

GAZA

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Savage rioting - in Gaza today. Ten thousand Arab refugees from Palestine - demonstrating against the United Nations, ^{against} and the Egyptian administration. Egyptian police - firing into the frantic mobs. Fifty refugees - wounded.

Gaza - that ancient capital of the Philistines, where - Samson, the Mighty Man, shook down the pillars of the Pagan Temple. Situated - along a strip of coast, reaching from the Suez area up into Palestine.

In that section, under Egyptian control, some thirty-five thousand refugees live - in wretched camps. Moslem exiles - who left their home in the State of Israel. They want to return - and that's the emotional background for the present outbreaks.

The immediate incitement - the clash we heard about last night. Between - Israelis and Egyptian troops. Thirty-nine persons - killed. Each side, blaming the other.

Immediately following the clash, Arab refugees began rioting. Some of those killed - were refugees. Raging crowds turned their fury - against the United Nations, which has been supervising refugee relief. The U N and the Egyptian administration - ^{They're} blamed for not providing protection against, ~~in~~ what the refugees call - "Israeli raids."

Today the disturbances came to a climax at Gaza.

Infuriated mobs attacked and burned five United Nations relief centers. At the ~~se~~ main relief compound, they crashed the gates, and set the buildings ablaze. Within the compound - relief supplies, food and clothing. Enough - to last the refugees for a month.

They ~~xx~~ chanted in a wild chorus: "We don't want food. We don't want clothes. We want guns and ~~ammunition~~. We want to go back to our homes!"

Egyptian police were met by ~~shower~~ showers of stones. They started shooting - and only then did the mob scatter.

Now more about that latest

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had imposed a curfew - dusk ^{to} dawn. Ordering troops -
to shoot to kill, if necessary.

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MOSCOW

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suggestion - that we might invite a group of Russian farmers to come over and see how tall the corn grows in Iowa. ^{When this} ~~That~~ got ~~over~~ to Russia, ^{it} ~~and~~ was endorsed promptly, ^{that is} by a Soviet Agriculture ^{al} publication, which ^{in turn} invited a party of American farmers to visit Russia, and see how the crops grow there.

Today, the President recalled that, on a trip to Russia, he visited a collective farm. He said that, at no other place, had he been questioned so closely about the United States. He told how a farm woman, her face beaming, had come to him and bombarded him with questions about how crops are grown in the U.S.A.

Telling of that, the President said - yes, it might be a good idea to let some Russian farmers have a look at our own agriculture. That is, if it could be arranged. There would be difficulties, he noted.

SUBSTITUTE SOVIETS

The State Department on Washington has protested "vigorously" against the expulsion of the American chaplain in Moscow. Father George Bissonette - ordered to leave Soviet Russia within four ~~more~~ days.

This, declares the State Department, violates the treaty of nineteen thirty-three - in which we recognized the Soviet Government. The pact - giving the United States the right to maintain a clergyman in Moscow.

No reason ~~maxixgish~~ is given for the expulsion of the priest- who acted as chaplain for the foreign colony. But the belief is - that it's retaliation for the American action. Refusing - to renew the visa of a representative of the Orthodox Russian Church over here.

CAMBODIA

The King of Cambodia - has abdicated. His Majesty Norodom Sihanouk - quitting the throne of that Indo-Chinese principality. His reason - the opposition of political groups, fighting against his policies.

Domestic policies - democratic reforms, with disputes over the way to hold a popular election in Cambodia. Foreign policies - King Norodom Sihanouk, an advocate of alliance with the West. Leftist factions - wanting a "neubralist" policy. Like that of India - standing neutral between Communism and the free world.

Only two days ago, American Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was in Cambodia - following his attendance at the South East Asian Conference in Bangkok. He conferred with King Norodom Sihanouk. Dulles - impressed, we hear by that Monarch's ideas of constitutional monarchy. And - by his pro-western views.

One oddity about this ~~an~~ abdication is - the successor named. In a proclamation, the thirty-three year

old Monarch declares he's transferring the Cambodian crown -
to his father. Yet, his father, sixty-one year old Prince
Suramaait, was never King. The answer is that Norodom
Sihanouk inherited the crown from - his maternal grandfather.
That former King - having, for an heir, his daughter's young
son.

The abdicating monarch is known for an accomplishment
you don't expect in a King - music. Today's news dispatch
from Pnom Penh, the Cambodian capital, says: "He loves
jazz and plays it on a saxophone." But that ^{isn't all by} ~~hardly~~
~~any means -~~ ^{represents real facts} - as I myself heard recently, out in
southeast Asia.

On our flight around the world, my wife and I
stopped at Bangkok, Siam, and visited American Ambassador
John Peurifoy and his wife. There were three of us, the
guests of the Peurifoy's. The ~~kind~~ ^{to fly to} third - Andre Kostelanetz.
Mr. Kostelanetz had left his wife, Lily Pons, at home. And -
was on his way to visit King Norodom Sihanouk.

Last year, while touring the United States with his orchestra, ^{re} ~~Andre~~ Kostelanetz played a "Cambodian Suite", written by none other than the King of Cambodia. ^{and he} ~~He~~ was taking some records ^{made at this} to present to the musical monarch. There at the Peurifoy's, ~~he~~ he played them for us, and they were delightful.

(The orchestra conductor said it was extraordinary - that, of the few remaining Monarchs left in the world, two of them composed music, ^{— next door neighbors too.} Potentates of southeast Asia - writing western music. That is - western music with an oriental flavor. One - the King of Siam. The other - the King of Cambodia. Who now - has abdicated. Leaving - only one musical King.)

Andre Kostelanetz proceeded on to Cambodia, and had quite an adventure. He took a small plane with a Thai pilot, ^{to fly to} ~~and started for~~ Pnom Penh. They ran into bad weather, got hopelessly lost, ran out of gas, and had a hair-raising forced landing on a sandbar, in one of the

tributaries of the Mekong River. The musician, though not at all dressed for bushwhacking, had to make his way through the jungle - until he found some human habitation. He got a message through to the King - who sent out a rescue party, and had them ^{brought} taken to the palace. Where- he had his royal orchestra play for his American guest.

Kostelanetz told me, when he got back to New York, that King Norodom Sihanouk not only composed^s music, but also played^s many instruments. ^{— some oriental - and, the "sax" too. He} And often did so with the royal orchestra.

Today, on abdicating, King Norodom Sihanouk said he intends to retire to the country, and live a humble life. Composing music, no doubt.

NIXON

At his news conference today, President Eisenhower had a merry time - dodging questions about his intentions for Nineteen Fifty-six.

Meanwhile, a prediction, concerning the American Presidency, was being made - in the West Indies. Where -- Vice President Nixon is travelling. Today - in the Dominican Republic, he visited the tomb of Christopher Columbus.

In the stately cathedral - oldest ecclesiastical structure *Besides the bones of Genoa navigator.* in the western hemisphere. Welcomed - by Archbishop Ricardo Pittini, who is ninety-one years old - and blind.

At the tomb of Columbus - the aged Prelate addressed the American Vice President, in solemn *terms:-* ~~words.~~

"Remember these words. I'm not a prophet," he said, "but this will not be your last visit. You will come back - as full fledged President of the United States."

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President Eisenhower sent a special birthday message
today. ~~Congratulating~~ Pope Pius the Twelfth - who is seventy-
nine today. At his news conference, the President ~~expanded~~
on this - referring to the Pontiff as a spiritual leader whom
he greatly admires, for his record of opposition to Communism
and totalitarianism in general.

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HURRICANES

In Congress - the question of names for hurricanes came up today. Opposition - to the girls' names, now used by the weather bureau. Congressman Tumulty of New Jersey says he will introduce a resolution - that hurricanes should have names more appropriate. Something - to express the terror and violence. Women being so meek and lovely - ahem!

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YACHT

At Miami, there's a battle of salvage -- with charges of misdeeds and violence.

A yacht - wrecked off Miami Beach. Owner - Richard Reynolds, millionaire heir of the Reynolds tobacco fortune. He was aboard, with his wife and the capital of the yacht, when there was an explosion, and the craft burned and sank five miles off shore. Those aboard - sailing to Miami in a dinghy.

The yacht was worth one hundred and ten thousand dollars. Salvage value - placed at forty thousand dollars.

Colonel Graham Hutchinson, proprietor of a yacht basin, claims - his own salvage boat was first ~~km~~ at the scene of the wreck. Staking - a legal claim, with a salvage buoy. But then - a larger salvage vessel, operated by the Byrd commercial Diving Company, arrived on the ~~same~~ scene. "They ran my men away", complains the Colonel. Adding -- that they cut the salvage buoy from its moorings, and let it go drifting away.

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The yacht was resurrected, and is now in dry dock at Miami. Claimed - by the Byrd Company. The Colonel - shouting angry protests.

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PROFANITY

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