

Mid-East On Volcano Edge Since End Of World War II

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Air raid sirens will once again blare in the cities of the tormented Middle East. Mock attacks drive civilians to cover. More and more on both sides of the line, fears of war are heard.

Since World War II the Middle East has been on the edge of a volcano. It erupted in fury in 1948, subsided in 1949, and now once again rumbles even more ominously because so much more seems to be at stake.

Not only the future of the eight-year-old state of Israel and her Arab neighbors hangs in the balance. The area has the greatest oil reserves in the world and other valuable raw materials.

It is also the gateway from the

West to the Orient, a potential bulwark against invasion or a jumping-off place for conquest.

BALANCE

The Western Powers have tried to keep a balance between the Israelis and their Arab neighbors. But recently a new element was injected. Communist arms have been shipped to Egypt and other Arab states, threatening to tip the balance and set off a war neither responsible Arabs nor responsible Israelis really want.

In 1923, the League of Nations granted Britain a mandate over Palestine. In Britain's mandate was a declaration by Foreign Secretary Lord Balfour that Britain looked with favor on a national Jewish home in Palestine. It was slow in coming.

Underground violence broke out after World War II. Britain threw the whole Palestine issue into the lap of the United Nations in 1947. The U.N. came up with a plan for partition of Palestine between Arabs and Jews—two independent states—with Jerusalem an international city.

Britain announced plans to surrender her mandate May 15, 1948. Just one day before that deadline, David Ben-Gurion, now Israel's premier, proclaimed the birth of the state of Israel.

UNDERGROUND

Haganah, the steely underground organization which fought the British, burst from its hiding places and was transformed overnight into an efficient army which brought to a standstill the troops of five surrounding Arab states. U.N. efforts brought about an armistice in 1949.

Under the 1947 U.N. partition plan, Israel would have had about 5,500 square miles. At the end of the hostilities, Israeli forces had overrun territory, including the Negev Desert, totaling 7,800 square miles with a population of almost 800,000.

There was no peace, however. The Arabs soon were to demand what they had rejected before the war broke out—partition of Palestine more or less on the lines of the 1947 U.N. line. Israel would make no territorial concession.

Actual Birth To Be Shown On 'Medic' Presentation

By ALINE MOSBY
United Press Hollywood Writer

HOLLYWOOD (UP)—A pretty brunette will make her acting debut Monday night in the most startling way in theatrical history—as a woman who has a caesarean birth on TV.

Barbara Turner, a 22-year-old student from the famed Actors Studio in New York, faced the cameras for the first time in a story that will stir up attention. "Medic" cashes as a young mother who must have her baby by caesarean section.

For the first time on TV, the birth of a baby will be shown. And, also for the first time on TV, a caesarean operation will be seen, uncensored from beginning to end.

FACE CONCEALED

"The face of the patient isn't shown as the operation is supposed to be 'Barbara's,'" explained "Medic" producer Frank La Tourette. "The woman gave her permission. She told us she and her husband will watch the program at home."

The three doctors assigned to be technical advisers for the birth program lined up six prospective caesarean operations for the producer. Four mothers refused to be filmed. One had to have an emergency operation and couldn't wait for the camera. The sixth "finally gave us permission."

At a preview of the show I found the operation fascinating and, at first, a shocker. "Medic's" first program when the series was launched in 1954 featured the birth of a baby. All that was shown was

the snipping of the umbilical cord—but at that time the program was considered daring.

VIEWERS PAINT

"People faint at the preview of that show," producer LaTourette recalled. "I never thought we'd get actual birth on the air. We wanted to show actual operations, but the network and even doctors were against it."

"Finally we tried one operation. Viewers loved it. The reaction convinced doctors and the network that people want to see operations."

So we have a rule now—our camera doesn't go into surgery without filming the actual operation. People feel they're cheated if you just show the nurses' faces. After all, "Climax" or any dramatic show does that. People lose faith in our program if we don't show more."

Jury Returns Guilty Verdict

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Dr. Albert E. Blumberg, admitted national legislative chairman of the Communist Party, has been found guilty of being a member of the Red conspiracy to advocate violent overthrow of the U.S. government.

The verdict returned yesterday by a U. S. District Court jury makes Blumberg, 46-year-old former philosophy instructor at Johns Hopkins University, liable to a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine under the Smith Act.

Defense counsel Michael von Moschizker said he would file a motion for a new trial.

The former college instructor was portrayed by opposing counsel as a "violent revolutionary" and a "sincere idealist."

In his own defense, he said that although he was a member and later an officer of the Communist party for many years, he did not preach violent overthrow of the government.

Part of the government's case was the charge that Blumberg helped to organize Communist clubs among steelworkers in the Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania and in Maryland.

Blumberg, who appeared unshaken by the verdict, was freed under \$20,000 bail.

Woman Stages Bank Holdup

PITTSBURGH (AP)—A 60-year-old East Pittsburgh woman made the most difficult bank withdrawal in her life yesterday—at gunpoint.

Mrs. Mamie T. Denmark tearfully told police a young woman stopped her on the street and politely inquired if she knew of a good bank.

When Mrs. Denmark told the woman of her own bank where she kept her life savings of \$4,061.50, the stranger produced a pistol and forced the terrified woman to return home for the bankbook. Then both went to the bank.

With the woman at her side, Mrs. Denmark wrote a withdrawal slip and received \$4,000.

The stranger took the money, forced Mrs. Denmark to the street and disappeared.

UN May Get Mideast Action

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States, Britain and France may ask the United Nations Security Council in the next few days to take urgent action to prevent war in the Middle East.

This would test Russia's attitude toward the Arab states. The Soviet Union would have to decide whether to veto a warning which would cover the Arabs as well as Israel.

Diplomatic sources said the United States and Britain have proposed to France that a special U.N. meeting be called and that the French have indicated that they would go along.

The United States and Britain are said to have in mind a broad resolution telling both the Arabs and the Israelis to take measures to avert hostilities. Such a resolution would at least imply that if either side started a new Palestine war, it would come under U.N. sanctions.

President Eisenhower told his news conference yesterday that the United States believes the U.N. "should take urgent and early action" regarding the tense Middle East. He said the U.S. position is that "both sides in the controversy should agree to abide by the United Nations' advice and armistice terms, and avoid initiating incidents so we could get peace started."

The U.N. recently censured Israel for making a raid into Syrian territory. But the United States and Britain apparently feel the Arabs should also be told to take measures for peace.

Since last year Kyrenaia has been following a predominantly pro-Arab policy. Among other things, it has sponsored the sale of arms to Egypt and Syria.

Protocol Goes Out The Window

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Protocol went out the window last night while Italian President Giovanni Gronchi delayed his formal entry into San Francisco to enthusiastically greet a wildly cheering crowd from the city's North Beach Italian colony.

He had accepted the official greetings at the International Airport and entered his automobile for the 10-mile ride to the city. Then he saw the North Beach crowd cheering and waving signs of affection and—lettered in Italian—

He jumped out hatless into the cold night wind to clap hands and embrace his fellow countrymen.

He even met two persons—Henry Fajonzi and Renzo Masciantani—from his home town in Tuscany.

Shakespeare's 'Richard III' To Make U.S. Debut Sunday

By CHARLES MERCER

NEW YORK (AP)—Sir Laurence Olivier's three-hour British film production of Shakespeare's "Richard III" has its American premiere on NBC-TV Sunday afternoon. It is the most significant single television programming event of the past year.

The general facts about the presentation have been well publicized. It is the longest single program ever shown on the home screen. It's the most costly: \$500,000. It's the price NBC paid Sir Laurence. It unquestionably has the most impressive cast of

English actors ever assembled. British critics say it is Olivier's best film work.

But most significant is the fact that for the first time television has entered into competition with motion picture houses by offering a major film to a potential audience of many millions before it is available in a theater. In fact, the film will make its theater debut in New York a few hours after it ends on the TV home screen.

Many movie distributors are crying over this one. The movie industry is watching its results warily. Holding in mind that old reservation about the accuracy of audience ratings, it will be interesting to see what sort of an audience "Richard III" attracts and holds on NBC-TV. But the most significant result will not be apparent for some time until figures will be available on its movie house attendance.

Then it will be possible to determine with some accuracy—and for the first time—whether TV actually can usurp a motion picture theater audience. If movie-house distribution of "Richard III" results in a box office flop, it probably will be available in time before the TV audience sees another major film premiere. For movie majors naturally will recoil from damaging their own outlets.

If, on the other hand, it commands a passably good theater audience, some film producers will continue to flirt with the idea of television premieres of their works. And if, of course, it should be a box office hit, the TV audience in time unquestionably will see many new films before theater distribution.

Curtice Tells New Contracts

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Harry H. Curtice of General Motors Corp. said today both dealers and customers will benefit from revisions in GM's dealer contracts.

He said in testimony prepared for a Senate Commerce subcommittee that he favors amending the law to permit steps toward cutting "bootlegging" of new cars through unfranchised dealers.

GM announced Feb. 10 revisions in its dealer contract policy. Curtice said these became effective March 1. In addition, he said, a new post of executive vice president in charge of dealer relations was created this week to give dealers "a direct line of communication to the top management of General Motors."

Named to the post was Ivan L. Wiles, a GM vice president and general manager of the Buick division.

Curtice and other GM officials were called before a subcommittee headed by Sen. Monroney (D-Okla.), which has been studying auto marketing practices.

The subcommittee is the second to look into GM dealer relations in this Congress. A Senate Antitrust subcommittee, headed by Sen. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) heard numerous complaints from dealers last fall.

Curtice said today those complaints "were not documented or, in our opinion, reasonably established." But he said his firm got busy and since then has made 13 changes in its dealer contracts.

These include helping a dealer get rid of his buildings, equipment and stocks in case of franchise cancellation. Longer term contracts and more specific provisions for judging dealers' performance also were included, along with more factory help for the dealer.

A "high standard of ethics" in advertising also is demanded, he said.

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RELEASED

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Billy Franzer, Los Angeles lightweight who collapsed in his corner after being knocked out Monday night, was released from the hospital yesterday.

Franzer collapsed minutes after he was stopped in the fifth round by Eddie Chavez of San Jose. He was taken to the hospital under orders of Dr. Robert M. Laddon of the California Athletic Commission.

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Thursday Evening, March 8

6:00 Today's Sports Highlights
6:15 Lowell Thomas CBS
6:20 Amos 'n' Andy Music Hall CBS
6:30 News CBS
7:00 21st Precinct CBS
7:30 News CBS
7:35 Jack Carson Show CBS
8:00 News CBS
8:05 Curt Massey Show CBS
8:30 Reserved for You
8:45 Bing Crosby CBS
9:00 Squads CBS
9:30 FBI in Peace and War CBS
10:00 10 PM Edition News
10:15 Johnny Dollar CBS
10:30 Time for Relaxation
11:00 Sign Off News Summary
11:55 Sign Off

KFJL-MBS & DLBS, 1150 KC
Thursday Evening, March 8

6:00 Bob Greene News DLBS
6:15 Warren Bunnay Sports Report
6:25 Hollywood Highlights
6:30 First Federal News
6:45 Sam Hayes DLBS
6:55 Harry Warner DLBS
7:00 Official Detective DLBS
7:30 Truitt Fighters DLBS
8:00 Playhouse of Favorites
8:30 Bob and Ray DLBS
8:35 Paul-Mary Ford DLBS
9:00 Gabriel Heatter DLBS
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11:05 Sign Off

Friday, March 9

6:00 Minute Music Summary
6:15 America's Favorite Music
6:30 Minute Music Summary
6:45 America's Favorite Music
6:55 Minute Music Summary
7:00 News - Breakfast Edition
7:30 Dugan and West Show
7:35 Frank Cross CBS
7:45 Harry Babbitt CBS
7:50 News CBS
8:00 Squads CBS
8:05 Curt Massey Show CBS
8:15 Better Living
8:15 Music For You
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KBES-TV Channel 5
CBS, NBC, ABC
Thursday Evening, March 8

11:30 Devotions
11:35 News
12:00 Meadford City Police
12:15 Secret Storm
12:30 Afternoon Theater
2:45 Val Regue
3:00 Burt Foster
3:30 Western Theater
4:30 Uncle Bill
5:00 Bob Lewis Show
5:30 Rin-Tin-Tin
6:00 Ore-Cal Panorama
6:15 News
6:25 Weather
6:30 Ore-Cal Panorama
7:00 Sherick Holmes
7:30 Quiz Kids
8:00 Groucho
8:30 Let's Kick It Around
8:45 Talent Time
9:00 Star & The Story
9:30 Ford Theatre
10:00 1 Led Three Lives
10:30 Mr. X
11:00 Best Theater
11:30 News Sign Off
12:00 News Sign Off

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