

Other Mideast Hotspots May Fan Current Flames

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The Middle East is studded with hotspots that could inflame the present crisis.

Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq, of course, are the chief danger points.

But there are sensitive situations in such seldom-mentioned places as Kuwait, Yemen, Libya and the Sudan.

In addition, there is great tension along the frontier between Turkey on one side and Syria and Iraq on the other.

Great Britain has been alarmed by the disclosure that Sheikh Abdullah As-Salim As-Sabah, ruler of its little protectorate of Kuwait, has conferred twice with

President Gamal Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic.

Kuwait, on the Persian Gulf, is the greatest oil producing center in the whole Middle East, and one of the greatest in the world.

It has long been known there is a strong pro-Nasser element in Kuwait, and as a precaution Britain is reinforcing its troops in the neighboring sheikhdom on Bah-Bahrain.

NEEDLES BRITAIN

Kuwait's oil is vitally important to Britain. A British commentator discussing a possible blow - up there, has said Kuwait is more important to Britain economically than Gibraltar, Malta and Cyprus put together.

Cairo dispatches say Yemen, the belligerent little kingdom at

the tip of the Arabian Peninsula, has informed Arab League headquarters in Cairo that Britain is massing troops on its border "in preparation for aggression."

Yemen also has given this notification to the high command of the United Arab Republic, with which it is now affiliated.

Yemen has been attacking Britain's protectorate of Aden sporadically for several years and openly hopes to take it over.

Its allegation of British troop movements might be a build-up for new raids across the Yemen frontier at this time.

It was made known during the week end that Britain has reinforced its troops in Libya, adjoining Egypt on the west.

STIRS TROUBLES

Egyptian agents have been stirring up trouble in Libya ever since Nasser seized power in an attempt to undermine King Idris.

Relations are bad also between Egypt and the Sudan, adjoining it on the south. Nasser has tried vainly to lure the Sudan into his orbit.

On Saturday, the Sudanese government expelled the consul of the Egyptian embassy in Khartoum, the capital, on the ground he had started effecting contact with subversive elements as soon as he arrived here four days previously.

In addition to these situations Syria has sent strong military forces to the Lebanese frontier in an obvious attempt to encourage the rebels there.

And Turkey has put its forces on the alert along its frontiers with both Syria and Iraq.



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Grieving Lawmaker Home To Await Last Son's Burial

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—Grief-stricken Sen. John McClellan came home to Arkansas today to await the burial of his youngest son, victim of a plane crash that also killed three other men.

McClellan made another sorrowful journey from Washington nine years ago. He came then for the reburial of a soldier son who died overseas and his second son died of auto wreck injuries on the day of the funeral.

James Howard McClellan, 30, who was killed in the crash near Little Rock yesterday, was the 62-year-old senator's third and only remaining son.

The Arkansas Democrat received the news of the fatal crash just after he had been in the Senate chamber voting on an amendment to the Reciprocal Trade Act bill.

His administrative assistant, Ralph Matthews, who in 1943 and 1949 told McClellan of the deaths of his other sons, also informed him of James McClellan's death.

Sen. and Mrs. McClellan left Washington by air last night and arrived at Memphis shortly before midnight. Friends met them there to drive them to Little Rock.

The younger McClellan, a Little Rock attorney, was at the controls of a twin-engine plane owned by a Little Rock flying service.

A flier since his Air Force service in the Korean War, he was taking a test for a twin-engine pilot's license.

Killed with McClellan were instructors Wallace Denman Hill, 37, and Jesse Ralph Williams, 32, both of Little Rock, and Harold K. Gilbert, 33, Stuttgart, Ark., who planned to take his pilot's examination after McClellan.

A Civil Air Patrol official said apparently McClellan was flying on one engine and that something must have gone wrong with the other one.

James McClellan was the son of the senator and his deceased second wife.

The senator, thrice married, has two daughters, Mrs. Harry E. McDermott Jr., wife of one of James McClellan's law partners, and Miss Doris McClellan, Washington.

The younger McClellan's survivors include his widow, two sons and a daughter.

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Powell Must Stand Trial

NEW YORK (AP)—A federal judge has ruled that Rep. Adam Clayton Powell Jr. (D-NY) must stand trial for alleged income tax evasion.

Judge William B. Herlands ruled yesterday that the indictment charging Powell is valid.

The Negro congressman had sought to have the indictment thrown out. He claimed the grand jury voted it as the result of alleged improper actions by former Asst. U. S. Atty. Thomas A. Bolan and a magazine editor.

Bolan presented much of the original evidence to the grand jury. He resigned during a 14-month period in which the jury did not act on the case.

Powell asserted that Bolan supplied the editor, William F. Buckley Jr., of the National Review, with inflammatory information on which the magazine based articles on the case.

Copies of the articles were mailed to jurors. Subsequently, the jury voted the indictment.

Powell is charged with preparing a false 1951 income tax return for his wife, pianist Hazel Scott, a Negro, and with evading approximately \$3,000 in a joint return for 1952. No charge was made against the wife.

Blind Depart Red China

MACAO (AP)—During the past few months more than 130 blind have crossed the Red China border into this Portuguese colony, on visas that don't permit their return to China.

They say the Reds made it virtually impossible for them to practice their traditional trades of masseurs, fortune tellers and street singers. Begging is strictly forbidden. The Reds made no effort to find them other employment. Up until a few months ago they couldn't get exit visas.

Suddenly, in April, they were given one-way exits and advised to leave.

Life in overpopulated Macao isn't any picnic either, but "at least we can beg in peace," the refugees said.

TIME FOR FUN

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