



Tension Again Building Up In Middle East Boundaries

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Is the Middle East building up to a new explosion? The fires of Arab nationalism have been banked since the eventful summer of 1956 when Iraq ousted its pro-Western government and U.S. Marines and British troops saved shaky regimes in Lebanon and Jordan.

The tense borders of Israel have been relatively quiet since the fall of 1956 when an Israeli blitz, with French and British support, mopped up the Egyptians in the brief Suez War.

Now, sources close to the Middle East are beginning to show concern that its volatile—and oil rich—lands are ripe for another crisis. They point to these recent developments:

—Troops of Israel and the United Arab Republic (Syria) have clashed near the Sea of Galilee in the most intense fighting since the days when Suez was threatened to touch off a general war.

—Reliable informants insist that the regime of Iraqi Premier Abdel Karim Kassem is heading toward a violent popular reaction against the government's increasing involvement with the Communists.

—Jordan's King Hussein has been showing signs of impatience with the Arab world's handling of the problem of the Palestinian refugees, who were displaced in the Arab-Israeli war more than 10 years ago.

Hussein, implacable enemy of Iraq's Kassem and highly suspicious of the UAR's President Gamal Abdel Nasser, has charged some Arab leaders (Kassem and Nasser?) with exploiting the refugees for political profit.

—Add these comparatively minor irritants: —Never since the Suez War has Nasser allowed a ship bearing goods for Israel to pass through the Suez Canal. The blockade is having an effect on the Israeli economy.

—United Nations troops remain on UAR soil in Egypt, neutralizing its border with Israel and keeping the narrow Gulf of Aqaba open to Israeli shipping to the new port of Eilat.

—A border dispute hangs fire between anti-Western Iraq and pro-Western Iran. The area in dispute is not far from the important Iranian oil refineries in Abadan.

The destinies of the countries of the Middle East—friend and foe—are tied so closely that a seemingly isolated crisis in one soon becomes a crisis for all.

The leader of the Arab world appears to be the man who speaks the loudest or takes the strongest measures against Israel. How would Nasser's archrival, Kassem, react in the event of war between Israel and the UAR?

A revolt in Iraq would either destroy Kassem or build up his position as a rival to Nasser. Could Nasser afford to stand idly by should such a revolt erupt? Or could Hussein, who claims the throne of Iraq through his slain cousin?

Hussein's newly expressed concern for the Palestinian refugees marks a departure from what previously has been a united Arab front. Does this mean Hussein would negotiate his future with Israel? How would Nasser, Kassem and even Hussein's people take such a suggestion?

Thus, in the Middle East, small tensions feed upon one another until they explode into a major crisis. That's what insiders fear is building up right now.

Ex-Convict Being Sought

SEATTLE (AP) — A young Oregon ex-convict was sought Friday for questioning in the fatal shooting of a Seattle cab driver, Ralph Gemhill, 39, whose body was found in a field south of here Wednesday night.

The King County sheriff's office said the ex-convict's description was found to match that of the last passenger known to have entered Gemhill's taxi.

Gemhill's passenger was described as 29, 5-foot-9, 175 pounds with bushy, brown hair. He was wearing tan pants and a red sweater.

A man of that description hitchhiked a ride from Tacoma to Tenino Wednesday night. Detectives said the man returned to Tacoma and stayed overnight at a cheap hotel, but left Thursday morning.

ARE YOU LISTENING?

LONDON (UPI) — Minister of Aviation Duncan Sandys said he received a cryptic phone call from a woman complaining about nighttime noise from airliners. "I just wanted to wake you up," the woman said.

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Monroe Sweetland Feted By Education Association

PORTLAND (AP) — Monroe Sweetland is the Oregon Education Citizen of 1960, named by the Oregon Education Assn.

The association, in convention here, late today heard Judge Philip B. Gilliam, famed Denver, Colo., juvenile judge.

The nearly 500 educators Thursday night heard former Gov. Goodwin J. Knight of California urge federal aid to education at their annual banquet.

Knight spoke after Dr. Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, presented the Oregon Education Citizen plaque to Sweetland.

Sweetland is the seventh person to receive the award that goes annually to a non-educator in recognition of the person's contribution to education.

Dr. Putnam cited these meritorious activities of Sweetland, senator, Milwaukie newspaper publisher and Democratic candidate for secretary of state:

He was chairman of the Senate Education Committee at the 1957 and 1959 sessions.

He sponsored and championed such programs as the state scholarship commission, community college authorization and strengthening of the public retirement system for educators.

Dr. Putnam also praised Sweetland's work on behalf of education through his Milwaukie Review, saying: "It is a common thing to find as many as a dozen items in a single issue featuring schools."

Sweetland declared accepting the award: "We suddenly have become alive to the responsibility for education which we all bear. Our whole American system should dedicate itself anew to the greatest secular responsibility of

Polaris Shot Said Success

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) —The Navy successfully fired a Polaris submarine missile early today from an underground ship's motion simulator.

Officials reported that the missile achieved all its test objectives over a more than 900-mile course. Compressed air popped the Polaris out of its subterranean tube. The first stage ignited with a flash about 70 feet above ground. A minute later the second stage fired high in the sky and boosted a dummy warhead to the target.

This is the third time the Polaris has been fired from the 52-foot-deep simulator. Both previous times the ejection system worked perfectly, but once the missile failed to achieve all its flight objectives.

Although the simulator can pitch, heave and roll like a ship at sea, it remained stationary on all three shots. The Navy said it wanted merely to test the compressed air system and in-air ignition.

SINK MISSING
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