

Arabian Religious Sect Metes Out Secular Laws

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JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Prayer time.

All, a young Bedouin newly trained for a technical job, is forgetfully busy. He feels the rap of a baton on his shoulders and looks around to see one of the Mutaween.

All must drop whatever he is doing, and pray.

All — like many of his brethren — is becoming heartily sick of the Mutaween.

The Mutaween are known to the Bedouin as "the Society for the Ordering of Good Deeds and the Renouncing of Bad Deeds." They are the workers of a puritanical sect of Mohammedanism called Wahabism. Westerners shorten the title to "committee for Enforcement of Public Morality."

In this land ruled by Koranic law, the Mutaween roam the streets seeing that people pray at prayer times. They watch to see that the Bedouin wears his tagiyah, a round skull cap. A cap with a peak is forbidden, for the peak would prevent a man's head from touching the ground as he kneels on his prayer rug and faces toward Mecca.

Eventually the Mutaween will pass away in the developing Saudi social revolution. Right now its members are salaried, but there is reason to believe Crown Prince Faisal, who has recently taken the reins of government, is intent upon getting rid of the organization gradually. The salaries are getting smaller and smaller.

The Mutaween see to it that women do not go about without long heavy veils covering their faces. They see to it that men do not shave too completely. They watch for all abominations under the strict tribal code of Wahabism, a sort of reformation in reverse instituted by the Saudi house years ago as a purification of Mohammedanism.

This code prevents Saudis from mixing socially with Europeans. It prevents women from appearing unveiled at any social function, however private. It limits women to the home, and their studies to the teachings of the Koran, Islam's Bible.

But the laws are being violated. There is a black market in liquor. Saudi women appear unveiled at social functions, when they are sure they are safe. A Saudi and his wife will accept an invitation to a foreigner's home when they are sure no other Saudis — particularly bachelors — are present, or at least only their closest friends.

Saudi women send their servant girls into the Suk — Jiddah's market place — to buy case-loads of pretty European clothing for use on such rare occasions, or just for parading their charms before their husbands in private. Punishments can be terrible. The crime rate in Jiddah and other towns is low, with good reason. For a first offense, a petty thief can be taken to a town square where, publicly, one of his hands is chopped off. A second offense can cost him the other hand. A third — if he still can manage to steal — can cost a foot.

A woman taken in adultery faces a terrible fate. If the charge is proved by three witnesses, she is taken to a public square. A truckload of stones, about the size of baseballs, is dumped there. Police throw the first stones at the kneeling woman, then invite or prod the crowd to join. It takes about half an hour to stone a woman to death. But convictions are infrequent. No Saudi man wants to admit he has been betrayed by his women.

Revolt against such things is rising to the surface among the tiny group of educated people. Saudi Arabia is emerging into the modern world.

There is a fever of eagerness among the untutored Bedouin to educate their children. Soon even girls will be sent to schools — perhaps next year, 1378 in the Islamic calendar — although coeducation surely is years away. Saudi children soon may be allowed to mix with foreign children.

A new generation is rising.

Commander Wins School Diploma

MEADVILLE, Pa. (AP) — Lt. Cmdr. Charles A. Betleyoun, 48, was awarded a diploma at the Meadville High School commencement last night.

Betleyoun quit high school while a sophomore in 1925. He enlisted in the Navy and rose from apprentice seaman to his present rank. He qualified for a diploma by passing the armed forces general educational development test. He was unable to attend the commencement. He is at Moffet Field, Calif., in the process of being retired after 30 years of naval service.



"You're in an extremely rundown condition—I prescribe less golf and more days at the office!"

Senator Wins 2nd Term Bid

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Sen. Mike Mansfield, assistant Democratic leader, won renomination yesterday to try for a second term in the U.S. Senate.

Mansfield, 55, piled up a 6-1 lead over the nearest of two newcomers to politics who challenged him—John M. Nickey and Thomas G. Stimatz.

Mansfield's Republican opponent in the November election will

be either Louis W. Welch, 31, Anaconda mill man, or Mrs. Blanche S. Anderson, 60, Helena widow and onetime county school superintendent. They were locked in a see-saw primary race.

Democratic Rep. Lee Metcalf was hard-pressed to win renomination as a candidate for a fourth term from the 1st Dist. James R. Shea, Walkerville mayor, held an early lead before Metcalf started pulling steadily ahead.

Metcalf will be opposed in November by Mrs. W. M. (Jean) Walterskirchen, 60, Missoula mother of five. She was unopposed in the Republican primary.

There was no primary contest in Montana's other congressional district.

The latest unofficial returns gave these results:

Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate — 399 precincts of 1,101; Mansfield 34,459, Nickey 1,887, Stimatz 1,925.

Republican nomination for U.S. Senate — 371 precincts: Anderson 5,895, Welch 5,471.

Democratic nomination for 1st Dist.—192 precincts of 392; Metcalf 13,499, Shea 9,900.

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Hubby Goes To Bat For Spouse

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—A 225-pound man, injured seriously in a spat with his wife when she hit him with the family car, went to bat for the little woman in court yesterday.

John Albert Green Sr.'s efforts were successful, but he got the worst of it anyway.

He told the judge his tiny wife "didn't mean to hit me very hard" with the car. The judge dismissed charges of assault and battery against Mrs. Green.

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WHO STOLE TRUNK?

LONDON (UPI)—Officials of London's Metropolitan Theater tied a wooden trunk to the railings outside to advertise their next production "The Thousand Pound Trunk Mystery." The mystery today is—who stole the trunk from the theater.

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Wall Street Calling For Retention Of High Taxes

By ELMER C. WALZER
UPI Financial Editor
NEW YORK (UPI)—For once Wall Street is calling retention of high taxes a favorable item for the stock market.

The street apparently has given up hopes of a tax cut this year with both political parties opposing a reduction. Some look for a modification of excises later on, perhaps on autos and freight transportation.

Standard & Poor's states the case as many in the street view it.

"The ability of the list to take this long-awaited tax decision in stride is mainly attributable to the fact that the economic climate has cleared sufficiently to make across the board tax reduction unnecessary."

Reds Claim New Soil Find

LONDON (AP) — The Russians claimed Tuesday to have discovered a soil preparation that will produce carrots 3 feet high and cabbages 5 yards wide. They didn't say how the monsters taste.

Moscow Radio quoted Prof. Mikhail Shenyakin, an organic chemistry authority, as saying the secret is in hiberellins — fungi with a fantastic capacity to stimulate growth.

Shenyakin said five grams (0.176 of an ounce) of the fungi strains spread over one hectare (nearly 2½ acres) is enough to obtain giant vegetables.

"Moreover," he added, "they cut the vegetation period from months to weeks, thus making it possible to introduce farm crops in both the extreme north and deserts."

Five Day Forecast

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Five-day weather forecast for Northern California: Scattered showers early in period but no precipitation otherwise; temperatures near normal except below normal inland early in period; normal minimum-maximum Sacramento 55-64, Red Bluff 60-67, Eureka 59-69, Santa Rosa 46-70, Blue Canyon 47-67.

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"Viewed in retrospect, it is obvious that the latter was frankly seized upon as a possible means of checking a recession which its advocates feared at the time might snowball into a major depression."

"Instead, general business now affords fairly convincing evidence that it has largely checked its downward slide, if it has not already touched bottom."

"Patently an economy able to correct its own maladjustments within the scope of a moderate over-all setback is a much sounder one on which to base investment policy than is one stimulated by a palliative with strong inflationary implications."

Market men note strong support for stocks not much below current levels even though many believe there may be some resistance to further advances in the averages at this time.

According to the current issue of Newsweek, a sizable body of Wall Street believes the stock market is running ahead of business—that it has been a bit too exuberant.

One investment man told Newsweek he had the feeling "the market is getting itself into the same state it was in last July—expecting more good news than it will get."

L. O. Hooper, analyst for W. E. Hutton & Co., notes that the easy credit policy plus smaller demand for funds from business has turned some new money into the equity market.

Agency Stands To Gain Money

NEW YORK (AP) — If it can cash some old checks, the American Foundation for the Overseas Blind will get a windfall of \$253.

Workers renovating offices of the Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church found 32 pieces of unopened mail behind an old cabinet. The mail contained checks addressed to the Association for the Chinese Blind, which once had occupied the office.

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He believes, however, a great many people with a great deal of cash are "just waiting" for the more favorable prices they feel are inevitable.

This abundance of funds awaiting investment could be a cushion when and if demand for shares becomes less avid, he feels.

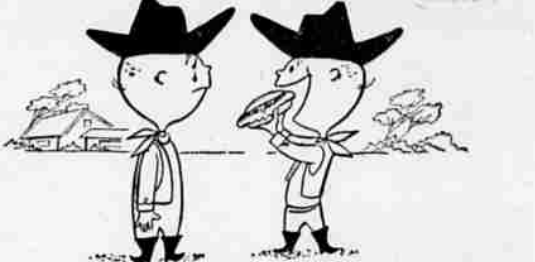
Another cushion, of course, he points out, is the sizable short interest which seems to keep on increasing.

In this connection, Alexander Hamilton Institute points out that history proves that a large short position is not a guarantee against sharp declines "and it should not be considered as a springboard for a prolonged rise in prices."

"The shorts are not particularly nervous at this time and there appears to be no haste in covering action on their part."

The institute, admitting further good news from industry might send the market into further new high ground, warns "it would be more prudent to look for another sharp reaction near the midway."

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Weather Table

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Temperatures and rainfall for 24 hours ending at 4 a.m.

	High	Low	Rain
Albuquerque	94	65	
Atlanta	80	70	
Bakersfield	78	57	
Boise	58	53	.17
Brownsville	89	75	
Chicago	63	56	
Denver	93	60	
El Centro	95	71	
Fairbanks	75	46	T.
Fort Worth	94	74	
Fresno	77	54	
Helena	59	47	1.22
Kansas City	87	72	
Los Angeles	77	60	
Miami	83	73	
Minneapolis	66	58	1.25
New Orleans	91	71	
New York	73	55	
Oakland	73	63	
Oklahoma City	89	70	
Phoenix	99	69	
Pittsburgh	73	54	
Red Bluff	75	57	
Sacramento	78	57	
Salt Lake City	77	41	
San Diego	74	59	
San Francisco	72	56	
Seattle	71	56	
Spokane	79	50	.04
Stockton	77	55	
Thermal	96	69	
Tucson	98	67	
Washington	68	58	

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	Max.	Min.	Prep.
Baker	68	46	.26
Eugene	63	54	..
Lakeview	52	43	.47
Medford	50	32	.46
Newport	63	52	.05
North Bend	65	53	.02
Pendleton	59	57	.03
Portland Airp't	65	51	T
Redmond	65	43	T
Roseburg	59	52	.58
Salem	67	55	T