

IRAQ

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The civil war in Iraq - a battle of radios, so far as we're concerned. In Baghdad, virtually all ~~means~~ means of communication cut - except for what the government radio says. On the side of the rebels in northern Iraq, we only know what they're broadcasting. Hence, what we get - is largely a series of contradictions.

The revolt against the left wing regime of Premier Kassem - is headed by an anti-Communist army officer, Colonel Abdel Wahab Shawaf. ~~so~~ Early today, Kassem's Baghdad radio announced - rebellion crushed. Shawaf - killed by his own men. Which report - incited huge demonstrations in Baghdad, supporting the leftist regime.

This was followed by an insurgent broadcast.

Stating - the ~~rebel~~ rebellion had spread all over northern Iraq. Shawaf's voice on the radio - denying the report that he had been killed. And - bitterly denouncing Kassem as a traitor. ^{HP} Later Baghdad broadcast - that Shawaf had been ~~killed~~ arrested.

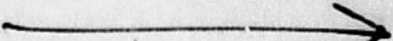
The Kassem air force ^{did} bombard ~~at~~ Mosul, rebel headquarters. That ancient city - which is a key point in the great oilfields of northern Iraq. The insurgents announcing - they were advancing on the ~~re~~ ground. Launching - a march on Baghdad.

One point of speculation - the character of the Mosul radio. The ~~re~~ rebels - broadcasting with a powerful transmitter, while it is known - that the regular Mosul station is a small one, with only weak facilities for broadcasting. |

Hence the supposition - that the alleged Mosul radio may really be a powerful station in Syria, Nasser's Arab Republic. The revolt being - anti-Communist and pro-Nasser. But, on the other hand, there ^{also is} a surmise [^] that the insurgents at Mosul are broadcasting with a powerful mobile transmitter, military equipment.

Another angle of radio - a broadcast from a city two hundred miles east of Mosul. ^{This is} support ~~of~~ ^{of} the insurgent

regime. Which would indicate - a spread of the revolt.

One thing is clear - it's all a military affair, a ~~xx~~ feud in the Iraq army. Shawaf, at Mosul, has a powerful force - largely armored. Capable - of striking quickly across the ground. In Baghdad, Kassem seems in full control - but there's doubt about the fidelity of his army units. Possible anti-Communist elements - among them. 

ADD IRAQ

International reverberations? Of course. **T**he
Moscow radio immediately charging **it** that the revolt in Iraq
was decided by the United States. The Americans - trying to
topple the left wing regime at one of the great oil centers
of this earth. Iraq - producing one-sixth of the world's
petroleum. **it** The all-important pipelines **are** **it** undisturbed thus far.

KHRUSHCHEV

More concessions - offered by Khrushchev, who, today, suggested that if Berlin be made a "free city" the troops of the western allies might remain. Taking the view, that American, British, French and Russian soldiers could be kept in Berlin, as they are now, To guarantee the independence of the "free city", as Khrushchev put it. Which is much in contrast to the previous Moscow stand - that the western military forces would have to leave.

Today, Khrushchev also stated that the East German Reds would guarantee western communications with Berlin, when the Communist regime ~~xx~~ takes over the Russian control of the entire eastern zone.

Khrushchev made these declarations, addressing a mass meeting in communist East ~~City~~ Berlin. Last week, he made a concession - when he said the deadline might be extended for a couple of months.



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In Washington, high diplomatic officials reply *that*

we are
~~they are~~ not interested in the Khrushchev concessions.

POLAND

In Poland, the end of the trial of a big-time henchman of Hitler. Erich Koch - sentenced to death in Warsaw. The Nazi gauleiter - who ruled Poland at the time of the Hitler occupation.

He was able to evade arrest until Nineteen Forty Nine - when the British picked him up in Hamburg, turning him over - to Poland, where, finally, he faced a Polish court - in a trial that lasted for nearly five months. More than fifty witnesses - testifying.

Koch - accused of the mass murder of ~~two-hundred~~ and ~~seventy-six~~ thousand people in Poland, including ~~two-hundred~~ thousand Jewish victims. His ~~defense~~ defense was - that he, as a Nazi governor, was not responsible for the atrocities in the concentration camps.

Today - found guilty. The capital sentence - pronounced.

ASTOR

Things are shaping up, apparently, - for a full scale court battle over one of America's historic fortunes. The Astor millions. Today, John Jacob Astor, third, asked for an investigation of the will left by his half-brother, Vincent Astor.

It all traces back to Colonel John Jacob Astor, who perished in the sinking of the Titanic, back in Nineteen ~~1912~~ Twelve. His son by his second wife, John Jacob Astor, Third - born several months after his father's death. Colonel Astor's will leaving the huge Astor fortune to Vincent Astor, his son by his first wife. No mention - of the child not yet born.

In the settlement, however, John Jacob Astor Third got something. Today - rated as a wealthy man.

As time went by - little love lost between the two half-brothers. Vincent Astor - serious, with earnest views about the use ~~as~~ to which the Astor fortune should be put.

John Jacob Astor, Third - involved in a series of matrimonial entanglements. Right now, there's a dispute about who really is his legal wife.

Vincent Astor left no children. His will, assigning two million dollars to his widow. Sundry bequests of more than eight hundred thousand dollars. The bulk of the great fortune - going to the philanthropic Vincent Astor Foundation. No mention - of John Jacob Astor Third, *whose*

~~his~~ contention is that his father, if he had known, would have willed a large part of his millions to his unborn son, ~~who~~ never got his proper share of the estate.

At Poughkeepsie, New York, today he launched an investigation of the Vincent Astor will, ~~To~~ consider the possibility - of undue influence, ~~Even~~ - fraud and forgery.

WITCHES

President Eisenhower and Prime Minister MacMillan - presented with a new topic for their agenda. The salem witch trials!

John Beresford Hatch, an expert on the Massachusetts witchcraft mania, back in Sixteen Ninety Two, suggests - that the President should do something to reverse the conviction of the alleged witches. Take the matter up - with the British Prime Minister, when he arrives in Washington.

Of course, the Massachusetts legislature has already passed a resolution - clearing the witches. But that's not enough. After all, Massachusetts was a British colony at the time.

John Beresford Hatch argues - that the British Governor, Sir William Phips, allowed the trials to proceed - illegally. In the end - stopping the prosecutions, when some frantic witness - accused his wife, Lady Phips, of being a witch. So the British government ~~should~~ should reverse the *convictions.*

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He proposes that in their conferences, President Eisenhower and Prime Minister MacMillan hold a session - on "Gallows Hill" in Salem. To negotiate - about the ^{goal} witches.

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PAVILION

From Washington, a description of an American pavilion - to be put up in Moscow, this coming summer. To house - an exhibition of American architecture, sculpture and photographic art. What will the pavilion look like? Well, here's ~~an~~ a description - and you figure it out.

"The fifteen thousand square foot structure" says the news dispatch, "will consist of seventy interlocked off-white plastic sections. Each section," the description goes on, "will resemble an inverted, hexagon-shaped umbrella, and will be supported by a twenty foot plastic column, anchored in concrete slabs."

Do you get the picture? I don't.