

In Cairo today, Great Britain and Egypt concluded an agreement, to decide the future of the Sudan. British Ambassador Sir Ralph Stevenson signed for the London government. Strong Man General Mohammed Naguib - for Egypt.

The pact provides immediate freedom for that immense territory to the south of Egypt. The Sudanese to start governing themselves at once - parliamentary elections to be held next month or early in April. An international group to supervise the voting - and see that it's fair.

There's to be a period of probation for three years - during which the government of the Sudan will have the guidance of an international commission. All major legislative moves to be referred to both Britain and Egypt, for approval.

After three years, the Sudanese will then decide their own permanent status. Whether their country will be a kingdom, a republic, a member of the British Commonwealth, or a dominion of Egypt.

This brings to a happy conclusion - one of the two

principal grounds for dispute between Britain and Egypt. The other still remains - the Suez Canal. ^{It} The agreement on ^{the} Sudan, today, was accompanied by a proposal from Strong Man Naguib - who suggested immediate negotiations on the subject of ^{the} Suez.]

~~May as the British to cooperate in the Suez Canal~~ The word is that London will agree - talks to begin soon, to settle that other point of dispute, the ~~Suez~~ Canal *that connects the Mediterranean and the Red Sea.*

ISRAEL

The Premier of Israel, David Ben Gurion, held an emergency Cabinet meeting today - to consider the Soviet break of diplomatic relations. It isn't clear what this drastic act by Moscow will mean in the long run. But it's expected that the Red satellites will follow suit - and break off relations with the Jewish state.

In ~~Jerusalem~~ ^{Jerusalem} This was moving day at the Soviet Legation - with Communist envoys to Israel packing their bags. Clouds of white smoke were seen to puff from legation chimneys, indicating that Red diplomats were burning documents - a customary sign of departure.

Much the same in Moscow - where it was moving day at the Legation of Israel. (A dispatch from the Soviet capital doesn't make it clear just when the Jewish diplomats will start for the airport. The Soviet note asked them to leave "without delay"; but, it's believed they'll be given time to make arrangements.)

All of which amounts to the turning back of ~~the page~~ ^{a page}

of history. Several years ago, when the first mission from Israel arrived at Moscow, there were scenes of intense emotion.

Israeli diplomats, attending the synagogue ^{in Moscow,} were hailed with frantic joy. Demonstrations were staged - throngs of Jews

asking for permission to immigrate to the Holy Land. The old

^{1 - Oh Jerusalem!}
Hebrew cry - "Jerusalem tomorrow."

^{IF all of which}
~~That,~~ it seems, convinced the Kremlin that the Jewish community in Russia was - "unreliable." Not dedicated to Communism, that is. So an anti-Semitic policy developed - culminating in the recent anti-Jewish campaign behind the Iron Curtain.

In Israel, resentment flared - leading to the bombing of the Soviet Legation a couple of days ago. Israel apologized, and made arrests. But Moscow broke relations.

The immediate fear is for Jews behind the Iron ~~Curtain~~
Curtain -- believed to number two and a half million, Today, throughout Israel, the Shofar sounded, the harsh note of the ram's horn. Which, down through the centuries, has called the

people in times of emergency. Today, the Shofar summoned the orthodox of Israel to the synagogues - to pray for those "in dire distress" in the lands of Communism. →

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Follow ISRAEL

The Government of Israel tonight states that the purpose of the Russian break is to isolate and intimidate the Jewish Community inside Russia. The Reds - trying to make the Jews toe-the-line of Communism.

MOSCOW

Moscow reports an astonishing crime - monstrous, in fact. It sounds like one of the biggest thefts on record.

Pravda the Moscow
According to ~~the~~ newspaper, ~~Moscow Pravda~~, a general of the ~~local committee of the Communist Party reports that~~ crooks made off with "two enormous fire engines." These they drove through the streets of Moscow, and then sold - those "enormous fire engines."

~~The Moscow~~ Pravda says that such a theft was possible only because of, what it calls - "criminal lack of vigilance" on the part of the Moscow Fire Department.

Well, thieves can perform strange prodigies anywhere, but a weird one like that sounds all the funnier - happening in the Communist utopia. ~~It's~~ ^{That's} a heck of a way to run a Fire Department. — anywhere,

CHIANG KAI-SHEK

On Formosa, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek states that his army is not equipped for an invasion of the Red mainland. Hit-and-run raids, perhaps. But, for any landing on a large scale, he'll need more armament and munitions. And especially - naval and air support. Which, of course, could only be provided by the United States. If this country ^{is} decided to carry a Nationalist invasion force to the mainland.

This interview with Chiang Kai-shek was procured by wireless, questions asked by Frank Bartholomew of the United Press. ~~It~~ ^{it} confirms what was supposed all along, that President Eisenhower's new Formosa policy is not likely to lead to large events of war. Not immediately, anyway.

SHIP

Out in the Far Pacific, a series of explosions and a raging fire - aboard an American steamship. All the makings of a tragedy at sea - but, this time, the luck is good.

The U.S. freighter President Pierce, of the American President Lines, was bound from California to Yokohama, with a mixed cargo - some of it military supplies. Fifty-four crewmen and nine passengers aboard. ^Y Less than a hundred miles off the Japanese coast, violent explosions blasted in the hold of the vessel - and flames raged through three compartments. Distress calls were sent, and rescue ships went steaming to the scene.

(But the crew of the President Pierce was doing some vigorous fire fighting.) The sea was calm, and that helped - as they got the ^{blaze} ~~fire~~ under control.

When the rescue ships arrived, they found the freighter listing, from the tons of water the fire-fighters had poured into the hold. The compass and signal equipment ~~of~~ ~~the vessel~~ had been wrecked by the blast. But, at last reports, the President Pierce was navigating under her own power - proceeding to port, reaching Yokohama.

ADD SHIP

Here's the latest. Fire broke out again, as the ship lay at anchor in the harbor of Yokohama.

DULLES

Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, called on Europe, tonight, to set up the proposed international army - in a hurry. And warned - that American aid will depend on the way Europe makes "real progress" in building West European defenses. / ^{The} Secretary of State made these declarations in ~~his~~^a Radio-Television report to ~~the American public tonight.~~

EISENHOWER

Today President Eisenhower climbed up the long series of steps - of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington. Usually, in paying tribute on Lincoln's Birthday, the Presidents have stood below, while a military aide placed a wreath of flowers. But the General ~~was~~ did it himself - accompanied by an aide, who carried a large wreath of red and white gladiolas. This the President placed at the foot of the statue of the Great Emancipator.

CONTROLS

The government, tonight, took off price controls from poultry, eggs, gasoline, crude oil, and a variety of other products, but - postponed the decontrol of milk. This is being delayed, because of various factors in the price situation.

GUN-RUNNING

In Dallas, Texas, today, a federal grand jury indicted twelve men - on charges of gun-running. Most of the defendants are Texas merchants, accused of shipping a quarter of a million dollars' worth of contraband armament - in violation of the U.S. Neutrality Law. The indictment names a gun and camera store in Dallas, and states that weapons and ammunition were sent down to the Mexican border - and then smuggled across.

United States Attorney Willian Cantrell declares that some of the armament may have reached enemies of this country. He was asked - did he mean the Communist nations? And replied: "Not all the enemies of this country are behind the Iron ~~Curtain~~ Curtain." Which leaves the matter decidedly vague.

(The Dallas merchants claim - they merely sold the goods, to Mexicans in Texas - and didn't know the guns were ~~being~~ going down to Mexico.)

EXPLOSION

Late news tonight indicates that ^{thirteen} ~~some~~ lives were lost, ~~thirteen~~ at least, in an explosion at the Hercules Power Company, Pinole, California. The blast was preceded by a fire, which broke out in one of the buildings of the great plant. The blaze touched off a quantity of explosives - enough to rock the countryside in the San Francisco Bay area. A huge ^{column} ~~tower~~ of smoke towered high in the sky - spectacular evidence of the violence of the blast.

NARCOTICS

In Washington, the Federal Narcotics Commissioner reports a "vast" ~~an~~ improvement, in the problem of drug addiction ~~addiction~~ and the peddling of dope. He says ~~that~~ stiffer laws, with heavier penalties, enacted last year, have cut down the drug traffic. The situation, for example, is much better in the East - where ^{he says} the supply of that vicious dope, heroin, has diminished.

But there are bad spots - with Commissioner Anslinger stating that large quantities of narcotics are being shipped ~~into~~ into California from Communist China. The government having "positive evidence" of this. ^{SP} At the same time, there' an increase of - smoking-opium. ^{in the U.S.A.} This, smuggled in from Mexico. Commissioner Anslinger declares that there were ^{seizures of} more ~~seizures of~~ smoking-opium in California last year than there were in the entire country in the last three years. ~~It~~ Sounds like hitting the pipe. Which ^{was} ~~is~~ one of the first forms of the devilish evil of drugs.

OIL WELL

At St. Cloud, Minnesota, they have an astonishing oil well. Supposed to be a water well -- but it gives high octane gasoline. A local industrial concern dug the well, expecting to get water. But here's how the Company Vice-President W.J. Brull tells it: "At first we got about one hundred and eighteen gallons of lower grade gasoline from the well," says he. "Then, in the past few days, we got about two hundred and fifty gallons of higher octane gas!"

The suspicion is, of course, that the motor fuel is seeping in from some gasoline storage place. "But," says the Company Vice-President, "we checked the whole area for gasoline leaks, and none has been located." No filling stations have reported losses.

(In the well, the gasoline rises to a certain level - and they pump it out. But, about an hour later, the well is filled up again.

It seems almost as if old Mother Nature had an oil refinery - underground.)

Talk about the absent-minded professor. Here's about the absent-minded student. At Drake College, in Iowa, a co-ed came hurrying into class - a minute or two late. She was a pretty brunette - and she ~~threw~~ sure came bustling along. When she got to her place, she threw off her fur coat, and draped it over the back of the bench.

A chuckle ran through the class. The other students were staring - and so was the professor. The co-ed took a look, and immediately put her fur coat on again. She had forgotten her skirt. In her hurry, dressing to get to class, the brunette had forgotten that important article of apparel.

Nelson, I hope our Ivory Girl is not that absent-

14 ~~Nixony~~ minded.

NEW YORK

At Albany today, the Ways and Means Committee of the State Assembly voted approval of Governor Dewey's budget - without change. Which means - they ignored the plea made by Mayor Impellitteri of New York City, who headed a delegation - asking an additional sixty-three million dollars to help the metropolis out of its financial ^{hole.} ~~trouble.~~

The Assembly Committee passed that by, but indications are that something may be done later. Word at Albany is that recommendations, approved by Governor Dewey, will be submitted to the Assembly - recommendations to give New York City a lift, financially.

EVEREST - DYHRENFURTH

Last week I told about the young American mountaineer who accompanied the Swiss expedition that failed to conquer Mt. Everest. Norm Dyrenfurth now says he doesn't believe it will ever be climbed, unless someone invents entirely new oxygen apparatus. He says the Swiss did invent a new one, exceedingly light -- only ten pounds. But, at high altitudes it didn't work. Then they went back for a second try, using Standard German oxygen equipment which weighs nearly thirty-five pounds. And that, he adds, is too much when you get above twenty-four or twenty-five thousand feet. And he tells me they have experimented in vain with all the lighter metals.

The French plan to make the next attempt - late this Spring. If they fail then they intend to stay at a lower base camp until after the monsoon, and try again in July or August. If they fail, then the Swiss will have another go at it.

Why are American climbers not included in these assaults on Everest? Because our climbers concede that the

British and Swiss have prior rights. But Americans right now are getting ready to tackle other equally tough monarchs of the Himalayas -- mountains only a few feet lower.