt's foreign domination for the next 2,000 years. The Greek Ptolemaic kings, starting with Alexander's general, had lasted 300 years when Cleopatra, the elder sister of Ptolemy XIV, worked her wiles on Julius Caesar and on Anthony.

Domination Follows
 Roman and Byzantine domination followed. The Christian Byzantines were still running the country when the Prophet Mohammed was born in Mecca in 570 A.D. and by 640 Arab invaders had brought Egypt into the growing world of Islam.

Under the Omayyads from Damascus Egypt first became an Arabic-speaking country. The Omayyads gave way to the Abbasids from Baghdad, then the Fatimites from Northwest Africa, and then the Kurdish conqueror Saladin, whose famed citadel on the Mokattam Hills overlooking Cairo stands today as one of the city's chief landmarks. The Mamelukes, originally Turkish and Circassian slaves of the Ayyubite sultan, took over for 267 years until the Turkish conquest early in the 16th century.

Egypt remained under Turkish domination for 280 years

until the arrival of Napoleon in 1798. Napoleon lost to the British but Egypt came under the rule of an Albanian dynasty that began in 1805 with Mohammed Ali, called the founder of modern Egypt, and ended in 1952 with the overthrow of King Farouk.

Since 1952 it has become the local point of Arab nationalism. Nationalization of the Anglo-French-owned Suez Canal and of most other foreign-owned business has evolved into a new program of "Arab socialism."

There is a revolution in agriculture, another in industrialization.

So many changes going on simultaneously make Egypt one of the world's most difficult countries to assess. Opinions on what is happening differ radically.

Exerts Influence
 Partly because of its location and partly because of its internal revolution under Nasser, Egypt today exerts more influence on the Arab world than any other country. From the northeast corner of Africa it is involved in the continent's struggle for independence and progress. But it also links the Arabs of North Africa with those of the Asian East and it is in the Arab world that Nasser has cast his political fortunes.

In February 1958 Syria united with Egypt and the two took on the name United Arab Republic. Syria broke away in September 1961 but Egypt retains the official U.A.R. name.



LEARNED FIRST HAND—Wearing a faded army jacket, the Rev. R. Paul Soupiet lived the life of a bum on skid road in Houston, Texas, to learn first hand how to better aid the alcoholics and delinquents. At left he is shown in his clerical garb and at right as he appeared while masquerading as a bum. (UPI)

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New Quarters for Moose Lodge Opens With Initiation

The Medford Moose Lodge opened its new quarters last night with an initiation ceremony for new candidates in the lodge's headquarters in the Jackson House.

The headquarters are in the former Palomino Room. Other club activities will be conducted in the banquet room at the Jackson House which has been leased by the organization.

Initiated by the newly formed ritual team of the lodge were Dan Cobb, Orrin Markle, Bob Hickam, Warren Hartley, Paul Hutchinson, David Doran, Charles Hundley, Jim Walp, James Westfall and Bill Wearne.

Joe Cole, member of the Roseburg lodge, who recently moved to Medford, represented the supreme lodge as deputy supreme conservation chairman of Oregon. He spoke last night.

To Be Unveiled
 Following the initiation, a four by eleven foot oil painting by William McRae, was unveiled. The painting is of a moose in its natural habitat.

A pilgrim robing ceremony for John Keener, one of the youngest in the history of the lodge to receive this degree, will be Saturday, Nov. 16. William Rogers, mayor of Springfield, who is past president of Oregon and now deputy supreme governor, will be the keynote speaker.

A no-host dinner will be served at 7 p.m. followed by the robing ceremony and dance. Between 150 and 200 persons are expected to attend from throughout the state. Pilgrims will conduct the ceremony.

The following day a state officers meeting will be held at the lodge. State officers expected to attend the Nov. 16 robing officers meeting will be Kenneth Pence, Portland, president; Rogers, Gay Caldwell, Springfield, vice president at large; Bill Hollister, Portland, vice president for District 1; Lewis Trickle, Eugene, District 2; Carl Sander, Medford, District 3; Charles Brightman, Merrill, District 4, and Charles Skill, Portland, state director.

Blind Musician Symphony Soloist

ST. LOUIS (UPI)—Thirteen-year-old Michael Gerber, blind at birth, is a musician who has appeared as soloist with the nearby Kirkwood Symphony Orchestra.

Gerber is a pianist, has been studying piano since he was three years old.

Dorothy Ziegler, the orchestra's conductor and music director, said Michael's "outstanding achievement to date has been aided by the fact that he has absolute pitch."

Michael has learned by ear, using phonograph records and a tape recorder. He is now learning to read music in Braille.

"Michael is a remarkable boy," Miss Ziegler said.

BICYCLE CODE
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