

Britisher's View of Egypt: Sick of Living With Revolver in Pocket

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CAIRO — (NEA)—Noted while watching police search a caravan including the camels' fur — for smuggled hashish.

School children of British personnel stationed in the Suez Canal area, where Englishmen and Egyptians occasionally trade shots are escorted home by Tommy gun-toting Tommies. . . . Free lance barbers call at offices, offer to shave you while you dictate.

Ferries are pulled across the Nile by sturdy youths tugging on a chain stretched between the banks. . . . Americans working with Point Four on insect control keep huge sketch of fly on wall under this slogan: "Public Enemy Number One." . . . Many taxis have "co-pilots," lads who ride alongside driver, hustle business, make change.

Suez Canal breaking traffic records as tankers for oil hungry lands single file through from Red

Sea. . . . Healthiest ex-candidate: Adlai Stevenson. Passing through junket—while his traveling pals will—he insists on several tennis sets daily. . . .

Veteran British intelligence officer, survivor of eight colonial-style shooting wars, cleans his weapon and says: "For 25 years I've lived with a revolver in my pocket and I'm sick of it." Cairo official says: "We don't censor anything — except anti-Government remarks."

Hot enough for you? Along vast lonesome strips of Arabian deserts, little perspiring pockets of Yanks supervise the priceless oil drills. While their homes are air conditioned they must venture out at this time of the year when thermometer tapping a mere 120 seems backward.

To go without a hat would be as wise as trying to reach the North Pole in swimming trunks. Many adopt the Arab style head-dress, which curtains all but eyes and cheeks, like a parka.

They keep from melting by drinking some 30 pints of various liquids daily, swallowing five salt tablets. They wear gloves before touching sun-baked metal because at these temperatures exposed metal sears the skin.

Work day begins at dawn, before five, and ends at 11 a.m., when Old Sol really gets angry. More labor after dark, with nap between.

Most extreme outposts are six-month stations—a guy would be broiled and bored to the shakes much longer than that. Favorite soft drink, copied from the British: Lime juice and cold water.

One man's popularity poll. A month's circulation in Arab countries has convinced me that:

Mohamed Naguib, President of Egypt, is the biggest man of the century in these parts.

(1) He booted the despised King. (2) He cut up some bloated estates, handed out free parcels to the poor. (3) He defies the British, joying all Arab Nationalists.

John Foster Dulles might become Top Foreign Pin-up Boy. The Arabs are still not sure, but at least he did visit them, some thing no U. S. Secretary of State has done before. And he admitted U. S. made errors in the Middle East and promises to correct same.

Walt Disney and Company are non-political favorites. Even in the land of the camel everyone loves a comic mouse. Earliest Disneyes without sound are still flickering in remote villages here — on a double-feature bill with first Charlie Chaplins. The way to any

man's heart is through his belly-laugh.

Pyramids and pornography. The lusty, larcenous life of ex-King Farouk is still being patiently picked over, with nary a dripping tear for the unpopular fatty. A rash of trials exposing grafters in the late Pince party gets lots of Page One space.

Apparently even the former King's valet used his contacts for tapping his public till when not helping His Majesty into the royal trousers — size 46 at last feeding.

And a newsmen named Karim

Tabet stands accused of taking bribes for printed puffs. Tabet served briefly as Farouk's favorite. The most delightful touch: To show the court he was a ripping reporter, who chit-chatted with the biggest, the defense produced photographs inscribed to Karim Tabet by Hitler and Mussolini.

Meanwhile, the new government is framing Farouk's collection of pornographic art for display as an eventual tourist attraction.

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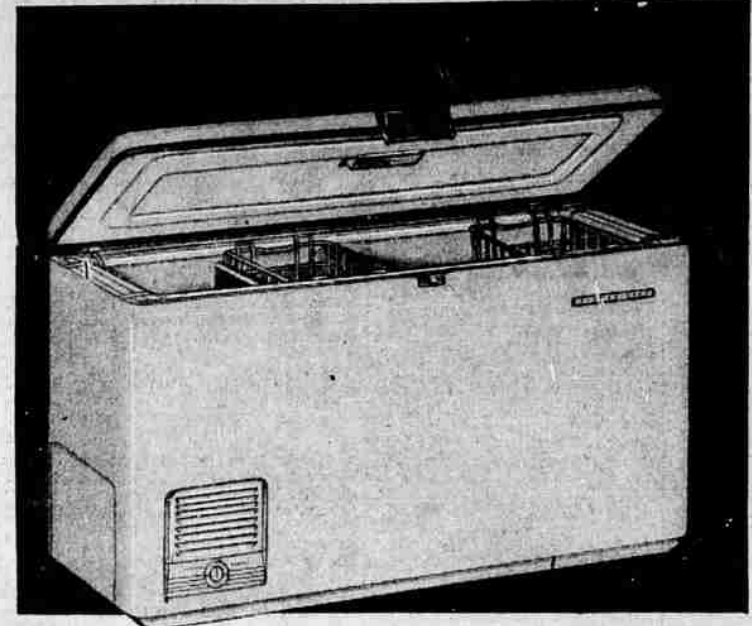
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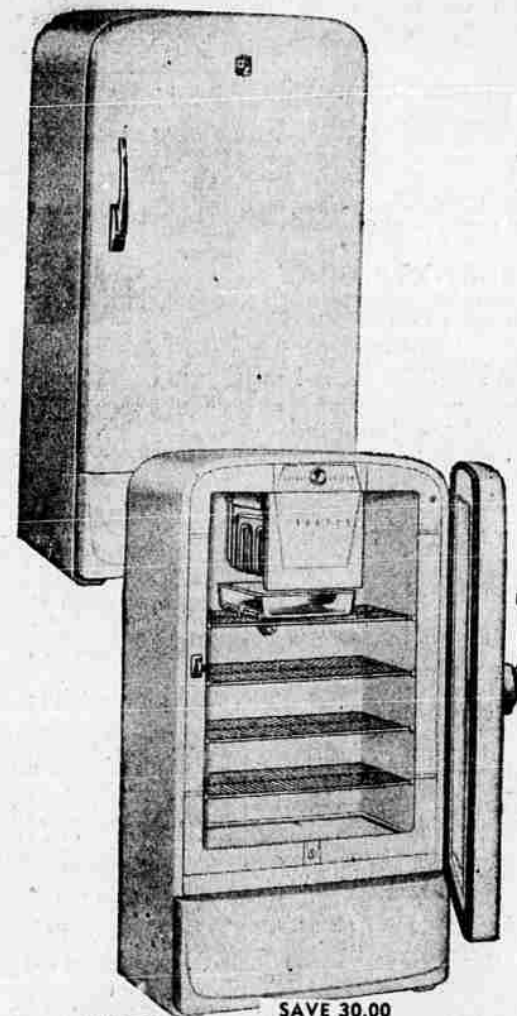
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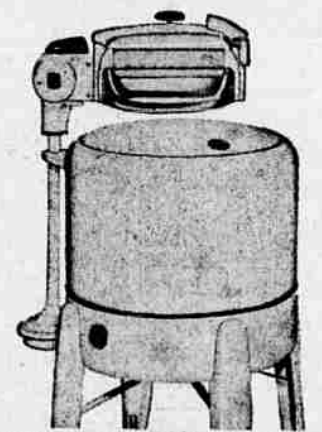


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Each time the would-be rescuers put a ladder to the roof, the mother led her brood in a dizzying walk along the rain gutter. Finally, the mother walked over an outlet.

The eight ducklings, faithfully followed her, plopped down the pipe, zip, zip, zip, one after another.

When mama saw them all lined up on the street, she flew down to join them.

West Coast Ship Strike 'Certain'

SEATTLE (AP)—I. A. Sandvigen, business agent for Hope Lodge 79 of the International Association of Machinists (IAM) said Saturday night he saw little chance of averting a coastwide shipyard strike scheduled to start Wednesday.

Sandvigen disclaimed views that a settlement between the union and the Bethlehem Shipyards in the San Francisco Bay area signalled a break in a contract deadlock.

40 Army Lumber Contracts Cancelled

TACOMA (AP)—The Lumbermen's Industrial Relations Committee said Saturday that 40 Army contracts with 20 firms for some 34 million board feet of lumber for shipment to Korea have been cancelled.

Some of the lumber, scheduled for movement to Korea between July and October, had already been cut and stockpiled for loading. Principal areas affected by the cancellation are Columbia River areas, Puget Sound and Grays Harbor.

Rare Tornado Hits Stockton

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP)—A tornado—unusual for California—skipped through a Stockton lumber mill Sunday, tore apart a 50 by 100 foot building, and left town without causing further damage.

Two truck drivers at the mill escaped uninjured.

LOAN BILL EXTENDED
WASHINGTON (AP)—House passage by voice vote sent to the Senate Saturday a bill extending for one year the program by which the veterans administration makes direct housing loans to veterans. The present law expires next Tuesday midnight.

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