

# U.N. Probe Of Border Fight Asked

JERUSALEM (U.P.)—Jordan pressed for U. N. action today on the latest bloody Arab-Jewish incident in which 14 charges Israeli forces killed nine persons and wounded 16 in the Jordanian border village of Natalin.

Israel viewed the attack as a "local reaction" to a previous border killing by Arabs.

The Jordan government demanded an emergency meeting today of the U. N.-sponsored Mixed Armistice Commission to probe the one-hour raid Sunday midnight on the village of 500 two miles east of the Jordan-Israeli demarcation line in the Judean Hills near Bethlehem.

U. N. sources said the armistice commission would investigate the incident, which heightened the growing tension between the Jewish state and her Arab neighbors—still technically at war under a shaky truce since 1948.

It still was not known, however, whether Israel would show up for the commission meeting. The Israelis have been boycotting the armistice group since it failed to uphold their charge that Jordan was responsible for the March 17 ambush of a Jewish bus on the Negev Desert in which 11 persons were slain.

The Israeli government did not mention the bus incident specifically in its first reaction to the latest killing. Prime Minister Moshe Sharett, refraining from denying that Israeli citizens might have carried out the raid, said the attack "looks like a reaction to the Kissalon incident."

He referred to the slaying over the weekend of a 50-year-old Jewish night watchman at the little Israeli village of Kissalon, not far from Natalin across the border. Israel has charged Arabs from Jordan did the killing.

"This does not alter the fact," said Sharett, "that we deplore any act of violence. But we also maintain the basic responsibility is with that side (the Arabs) which again and again starts this constant chain of outrages."

# Red Germany Demands Told

BERLIN (U.P.)—Walter Ulbricht, strong man secretary of East Germany's ruling Communist party, demanded today that the Big Three Western Powers withdraw their military missions from the East German Republic.

He told the opening session of his Socialist Unity party's first convention in four years that maintenance of Western military missions in the Soviet zone was incompatible with the sovereignty the Russians proclaimed last week for East Germany.

In another bid for the long-denied Western recognition of his Russian-dominated government, Ulbricht said the East German Republic is "ready to take up normal diplomatic relations with these states"—the United States, Britain and France.

The three Western Powers now have military missions in the Soviet zone under the four-power occupation agreements but do not recognize the East zone government on the grounds it is not representative of the zone's 18 million Germans.

Ulbricht in effect offered them the chance to keep their military observers in the Eastern zone only as military attaches to accredited diplomatic missions.

Ulbricht's demand was one of the first fruits of the Soviet declaration March 25 that it would henceforth assume the same relations with East Germany as with other "sovereign" states.

INSPECTION  
SEOUL (U.P.)—Vice Adm. William M. Callaghan, new commander of U. S. naval forces, in the Far East, and Vice Adm. Robert P. Briscoe, outgoing commander, flew to Seoul today to inspect Navy installations in Korea.



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SMUDGIE... apologized profusely for scratching his mistress, Mrs. U. S. Balentine. —Photo by Milly Ramsby

# Siamese Cats Rule Their Owners With Regal Air

"I wouldn't have any cat but a Siamese," declared Mrs. U. S. Balentine, 1904 Huron, who is the proud possessor of three new kittens born on Washington's birthday to Lady Jade.

The two little tom cats and one female were sired by Prince Nong of Khay, better known as Smudgie, who will observe his eighth birthday anniversary next month.

Smudgie has lived with the Balentines since he was a year and a half old. He is a second generation native of Klamath Falls. His progeny, not counting grandchildren or great grandchildren, would provide material for a show of the finest feline specimens in this country. He has sons and daughters living in Alaska, California, Washington and all over Oregon as well as in states farther east.

Among the pampered offspring in this area are the Oscar Klirredges' pair: Alim II, who lives at the Martin Ramsby household; a pair who boss Pat and

Jean Kelly; the Bill Jenkins' Nikki; the A. J. Kings' Bongos; several at the home of Mrs. Virginia Kelly, and, up in Salem, the mistress of the household of Faye Bush Livesley.

Smudgie received unfavorable publicity early in February when he left deep gasps in Mrs. Balentine's arms and leg when she interrupted a grudge fight he was carrying on.

According to Mrs. Balentine who assumes all blame for getting scratched, the background of the story goes like this: Smudgie and Lady Jade, affectionate and gentle Siamese, have ruled the Balentine household as their private domain for many years. Siamese, according to all who know them, will never tolerate an intruder. Stray cats who are abandoned don't find homes at a household boasting a Siamese. So, along last November, sometime before Thanksgiving, when a huge, jet black Persian tom cat showed up at the Balentine home, Smudgie took exception to his choice of residence.

"Smudgie called that black cat every vile name in a cat's vocabulary," Mrs. Balentine recalls. "I have never heard such obscene cat language. He would sit at the window and chatter a staccato stream of abuse through the panes. The Persian, however, apparently had made up his mind he wanted to live with us. He

stalked Smudgie at every possible opportunity, and, being heavier and a seasoned veteran of cat fights, plus his advantage of a heavy mat of fur, Smudgie would get the worst of it."

This condition of siege existed for more than three months. Unsuccessful efforts were made to drive away the Black Persian. In the meantime, Smudgie had had numerous infected cuts, Persian-inflicted, treated by the veterinarian.

The day of the big fracas, Smudgie was suffering from a painfully swollen mouth. Mrs. Balentine had been shocked to see him come home the night before with one fang broken off and his mouth cut, apparently the result of being hit or kicked.

The feud had reached an impasse by that Sunday morning—with both cats out in the back yard, staring at each other halerily and now and then circling like boxers in the ring. Noting the situation from a kitchen window, she went out to save Smudgie from another clawing.

The cat was in no mood to be

rescued. He had reached that trance-like state of freeze with no thought of anything but hate of his rival in his mind. Breaking the spell by touching him was like pulling the trigger of a gun. His attack was an involuntary and spontaneous act of breathing.

"After it was all over," related Mrs. Balentine, "he knew he had hurt me and he apologized in every way a cat can. He is a gentle cat and always has been. All his animosity was directed at the other

cat and I just got in his way." Lady Jade and Smudgie are living a happy life now, however, because Mrs. Balentine has found a home outside of Klamath Falls for the Persian and the black menace to their security has been removed.



# Pennys Saved To Aid Baby Hospital

SALEM, Mass. (U.P.)—Members of the North Shore Babies' Hospital Auxiliary are saving their pennies to help their little patients.

Not just any pennies, however. As auxiliary member Mrs. William R. Burns told the New England Hospital Assembly in Boston yesterday:

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# Spud Rumor Said Wrong

Rumors prevalent here last week, that the government would not use Section 32 funds to purchase any of Oregon's 1953 crop of potatoes, were spiked Monday when Arnold Boedtker, executive assistant of

the USDA's agriculture stabilization service in Portland, stated that the government will definitely buy some potatoes from Oregon this year. Boedtker said his office is waiting for the Oregon allotment in the federal purchase program now and added, the rumor may have stemmed from a press release concerning the possibility that Oregon might not be allowed to participate in the program next year unless acreage cuts are made.

# Democrat Asks Aid From Republicans

PRINCESS ANNE, Md. (U.P.)—When the post office and five other business establishments were burned out here last Thursday, Postmaster J. Earle Morris was left with a technical problem.

Morris, a Democrat, accepted an offer to set up business in an auto agency owned by State Sen. Harry Phoebus, a Republican.

Morris then prepared to ask Maryland's two U. S. senators and the Eastern Shore representative to seek emergency legislation for a new post office. All three are Republicans.

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Condensed Statement of Condition as of December 31, 1953

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
	Per Cent		Per Cent
Bonds and Stocks		Policyholders' Funds	
U. S. Government obligations	\$ 537,143,008 (2.8)	To cover future payments under insurance and annuity contracts in force	\$5,774,716,774 (82.0)
Canadian Government obligations	140,791,994 (2.2)	Held on deposit for policyholders and beneficiaries	361,446,761 (5.1)
Public utility bonds	841,726,321 (11.7)	Dividends and annuities left on deposit with the Society at interest	184,619,091 (2.6)
Railroad obligations	844,726,357 (12.0)	Policy claims in process of payment	35,155,956 (0.5)
Industrial obligations	2,180,861,448 (31.0)	Premiums paid in advance by policyholders	87,293,268 (1.2)
Other bonds	283,218,187 (4.0)	Dividends due policyholders	6,931,122 (0.1)
Preferred and guaranteed stocks	126,735,856 (1.8)	Allotted as dividends for distribution during 1954	89,300,203 (1.4)
Common stocks	7,959,892 (0.1)	Other Liabilities	
Mortgages and Real Estate		Taxes—federal, state and other	26,632,000 (0.4)
Residential and business mortgages	1,339,516,882 (19.0)	Expenses accrued, unearned interest and other obligations	13,064,616 (0.2)
Farm mortgages	289,783,935 (4.2)	Mandatory security valuation reserve	33,259,525 (0.5)
Home and branch office buildings	11,852,951 (0.2)	Surplus funds	
Housing developments and other real estate purchased for investment	175,153,209 (2.5)	To cover all contingencies	421,436,865 (6.0)
Residential and business properties	182,957 (0.0)	Total	\$7,644,738,591 (100.0)
Other Assets			
Cash	89,387,225 (1.3)		
Transportation equipment	14,816,084 (0.2)		
Loans to policyholders	187,474,689 (2.7)		
Premiums in process of collection	96,680,533 (1.4)		
Interest and rentals due and accrued and other assets	58,585,051 (0.8)		
Total	\$7,644,738,591 (100.0)		

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\*For further information a copy of the President's report to the Board of Directors may be obtained from any Equitable Agent or by writing to the home office.

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