

EGYPT L.T.-P.G Mon. Oct. 29-'51.

In the Suez Canal ~~tonight~~, not ^a ~~one~~ ship is moving tonight. ~~the steering~~ That vital Middle Eastern waterway, normally ^{so busy with ships} ~~alive with vessels~~, wending their way through the desert sands, absolutely still! The reason - a boycott by Egyptian lighthouse keepers, who today refused to man their beacons.

The movement by the lighthouse keepers is part of a general boycott facing the British. Reports today tell of dwindling supplies of meat, fresh vegetables, fruit and butter - the Egyptian contractors too scared to enter the canal zone. In Port Said for instance a mob of angry Egyptians attacked and tried to set afire to a contractor's truck carrying meat and butter this morning.

Meanwhile, a secret organization is reported blacklisting all ~~those~~ who "collaborate with the British" with threats of ~~retaliation~~ for those who don't comply. Roadblocks are reported on all roads leading to the Canal Zone, and the Egyptians are turning back ^{all heading that way,} ~~those going there for work.~~ The

British too have their roadblocks, and an Egyptian woman was killed and her escort wounded, ~~ix~~ trying to crash one of those barriers last night.

From ~~the~~ Khartoum comes word that the Sudan government has appealed to the United Nations against the Egyptian ^{attempt to} ~~move~~ annexing the Sudan. A cable to the U N asks that the six million Sudanese be allowed to hold elections to choose their future government.

KOREA-COLLINS

In Pusan today, Army Chief of Staff General Lawton Collins told reporters that he is certain a cease-fire agreement will be reached in Korea. But he added: "Don't believe it will be in the near future."

The Army Chief also gave a warning that, even if the truce were signed tomorrow, the Eighth Army must stay on the job for some time - to train the South Koreans. "Of course" we will get them out in due time; as soon as possible," was ~~the~~ how he put it.

KOREA

(From Pan Mun Jom tonight comes word that truce negotiations are all snarled up again.) Today the sub-committee, set up last week to decide on a cease-fire line across Korea, had its first meeting, which went on for almost three hours. Then came the word, "no progress, a completely inconclusive meeting - a fruitless effort to arrive at a militarily sound demarkation line." Nevertheless, the delegates have arranged their sixth session, for tomorrow morning.

(Today's trouble began with a Red proposal that the Eighth Army pull back some fifteen miles on the Central and Eastern front.) Which would mean giving up such hard won positions as "Bloody Ridge", "Heartbreak Ridge" and the "Punch Bowl Valley." As an exchange, the Communists offered to hand over two peninsulas, which jut out into the Yellow Sea northwest of Seoul. However, these are just swamp lands, which we do not want and have never tried to capture. On both ~~it~~ counts, our answer was - no, As a U N spokesman put it "We are not interested in trading

real estate - we are working for a military armistice."


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Meanwhile, sharp clashes are reported from the central Korean mountains. Tonight's front line communique reports that the U N troops had the *better* of it. The bitterest fighting is reported from Kumsong, where the Chinese have thrown a fresh division into the line. Today the Reds launched three ~~battalion~~ counter-attacks, *which* ~~XXXX against our front but we now~~ ~~learn these were~~ beaten off.

STRIKE

In New York tonight, the fifteen day wildcat dock strike showed first signs of petering out. The most significant move came from Staten Island, where loyal longshoremen voted unanimously to return to work on all piers. However, in Manhattan, more than two hundred policemen were called out as the giant liner Queen Elizabeth arrived this morning. While fifty mounted police broke up strikers near the pier, the patrolmen formed a human barrier, to hold back pickets, while longshoremen started unloading.

Meanwhile, Governor Dewey has told the New York State Mediation board to do all it can to settle the dispute.



ADD STRIKE

The latest. The wildcat strikers have just agreed to get supplies moving again tomorrow, to the armed forces in Korea and Europe. The longshoremen will start in on seven cargo vessels tied up in New York

LONDON

It's moving day in London - signalled by the result of the election on Thursday. The Labor government packing up and getting out - the Conservatives moving in.

Today, at the Foreign Office, the Labor Foreign Secretary, Herbert Morrison packed two suitcases, and took his departure. Hardly noticed. That's the way it is likely to be, when you're on your way out - but, anyway, the stodgy pudgy Labor leader could never compare, for looks, with the incoming Foreign Secretary.

For years Anthony Eden, in addition to being a world important statesman, has been a matinee idol of England. Today, arriving at the Foreign Office, he might have been the latest romantic hero of the films. Scores of women were waiting, like bobby soxers at a ~~XXXX~~ theater hailing their favorite crooner. They raised a cheer for the dapper Foreign Secretary, with his famous good looks.

That feminine flutter was an odd beginning,

as Anthony Eden plunged into his job. Immediately he sent a message calling Home the British Ambassador to Teheran for consultations - Eden taking up at once the bedeviled matter of Iranian Oil. ^{Also, he} ~~he~~ summoned the U.S. Ambassador Gifford, for a conference - not waiting for the American Ambassador to make ^{the formal visit} ~~a regular visit~~, ^{he was sure to make} ~~according to protocol~~. The matter was too pressing. Which, likely, concerned Iran, ^{and} ~~or~~ ^{those} Egypt - tough problems confronting Great Britain.

Anthony Eden may have moved in like a matinee idol. But his job could be something for Atlas, ^{holding} the world on his shoulders.

YAK

Here's a bit of agricultural news - a story of dairy farming. But it is far removed from the rural barn and holstein cow.

Back in wartime, during travels in ^{remote parts of} China, I got acquainted with the son of a high Chinese official, and we ^{were} ~~flew~~ together, on a long airplane flight deep into western China, along the Tibetan frontier, with Col. Dan Mallon and Captain Potts Schmidt. Old Potty.

At the time - I had no notion I would ever get to Lhasa, although I ^{had} dreamed of it. "Gamma," as we called him, was a student of Buddhism. He hoped to get into Tibet some day - to study the Buddhist mysticism of the Lamas.

At the walled city of ^{in the province of} Sichang, ~~in~~ Sikang, was ^{where I} ~~the~~ last I saw of Chen Chi Chang, -- ^{That was Gamma's} ~~his~~ full name. - ^{The last I saw him until} ~~until a few days ago when~~ he looked me up here in New York. So we picked up that former conversation where we had left off ~~there~~ in remote Central Asia, and I told him about our trip to Lhasa two years ago.

He replied that he, too, had been in Tibet, from the north, studying the Buddhism of the monasteries. ^{In fact} ~~But~~ his residence on the Roof of the World had been something unusual.

Immediately after the war - six months after we parted - he had come to the United States - to attend an American college. He had gone to Purdue, and there had taken a course in agriculture - dairy farming. In Tibet, ^{in addition to} studying Buddhism, he thought he might as well do something profitable, ^{start a} ~~return to~~ Tibet ^{an} ~~and start a~~ dairy farm - with yaks! ^{So} He bought a ranch, or the nearest thing to a ranch on the Roof of the World. Up there they don't measure land by ^{or hectares -} acres [^] but by hills and mountains. He purchased several hills - and a herd of yak. To which he proceeded to apply the principles of animal husbandry he had learned at Purdue.

I asked him how he found the yak ~~was~~ as a milk producer.

Not so good, he replied, as compared with a

good milk cow^{say} in Wisconsin. The yak has to subsist on the scrub vegetation of the Himalayas. But he thought ~~that if~~ ^{you could feed} your herds of yak on Kansas corn, and domesticate them, ^{and} keep them from climbing ^{then} mountains, they'd give a lot more milk!

I said: "Down on the American farm - when you milk a cow, she's liable to kick over the bucket."

"Yes" he replied "and its the same in Tibet. You have to tie up all four feet of the yak, to keep her from kicking over the milk pail."

But the Reds took over in Tibet, and that ended the application of American dairy farming = to the yak herds on the Roof of the World. And now my friend Chen Chi Chang lives in New York and works for the Voice of America. ~~Would you see from~~

~~Tibetan yak to American yak yak, Helen?~~
 While word comes from Asia that the Dalai Lama has bowed to the inevitable - to Peking.

BOOKMAKERS

~~Tonight we have a report on a sad story,~~
~~with lamentations from a lot of mournful citizens --~~
~~the bookmakers of the nation.~~ Recently Congress
passed a law putting a tax on bets in the professional
gambling game - although book-making is illegal.
Today the United Press issued the result of a survey
of what is likely to happen - under that paradoxical
enactment, by which the federal government takes a
fee from law violators.

~~The tax is ten percent of the bets, and some~~
~~bookmakers complain - it will put them out of~~
~~business. Which might, of course, be the idea. Others~~
~~believe they can pass the ten percent tax along to the~~
~~customers - on the principal that nothing will~~
~~discourage a sucker.~~

But that is the lesser part of it. By
paying a tax, the bookmakers will go on record with
the Internal Revenue Department - as criminals,
legally. Moreover, they must pay fifty dollars for
a yearly license for themselves and for each of their

employees. In return, they get a tax stamp, which they must post in their bookmaking place of business -- like an advertisement of law violation. Which leads one professional gambler to moan:- "That's like filing an application for a ~~hole~~ hole in the head."

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Well, it would seem to be all of that. Because the survey shows that in many states the authorities are getting ready to pounce on bookmakers as soon as they go on record with the tax collector. That's the logic of putting a Federal Tax on illegal business. "Like a hole in the head", as the bookmaker moans.

ABDULLAH

Houston, Texas, today, witnessed a scene undignified and unseemly - when, in a court of law, a lady threw a cupful of water in a gentleman's face. Shepherd King - heir to a fortune, who intends to carry ^{the} Egyptian ~~ballet~~ dancer, Samia Gamal. To do so, the Texan became a Mohammedan and took the name of Abdullah.

But first he has ~~to~~ to dissolve the bonds of wedlock with his present frau, named ~~Ms~~ Gloria. So that was going on in Houston, when Gloria saw Abdullah talking to some newspaper reporters. She had a drink of water in her hand, stalked over, and said: "Don't you think you have done enough yackety-yacking in the newspapers all over town?" - and flung the cup of water in his face, swoosh!

Which was undignified and unseemly - especially for a Moslem with the Koranic name of Abdullah.

Here's what ~~he~~ he was telling the reporters. ~~Ms~~ "No matter what," he proclaimed, "I am going to be back with my desert harem in Egypt by December Tenth."

Quite a compliment for the Egyptian ~~baller~~ dancer -
calling her a whole harem.

After which Abdullah expressed his discontent
with American law. "These divorces" said he, "should
be as simple as a Moslems. Over there you just say:
"I am through" and that's the end of it.

That was the kind of yackety-yak, when the
cup of water was flung in the face of Abdullah.

Handwritten note:
...and Nelson that ...
...educator that ...
...something!

PRINCESS

Princess Elizabeth shook hands five times today, with five girls of exactly the same age, born on the same day, and they are sisters. Yes, you figured it -- the Dionne Quintuplets. It was ~~only~~ inevitable that the heiress to the crown should meet Canada's famous five. - no royal tour would be complete without ^{that.} ~~it~~. At North Bay, Ontario, the Princess ^{was} ~~is~~ described as being "politely curious" about the Quints - and the Quints were "politely curious" about her.

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And now Nelson, that quizzical look on your face indicates that you too are politely curious about something!