

Post-Mossadegh Government Begins 'Normalizing' Iran

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran's capital continued its slow progress toward post-Mossadegh normalcy today.

Shops in the big native bazaar again were open, the new government was reported cracking down on Communist and nationalist backers of the ex-Premier and there was talk of new parliamentary elections.

The new Prime Minister, Gen. Fazollah Zahedi, announced his government would continue negotiations with the ex-Premier Mohammed Mossadegh started with the Soviet Union 12 days ago.

Zahedi told newsmen Iran would go slow, however, in resuming diplomatic relations with Britain. The

break by Mossadegh last October followed collapse of negotiations over the nationalized properties in Iran of the British-owned Anglo-Iranian Oil Co.

"This matter needs more study; until these studies are carried out, no decisions will be taken," Zahedi said.

But Zahedi said he would not renew a law Mossadegh pushed through six months ago offering Iran's oil at half the world market price. The law is about to expire.

The government cracked down yesterday on bazaar leaders who had ignored Zahedi's call for a return to normal business and had kept the shops closed. Seven of the quarter's 12 top men were arrested. The other five brought flowers to Police Chief Mohammed Dalfari, promised him their support and were received by the Shah.

Soon after, the shops reopened. Despite the protection of hundreds of armed soldiers, however, little business was transacted.

The government also was reported to have raided centers of the outlawed Communist Tudeh party, seizing stamps labeled "Iranian Republic" and vast quantities of Red propaganda.

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Man Admits Killing Priest

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP)—A fugitive from the Indiana Reformatory admitted late Sunday he shot and killed a Kansas City Catholic priest in a river-bottom field near Kansas City last July 16.

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'Progressives Only Played Along'

TOKYO (AP)—A freed American sergeant said today that one third of those in his company of 200 at a Communist prison camp became listed as "progressives" but most of them were just "playing along" to avoid trouble.

Sgt. Frederick Bakley, Clementon, N. J., said only two stayed behind as believers in communism.

Radiation Did Horses No Good

ALBUQUERQUE (AP)—The Atomic Energy Commission said today it had found radiation injuries on 21 horses owned by stockmen near the Nevada A-bomb proving ground.

But it denied a number of cattle belonging to one of those stockmen had died from such injuries and suggested "forage and water conditions were generally poor in the area this year" and malnutrition could have contributed to the deaths of some.



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Ike Hasn't Forgotten Dying Boy

DENVER (AP)—President Eisenhower hasn't forgotten Paul Henry Haley, the 6-year-old boy who physicians say will die of cancer.

The President began the friendship a week ago Sunday when he paid Paul an unannounced call after reading that the boy wanted to meet him. After the visit, Paul proclaimed that the President was a better man than Hopalong Cassidy. Later, a thank you note was sent to the President in the youngster's name.

Now Paul is displaying this letter on official stationery:

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"Take care of yourself.
"Sincerely, Dwight D. Eisenhower."

Midnight Deadline For Telephone Pact

SEATTLE (AP)—Tuesday midnight has been set as the deadline for contract negotiations between the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. and the CIO Communications Workers of America, a union-management announcement said Monday.

The old contract covering 7,200 employees in the Washington-Idaho area expired Sunday night. Negotiations for a new agreement started a month ago.

Douglas Chisholm, CWA representative, said the union is asking raises of \$2 a week in the traffic

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Airforce To Trim Officers

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About 12,500 reserve officers will

be let out in the next 60 days, with an estimated 6,000 ending their service voluntarily, to make way for young men coming out of the Reserve Officers Training Corps program. The Air Force announced several weeks ago that the action would be necessary.

Air Force spokesman said last night they have received reports that an undetermined number of the reserve officers being dropped will be put to some personal inconvenience. But they said no way out of the difficulty has been found under current strength ceilings and

ROYAL ALIMONY
CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—Reliable sources reported Tuesday that ex-Queen Nourmahad is asking 4,000 Egyptian pounds (\$11,530) monthly alimony from former King Farouk.

Nourmahad's lawyer announced last week that she was suing Farouk for alimony. The former monarch now is living in exile in Italy.

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