

IRAQ

Thurs, Mar. 12 - '59,

The Nasser propoganda campaign against the left wing regime in Iraq ^{was} on the increase, today. Nasser - delivering another violent harangue in Damascus. Denouncing the Kassem government in Baghdad - as pro-Communist. A huge crowd of Syrians - applauding ^{ed} Nasser = And shout ^{ed}: "Down with Kassem! Death to traitors."

On the Iraqi side, more denunciation of Nasser and his United Arab Republic ^{which Kassem charges} ~~charged~~ - with inciting the rebellion at Mosul. A Communist newspaper in Baghdad claiming - that the Mosul rebels massacred supporters of ~~the~~ the leftist regime.

all a massive war of words - between Arab nationalists and the pro-Communists.

ECUADOR

The President of Ecuador announces - he'll seek a fourth term. Although you might think that three terms would be sufficient -- for any president. However, the first two times, Jose Velasco Ibarra was overthrown - before his presidential term ended.

Elected President in Nineteen Thirty-Four, ~~but then~~ a revolution chased him out - and he had to leave the country. Ten years later, Nineteen Forty Four, ~~he was~~ elected President again; - ~~and~~ again, ~~was~~ tossed out and had to leave.

But now, as President once more, it seems likely enough ~~that~~ he'll stay in office until the election next year and ^{then} run for a fourth term.

RACKETS

The Senate Rackets committee discloses - that labor racketeers are part owners of a company that worked on sites for anti-aircraft missiles. The company - doing sixty percent of the ~~xxx~~ sheet metal work on installations for "Nike" missiles around Chicago.

Two of the stockholders in the firm - Dominick Senese and Victor Comforte. Senese - an official of the Chicago Teamsters Union. Comforte - involved in labor racketeering back in the "Thirties". Questioned by the committee, they both took the Fifth Amendment.

So, today, committee chairman Senator McClellan of Arkansas - called on the Department of Defense to investigate the sheet metal company. Declaring - that "no firm, whose officers hide behind the Fifth amendment", ~~xxxx~~ should be given contracts for work on national defense.

STRIKE

More violence - at Henderson, North Carolina.

Where - a long bitter textile strike is on. Two dynamite blasts, today. One - damaging a non-striker's home.

Another - a non-striker's automobile.

While at the ~~the~~ same time, federal mediators were arranging for conferences between the company and the union. Trying to settle - the violent North Carolina strike.

WEATHER

The weather man says - we may have narrowly missed a repetition of the "blizzard of ^{Eighty} Eighteen/Eight." March Twelfth - the seventy-first anniversary of that far-famed snowstorm in Eastern states, when twenty-one inches of snow - fell in three days. New York City - completely tied up.

Well, on this anniversary, the snow came pouring down all the way from Eastern Ohio to New England. New York state - getting fifteen inches in some places.

We are told that a repetition of the "blizzard of Eighteen Eighty Eight" was averted - because of a change of temperature. So says the weather man. A sudden rise, today, turned the snow into rain in the New York area, producing - a nightmare of slush in Manhattan, Brooklyn, The Bronx - but - no "blizzard of Eighteen Eighty Eight."

ITALY

Shadows of the past - at a court room in the old city of Florence, today. The name of the defendant - Mussolini. Vittorio Mussolini - son of the Fascist dictator, on trial - for desertion in time of war.

Vittorio Mussolini - a captain in the Italian air force, in the days when his father was the Duce. On leave of absence - when Dictator Mussolini was overthrown, the son ~~then failed~~ ^{and was} to rejoin his air squadron, ~~listed~~ ^{listed} - as a deserter.

After the war, he was tried, convicted - and sentenced to twenty-seven months in prison. Which he never served - having got ^{ten} away to Argentina. The prison sentence ~~was~~ later dismissed, under an amnesty. But now, Vittorio Mussolini, forty years old, has returned from Argentina to Italy, ~~To~~ clear himself - of the charge of desertion.

Before a military court in Florence, he ~~was~~ presented evidence - that he was in Germany during his leave of absence. The Nazis - not permitting him to return.

So, today, the court reversed the previous conviction. Vittorio Mussolini - cleared of the charge of desertion.

LONDON

London - won't be the same. When they carry out the new plans - for Piccadilly Circus. That favorite place - for popular celebrations in London.

It's a circle of old-fashioned buildings, shops and amusement places, with flashing neon signs, and in the middle - a statue of Eros, the Greek God of Love.

The London County Council announces - a complete reconstruction of Piccadilly Circus. To be made - a square, in the style of an Italian Piazza. With blocks of handsome buildings - for offices and shops.

The only traditional thing to be retained - that statue of Eros, the God of Love. So Don it's goodbye to Piccadilly Circus.

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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Hostility between Iraq and the United Arab Republic - seems more bitter than ever - following Nasser's latest denunciation of Kassem. The President of the U.A.R. Nasser, charging the Premier of Iraq with helping Communism infiltrate the Arab world.

Nasser spoke after the funeral of - an Iraqi officer killed in the revolt. The funeral cortege through Damascus - half a million strong. The marchers, chanting - "Kassem is a traitor!" Calling on Nasser to free Iraq - from Kassem - and from Communism.

A sea monster - at Miami - reported - by Bob Wall, a professional diver. Who tells - how he was walking along under water, when he happened to look into a subterranean cavern, and Bob, saw - a thing about five-and-a-half- feet long, and three feet high! Standing on spindly legs - covered with hair. The monster - staring at the diver with eyes about the size of silver dollars, eyes that protruded from its head - on stems. Those eyes on stems, with brown spots - glaring - at Bob.

"The thing started out of the cave toward me," relates diver Bob Wall. "It was so close, I could have touched it. That's when I decided I had been there long enough," he adds.

So what was it? The Miami Seaquarium is trying to find out. Seaquarium tycoon Fred Copock sending five divers - to look for the monster.