

EGYPT L.T.-P. & G. Thurs. Feb. 14 '52.

Egypt apologizes, today, the government at Cairo sent a diplomatic note to fifteen nations that had protested against the savage, destructive riots in the Egyptian capital on January twenty-sixth - nations with citizens murdered or injured, or whose property was destroyed.

Egypt apologizes, and offers to pay damage claims up to Fourteen Million Dollars. The destruction wrought by the mob is estimated to have come to one hundred million dollars' worth - buildings looted and burned, including renowned Shepherd's hotel.

~~The Egyptian communication charges that the riots were incited by "subversive" elements. Possibly meaning - communists. The "subversive elements" took advantage of the public excitement caused by the fighting in the Suez Canal Zone. Such is the explanation given by the Cairo government.~~

EGYPT-GERMAN OFFICERS

The British Foreign Office states it has word that Egyptian armed forces are being trained by German officers. The report is that German military missions are in Cairo - in connection with land, sea and air. A Senior German General - advising the Cairo war office. An "unofficial" naval mission giving Egyptians German guidance in constructing warships. Germans - helping the Egyptian Air Force to build aircraft factories.

All this ties in with reminiscence of the famous Afrika Korps, commanded by the legended Rommel. The German missions in Cairo are said to include top ranking officers who led that Afrika Korps in the War of the Desert. We hear of a General Von Farnbacher - described as one of ~~Marshal~~ ^{top} Rommel's Korps Commanders, ~~who played a leading part in the resistance to the D-Day invasion of Normandy.~~

British Intelligence has passed these reports along to the London Foreign Office - which has dispatched an inquiry to the government of Western

Germany. What do the West German authorities know about this? There is even a rumor of a German military unit, ~~of some strength, considerable numbers~~ in Egypt - but this is not confirmed.

Well, all this recalls pages of history following ~~the First~~ World War ^{one - when} ~~when the~~ officers ~~corps~~ of defeated Germany found employment in many a land. German military prestige - still ~~see~~ high. Officers of the Kaiser's General Staff ~~went~~ in Soviet Russia, building the Red Army. ^{also} ~~Germans were military advisers~~ in China - and South America. So now ~~they have~~ the old theme of history ^{is} repeating itself - with news that officers of the defeated army of Hitler are on the job in Egypt.

YEMEN

The Wendell Phillips archaeological expedition was picked up today by the ~~British~~ Royal Air Force, and flown to the British controlled port of Aden.

Last night we heard how they were in peril - at the ancient city of Mareb, believed to have been the capital of the Queen of Sheba. Rival potentates of the Yemen became hostile, and apparently the archaeologists were besieged by tribes of barbaric soldiers.

Today they told of their escape - in two light trucks, under gunfire, They were able to get through, speeding, across desert country to the outpost of Beihan, outside the border of the Yemen. ~~They~~ There they were picked up by planes of the R.A.F.

KOREA

Signs in Tokyo today of a possible shift in the Korean truce negotiations. There was a conference between Supreme Commander General Ridgway, officials of the State Department in Washington, and Chief negotiator Admiral Turner Joy - who flew ^{from} Korea for the talks. The word is that they discussed new proposals to be presented to the Reds.

The Communists asked for a full-dress meeting today at Pan mun Jon - ~~xx~~ to discuss a compromise of theirs in the matter of a peace conference after an armistice. But our negotiators asked for a delay until Saturday. - ~~xxxx~~ because we hear, of Admiral Joy's trip to Tokyo for the big-time discussions there.

We hear the U.N. team is now considering the latest Red proposals concerning exchange of prisoners.

TRUMAN

There was a White House news conference today - which brought another sign that President Truman can have an occasional rumpus with his pals, the reporters. The subject of disputation today was - ~~xxx~~ maps.

The government has issued elaborate maps on the atomic installations of this country, every one - from Oak Ridge to Los Alamos to Hanford. Twelve thousand maps - and they~~are~~ are on display at every airport in this country. Commercial pilots are forbidden to fly over the great atomic centers, and the purpose is to show them the restricted areas, so they can keep clear.

But the Minnespolis Morning Tribune pointed out that the maps would be equally useful for enemy bombers - (and would give them ~~xx~~ aerial charts, complete in all details, for pin-pointing our American atomic plants.)

So, at today's news conference, the dispute was placed before the President - and one reporter came forward with an awkward reminder. He recalled how, last October, the President denounced an atomic

map in the magazine Fortune - saying it was a violation of security, the publication of which might aid a potential enemy. But now those twelve thousand maps, issued by the government, are just as illuminating, with even greater detail, longitude, latitude, highways, landmarks and all.

To this the President replied - the newspaper was wrong to publish the fact that the maps ~~are~~ were available.

The reporter answered by saying - that anybody could see the maps, posted at airports, or could get them by writing to the Civil Aeronautics authority.

The President retorted that, nevertheless, such statements as the reporter was making - would only attract the attention of possible spies.

Well, we can only hope that no spy heads ⁷² about it all, and writes to the government for ^{those free} copies of those atomic maps.

TAX

A noisy fight is shaping up between a congressional committee and Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder. Today, the committee charged the Secretary and his aides with trying to "stifle" a congressional investigation of scandals of income tax. This - through the medium of a grand jury inquiry.

The Treasury officials began grand jury proceedings in Brooklyn against former New York tax officials. Such jury proceedings are secret, and the committee claims they were begun - to prevent the publication of evidence.

The blast is in angry terms, Naming Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder, and a list of his assistants, The committee states: "These conspirators, meeting in private, attempted to devise means of hiding evidence and sealing the lips of witnesses - through the secrecy of grand jury proceedings."

At the same time, President Truman stated today ^{that} ~~that~~ ^{he} ~~is~~ he wants Congress to give subpoena powers to Newbold Morris - the New York Republican named

by Attorney General McGrath to run that Presidential "house cleaning". The purpose is to run down corruption in government, especially in the income tax bureau, the President stating - that house-cleaner Newbold Morris will have to question people outside the government to get evidence. So he will need the power to subpoena these and make them testify under oath.

dollars of the tax-payers' money.

MILITARY PURCHASES

The Army, the Navy and the Air Force have agreed to make purchases through a single agency; they ~~will~~ coordinate their buying of uniforms, shoes, textiles - which they use in enormous quantities.

This follows angry criticism about a state of confusion, in which the various branches of the ~~army~~ service have been making purchases on their own, sometimes bidding against each other. It is estimated that a standardized system will save millions of dollars of the tax-payers' money.

A Presidential fact-finding board recommends that the railroads of the nation grant - a union shop. This is demanded by the unions - the companies objecting that a union shop might be illegal, under the railway labor act. But the fact-finding board says it is not illegal at all - and recommends a system whereby all railway employees will be required to join a labor organization.

Right now, out of a total of about a million, about a hundred thousand workers not in any union. Under the recommendation, they would have to join up.

The only other first to win that coveted gold medal in the running - Katy Rendolph from Colo. who came in 5th. The course was icy, narrow, and not much more. Norwegian soldiers had been shoveling snow, hunting for it in every nearby gully. Oslo, normally capital of the land of snow has been having the toughest luck that often goes with being the host for the Winter Olympic. The weather had had to have

ANDY MEAD

We have a flashing dramatic headline from Norway and it pictures a good looking girl from Vermont -- much better looking than that recent cover on TIME -- tall, neither slender nor stout -- just right for an athlete. ~~It~~ It pictures her coming so fast that as the dispatch puts it, she was almost like a blur. And that headline tells how the United States scored the first victory in this year's winter Olympics over at Norefjell, Norway. The girl, nineteen year old Mrs. Andrew ^a Mead Lawrence, of Pico Peak, Rutland, Vermont. For ~~she~~ Andy won the Womens Giant Slalom. This year's first Olympic champion, first to win that coveted gold medal! *The only other Amer. girl in the running - Katy Rudolph from Colo. who came in 5th. TP* The course was icy, narrow, and not much base. Norwegian soldiers had been shoveling snow, hunting for it in every nearby gulley. Oslo, normally capital of the land of snow has been having the tough luck that often goes with being the ^{host} ~~guest~~ for the Winter ~~the~~ Olympics. The weather man has to have his joke.

There were forty-five contestants from fifteen countries in that Womens race today. ~~All of them~~ ^{everyone.} Ski champions. But tall, lithe Andy beat them all, flashing through the zig-zag of a rather dangerous course -- dangerous because of conditions -- running ~~that tough six lap~~ ^{it} in two-minutes-six-and-eight-tenths seconds.

As she flashed across the finish line she collapsed in the arms of her husband, Dave Lawrence, who is also an Olympic skier. What did Andy have to say today about her victory? Nothing at first, she was too out of breath, collapsing from her supreme effort of speed, and then the thrill of elation of an Olympic victory. Then she exclaimed "Gee, it was great! I went faster than I thought!" Fast enough to take the first gold medal in the Winter Olympics. ^R This will bring a thrill to a great many people, for Andy is ~~exceedingly~~ popular throughout the ski world. But, it will bring an extra special

thrill to two people, one, her mother, Janet Mead, who presides over the Vermont ski development at Pico, and who for years has thought more about her daughter Andrea than anything else, ever since Andy's father died when she was a little girl. The other, who will get a similar thrill out of it is Carl Acker, the ski pro at Pico with whom Andy raced up and down her Vermont mountain, year after year, from the day she was old enough to ski. So superbly was she brought along by Carl Acker and her mother - with hints from various Olympic coaches of course - that at fifteen, she already was an ~~am~~ Olympian, competing in the Olympic games of Nineteen Forty-eight.

I've known her and occasionally vainly tried to follow her down some mountain, ever since she was knee high to a snow-shoe rabbit. I was afraid that when her picture appeared on the cover of TIME three weeks

ago that might be a jinx. So often when an athlete or a team gets advance publicity like that he or the team comes a-cropper in the next important test. But maybe Andy didn't hear about all the publicity she got. As TIME told in its three page spread about her, she wears no lipstick, has never been to a manicurist or hairdresser, is exceedingly modest, two years ago gave up skiing for a time because she said - she had been training and racing for such a long time that she was, as she put it "losing the fun of it." Now she says she can't ski at her best unless she's having fun.

To beat Dagmar Rom, Trude Beiser, two recent Austrian world's champions, Italy's Celina "The Tigress" Seghi, and the rest of that crowd, is indeed quite a triumph for the girl from Vermont.

By the way, in the skiing winter Olympics

this is the second gold medal ever to come to America.

In the last Olympics another girl, Gretchen Fraser

brought home a gold medal. At ~~xxxx~~ last our American

skiers are catching up with the rest of the world,

that is, the girls are. Maybe the men will some day.

So here's to the nineteen year old girl from Vermont,

Nelson, Long may she ski.

ORANGES

The news proclaims a new champion - but this might only lead to an argument as tense as the contest that crowned the champion. It was held in Florida, and California remains to be heard from. The more so, as it was a contest of - oranges.

At Orlando, Florida, they are hailing Dallas Barbaree as the fastest ~~xxx~~ orange picker in the world. He picked better than three oranges a second - twenty-one boxes in an hour.

In a grove of ~~Green~~ trees and golden fruit, twenty-eight competitors, up on ladders, snatched oranges as fast as they could. They were swift, and they were skillful; but, California was not represented. All the ~~xxx~~ pickers were from Florida.

So how come - champion of the world? I suppose we'll be hearing from the folks all the way from ~~xxx~~

San Luis Obispo to San Bernardino, ^{all enthusiastically} ~~quite willing to~~
 hail ^{ing} Dallas Barbaree as the champion orange picker!
of Florida.

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PLAQUE

In Hollywood, a movie actor is putting up an historical plaque in his front yard. The sort of monument ^{that is; thus} ~~stating this~~ and so happened here, at such and such a time. Highly appropriate at a place where Washington crossed the Delaware, ^{or maybe even} ~~or~~ where Jessie James held up a Union Pacific train.

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Whereupon he did a lot of historical research, to find out - what happened at that particular spot in Hollywood on July seventh, seventeen-hundred and seventy-seven. Don't know why he picked that special date, except maybe because of the mystical number -

seventh day of the seventh month, in a year with a lot of sevens.

Nelson

So today/he announced the inscription on the

It reads

plaque: / "To commemorate the historical fact that, on July seventh, seventeen ~~hundred~~~~and~~~~seventy~~~~seven~~ seventy-seven, on this spot -- nothing absolutely nothing, happened."