

JORDAN L.T. - Delco. Wed. Dec. 21- '55.

The new Premier of Jordan has called elections - to decide whether or not Jordan shall join the Baghdad Pact.

Ibrahim Hashem formed a provisional ~~XXXXX~~ government today.

The purpose - to keep the lid on - until the voters can have their say. The seventy-five year old Premier declaring:

"The elections will be neutral and honest. To ascertain public opinion on ^{the} major issue." Which major issue is the question of that alliance of Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan and Britain. A Communist barrier - the Baghdad Pact.

In Damascus, capital of Syria, the word is that other Arab countries have agreed - they'll offer Jordan financial aid. To take the place of subsidies - that Britain now provides. London wants Jordan in the Baghdad Pact, and might cut off the money, if Jordan refuses. Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia are against the pro-Western line-up, and would be willing to advance some twenty-two million dollars. Which would enable Jordan, in their words, "to dispense with financial aid which keeps

Jordan under British influence." The latest from Egypt: Col. Nasser confirms the offer of money for Jordan.

Britain, on the other hand, is reported ready to hike the ante, increase the money for Jordan, if that country joins the Baghdad Pact.

The Soviets must be laughing about this mix-up - which results, largely, from the shipment of Communist weapons to Egypt. Arab countries - welcoming Red armament, as an aid in their quarrel with Israel.

Today, in Jordan, things were fairly quiet. The rioting - having died down. There was an easing of police measures to keep order, and the curfew was lifted at Bethlehem. Which clears the way for pilgrims to visit the scene of the Nativity. Israel reports an agreement - whereby some sixteen hundred pilgrims will pass from Israel into Jordan, to visit Bethlehem on Friday.

FOLLOW JORDAN

At the United Nations, tonight, Israel was accused - by the U.N. supervisor for the Palestine truce. Charged - with "deliberate violation" of the Holy Land Armistice Agreement. By attacking Syrian forces, with heavy loss of life, on December Eleventh.

Major General E. L. M. Burns of Canada told the Security Council - that raids of this kind might bring on "full scale hostilities". Israel declares that the attack along the Sea of Galilee was provoked by Syrian gunposts - which fired on Israeli fishing boats.

The U. N. supervisor declares - that the Syrians did not interfere with the fishing boats. He argues, moreover, that if they did shoot at boats - this was a small reason for full scale retaliation, in which so many Syrians were killed.

Tomorrow, the Security Council will consider the Syrian demand for U.N. action ~~against~~ against Israel, including economic sanctions.

MOSCOW

Bulganin and Khrushchev came back to ~~MORE~~ Moscow, today, and got - a huge reception. In bitterly cold weather, a hundred thousand people welcomed them - as returning heroes.

After a tour of southern Asia, Bulganin looked worn out. The Soviet Premier - tired and listless.

But not Khrushchev. Bundled in a big fur coat, he bounced out of the plane at the airport - full of vim, vigor and vitality. And - immediately made a speech. Saying - the people of India, Burma and Afghanistan are allies of the Soviet Union.

Nor did the head of the Russian Communist Party refrain from taking another crack at the West. Concentrating - on colonialism. Calling it - "a blot on mankind."

More and More Khrushchev seems to hark back to the Russian past - the big, noisy, talkative Russian of old tradition.

ANTARCTIC

Four Navy planes have made the first flight - from New Zealand to the Antarctic. Landing - on an air strip, cut in the polar ice of McMurdo Sound. A base - for the Antarctic expedition, headed by Admiral Byrd.

The four Navy planes bucked heavy head-winds - on the flight of a thousand miles. Four others were forced back. They were of shorter range, and couldn't make it - against the winds.

The crews were willing to continue - taking a chance on a crash landing. But the order was - to return to Christchurch, New Zealand, where the short range planes will be loaded aboard an icebreaker - to make the voyage by sea.

COURT-MARTIAL

Today brought a verdict of guilty - for the only West Pointer ever court-martialled for collaborating with the enemy. At Fort Lewis, Washington - Lieutenant Colonel Paul von Liles found guilty of making Red propaganda recordings, while a prisoner-of-war. Found innocent - in a whole series of other charges. The penalty - to be skipped in promotions for two years.

FORD

The Ford Motor Company ^{today gave} ~~gives~~ out the first financial statement - it has ever made public. Because, for the first time - Ford stock is being put on sale on the market. Ten million, two hundred thousand shares of common stock - instead ~~x~~ of about seven million, as was ^{tentatively} ~~tentatively~~ announced last month. The reason - the large public demand.

The financial statement shows that, in the past ten years, the Ford Motor Company earned net profits - of one billion, five hundred and thirty-six million. This - in spite of an eight million dollar loss in Nineteen Forty-Six. Which financial misadventure of going into the red - brought about a Company reorganization. ^{Some ~~of~~ G.M. men went over and joined them!} After that - huge profits. During the first nine months of this year, for example, the earnings came to a record-breaking total of more than three-hundred-and-twelve million dollars. The total of sales in this period came to more than four billion dollars' worth.

That's no secret.

Company assets - two billion, four hundred and eighty-three million. Compared with twenty-eight thousand

dollars - with which Henry Ford founded the firm in Nineteen Three.

Last year, Ford did thirty-and-two-tenths per cent of the total automobile business in this country. This year - twenty-seven and five-tenths per cent. Such are the figures for the Ford Motor Company, which until now has been - a family-owned concern.

STEVENSON

Tonight, the youngest son of Adlai Stevenson ~~has~~
~~injured seriously~~^{is} in a hospital at Goshen, Indiana. Hurt -
in an automobile accident - ~~incurring~~ a broken right knee-cap
and a fractured lower jaw.

John Stevenson, nineteen years old, is a sophomore
at Harvard. In the automobile with him were three Harvard
classmates. Two of whom - were killed. The other - injured,
but not badly.

Young Stevenson was driving up an incline of a
railroad over-pass. When, at the top of the incline, two
trucks appeared. One was trying to pass the other - and was
in the wrong lane. Young Stevenson, trapped, trying to steer
his automobile between the two trucks. But he sideswiped one,
and his car was thrown head-on into the other.

Tonight, Adlai Stevenson was at the bedside of his
injured son. And his estranged wife, ^{Mrs.} Ellen Borden Stevenson,
was on her way.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower became a grandfather for the fourth time, today. *This time -* *her name, Mary Jean.* ~~And it's~~ a girl. / Being the President, he's given number one position in the news - the mother, coming next. The father, Major John Eisenhower, hardly gets any mention at all. We are told, however, that the President's son was informed. He was at the hospital - where mother and baby are "doing very well".

~~Well, father often takes second place in such blessed events. The Major - taking fourth place. After the presidential Grandfather, the First Lady, and Mama.~~

LAUSCHE

Governor Lausche of Ohio -- is in the race for the Senate. It announces that he'll oppose Republican Senator Bender.

Governor Lausche has already come out as a "favouriet son" in the battle for the Presidency

He expresses little hope for a presidential nomination, and merely wants to hold the Ohio ~~delegate~~ delegates as a way of exerting influence at the Democratic Convention. His real goal the United States Senate.

CRASH

No explanation suggested - for the air disaster at Jacksonville, Florida, today. The airliner, with seventeen aboard, was making a routine instrument landing. Then crashed near the airport. All lives lost - and the casualties would have been many more, except for slack business this pre-Christmas week. Only twelve passengers aboard the sixty-passenger airliner.

MURDERER

At San Rafael, California, Richard Rogers was really stubborn about it. Offering - to commit a murder. Price - one hundred thousand dollars. He was out to earn the blood money - and wouldn't take no for an answer. What's the riddle?

Rogers, a thirty-four year old plasterer, took it into his head - that a deal could be made for the assassination of Erskine McNear, a member of a family prominent in California history for a hundred years.

He telephoned McNear's step-mother, Mrs Louise McNear, offering to commit the crime - so that she could inherit her stepson's fortune.

The lady was astonished - to say the least. But she thought fast - and temporized with him - and then informed the sheriff, who told her if the offer was repeated - go ahead, make an appointment.

The offer was ~~xx~~ repeated. Rogers - telephoning again. Then several more telephone calls - followed by a meeting to ~~the~~ close the transaction.

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In the interview, Rogers talked up his proposition, like a high pressure salesman - that murder proposition. *While*
In an adjoining room, ~~were~~ ^{got it all} two police officers ~~x~~ with a tape recorder.

When they had the conversation on tape for evidence, they stepped in and made the arrest.

Today, the would-be assassin-for-hire gave an explanation: "I was ^{just} tired of being poor," he said.
Altho' [^] ~~well,~~ he'll continue being poor, ^{for sometime} ~~and in jail, to boot.~~
now he'll get free board and room in the San Rafael jail!

RAG PICKER

Here's a story of an aged rag picker, who preferred to die - rather than reveal his secret. A secret - of wealth.

At Wichita, Kansas, Jim Ross, seventy-nine years old, went around picking rags, ~~is~~ living in misery and squalor - as a semi-recluse, in an old un-heated garage. The place - crammed with rubbish. The trash - he picked up day after day.

But the word got around - that he had wealth, hidden treasure. Which some criminal decided - he'd get. At the point of a gun, he tried to force Jim Ross to reveal his secret. But the aged recluse preferred anything - rather than disclose where the money was hidden.

He was shot, and killed. But the ^(murderer) ~~suspect~~ never learned the secret.

Today, the police report - the result of a search. Under heaps of trash, a mountain of old clothes, rags and junk, they found three trunks. Filled - with money. Coins - and small bills. One - containing coins in glass jars, six thousand dollars' worth. In the other two trunks - other

thousands of dollars. Including - nearly ninety-five hundred one-dollar bills.

A small fortune accumulated by the seventy-nine year old miser, in long years of rag picking.


ARMY

The Army has found out - what the G.I's like, and don't like, at meal time. A survey was made, with questionnaires, among more than forty-five soldiers; and here's the verdict.

The things they like most - are (youve guessed it) steak and chicken; also roast beef and hot ~~in~~ biscuits. Which is - about what you'd expect. And a lot of us would concur. Although I would add sweet potatoes and ice cream!

But what do the G.I's hate the most? That's also just about what you'd expect - squash, turnips, rutabaga and parsnips. Those vegetables - which are anathema to so many small boys. Did you ever hear of a youngster crying because he didn't get enough rutabagas?

Southerner G.I's however go for black-eyed peas and turnip greens. Which are held in utter contempt - by other G.I's. You'd think soldiers from New England would rave about - those good old New England boiled dinners? But not at all. They are enthused about applepie for breakfast; and Boston baked beans, any time. That famous boiled dinner? - Nix!

Among the bevarages, which would you think is ^{the} ~~is~~ 

least popular? Answer - iced coffee. They like their java hot!

A favourite beverage, as revealed by the questionnaire, is - milk. At one Army post, for example the G.I.'s drink an average of a quart-and-a-half of milk a day.

The Army is careful to state, quote: "We didnt check on beer".

Henry there is no telling what the figures would have been if they'd put that on the list.

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HENRY: Lowell, my suggestion to the G.I.'s would be:

"Boys, stick to the milk!"