

TREATY

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Today two more nations of the Middle East signed a mutual defense treaty. Egypt and Saudi Arabia, agreeing to support one another - in the event of an attack by Israel. The signing took place in Cairo - Premier Nasser for Egypt, and Crown Prince Feisal for Saudi Arabia.

Last week Egypt allied itself with Syria & now with the desert kingdom, *- oil rich Saudi Arabia.* ~~so~~ These three nations ~~will~~ work toward a joint command over their troops, along the Israeli frontier.

SAUDI ARABIA FOLLOW TREATY

~~And~~ Saudi Arabia ^{also} is in the news ^{again -} for another reason - that battle yesterday at the Buraimi oasis. For twenty years, there has been much quarreling over that oasis - which is on the border, near the ^{Persian Gulf} sheikdoms supported by Britain. But for some time, Saudi Arabian soldiers have been infiltrating. Finally, troops from the neighboring nations, led by British officers, moved in. There was a brief skirmish - and then the Saudi Arabians retreated. Tonight all is quiet in the Buraimi oasis. The British-led force, in control.

BIG FOUR

The meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers in Geneva, got under way today - with Pinay^{of France} as Chairman. As expected, the West promptly offered the Soviet Union a guarantee against German aggression - in exchange for German reunification.

Secretary of State Dulles acted^{ing} as spokesman for his colleagues, ~~he~~ told Molotov that the West understands the Russian fear of German militarism. But^{that} that is no excuse for keeping Germany divided - because the West will undertake to guarantee Russia^{against} any future German invasion.

The word from Geneva is that Pinay, MacMillan and Dulles are not very hopeful. They'll be surprised if Molotov accepts the proposal. In other words, most observers believe that, what is called, the "Geneva spirit" - is not much in evidence in Geneva this time. The atmosphere, not quite as cordial as when the four heads of state met in that Swiss city last summer.

PRIEST

It was announced in Washington today that the Soviet Union is still stalling on the question of admitting an American Catholic priest - to serve the American Colony in Moscow. The Reverend Louis Dion of Worcester, Massachusetts, asked for permission to go to the Russian capital last March. ~~He was~~ To replace the priest who had been expelled by the Kremlin.

Our State Department ^{has been keeping} ~~kept~~ an eye on the situation - ~~just~~ to see how sincere the Russians are about wanting to improve relations between East and West. The case of Father Dion, ^{of course} a side issue compared with German reunification and ~~general~~ disarmament - but important as indicating which way the wind is blowing. Right now, it seems to be blowing cold. The Kremlin, still withholding permission for the American priest to go to Moscow.

VIET NAM

Washington

~~We have~~ recognized the new republic of Viet Nam.

Our government, giving its approval to the regime of Premier Diem - who proclaimed the republic only yesterday, after a referendum had overthrown former Emperor Bao Dai.

The republic of Viet Nam has also been recognized by Britain and Italy. One nation has conspicuously withheld its official recognition - France. Paris has always backed Bao Dai - and so far Premier Faure is *taking some time* ~~going slow~~ in dealing with the new republic that ousted ~~him~~ the Emperor who was.

MATSU

More shooting in the Formosa Strait. Yesterday, Red artillery on the mainland hammered Matsu Island for five hours. Today, the Nationalists took up the challenge - hurling shells at Communist vessels in the strait. The main target, a fleet of armed junks. The Taipei communique says that one of the junks was destroyed - the crew seen jumping overboard, into the ^{sea.} water.

SHAH

The Shah of Persia observed his thirty-sixth birthday today. Mohamed Rexa Pahlevi celebrating in the usual way issuing an amnesty for minor criminals.

Not included in the amnesty - former Premier Mossadegh. The weepy Persian politician who got so hopelessly involved in the Iranian Oil tangle. Mossagegh still has ten months to serve, of a three year sentence. Says the Shah of Shas, he must stay ~~in~~ right where he is.

Prison officials report that the one time lacromose Mossadegh seems cheerful - not at all concerned because he was passed over in the amnesty. Also that his condition is good - and that he weeps no more. Apparently because tears now won't do him any good ; the tears that used to excite the mob in Teheran. In his cell he's the dry-eyed Mossadegh.

ARGENTINA

In Buenos Aires, the first real threat from former Peronistas. The great Confederation of Labor, upon which Peron once based his power, is threatening a general strike within forty-eight hours. ^{TO} ~~The~~ strike, ~~to go ahead~~ unless General Lonardi acts to get rid of the anti-Peron Union leaders who took over after the revolution. ^{And, the labor} ~~The~~ Confederation wants back practically all of its privileges. It had a gay time while Peron was in power - and isn't resigned to ^{taking} ~~take~~ a back seat now. So the threat to President Lonardi is ^{- support} ~~that~~ the Confederation of Labor, or face a general strike.

EISENHOWER

Today President Eisenhower began work on his annual State of the Union message. That Denver announcement shows how well the President is convalescing. He ~~has reached~~^{TO} the point, where he can ~~take up~~^{tackle} serious business.

~~And~~ One job facing him, ~~is~~ that State of the Union message - ~~which is~~ due to ~~go to~~ Congress in January. *altho'*

Pres.
~~He~~ Eisenhower hasn't begun the actual writing, ~~but~~ today he conferred with his assistants ~~and~~^{and} ~~talked~~^{ed} over ~~the~~ topics that will have to be covered in the message.

RESOURCES

The Eisenhower administration has not been giving away national resources, ~~so~~ says ^{Interior} ~~the~~ Secretary ~~of the Interior~~, Douglas McKay. The Secretary, replying to a charge in the "Democratic Digest" - ~~which is~~ published by the National Committee of the Democratic Party.

That ^{party} magazine accuses Secretary McKay of being, what it calls, "the administration's give-away king". The article charging that the Secretary has turned too much public land over to private interests.

The Secretary defends himself by saying the "Democratic Digest" is playing "pure politics". He admits that the Interior Department has disposed of some wildlife sanctuaries. But these total only six thousand acres - and ~~they~~ were sold because the upkeep was too high. Otherwise, says Secretary McKay, the Eisenhower administration has added eight wildlife sanctuaries - and acquired eighty thousand acres of land for preservation. The allegation that public land is slipping away into private hands - just politics.

MILK

~~Our~~ Secretary of Agriculture ~~has a plan for ending the~~
~~milk crisis.~~ Secretary Benson ^{says} ~~declaring~~ that everything would
^{obay} be ~~all right~~ in the milk industry - if everyone drank the ~~milk~~
^{they should.} ~~amount needed for a balanced diet.~~ The Secretary ~~points out~~

~~T~~hat there is really no milk surplus in this country - ~~its~~ just
that we don't consume enough of it.

In-_ncidental_y, Secretary Benson flatly denies that the
Eisenhower administration is split over his farm policy. A
farm magazine published a report that Attorney General Brownell,
Postmaster General Summerfield, and Disarmament Chief Stassen -
wanted to abandon the position of the Secretary of Agriculture
on price supports. But today ^{Sec.} Benson called a special news
conference - and told reporters that ~~the~~ Cabinet is behind him =
one hundred per cent.

FIGHTERS

The Chairman of the Government Operations
Sub-Committee ^{states today that} ~~says that~~ there was no fraud when the Navy bought
engines for fighter planes - and then found ~~that~~ they were not
^{powerful} ~~strong~~ enough ~~to make the planes fly.~~ We've already heard how
more than a hundred jet engines were ^{turned out.} ~~produced by Westinghouse.~~
~~But~~ Five of the planes crashed - and then the whole lot were
grounded. ~~The~~ Engines ^{not up to it.} ~~were just too weak for the job.~~

The Navy says ~~that~~ the ~~Westinghouse~~ engines were okay -
~~and~~ they were intended for a lighter ~~version of the~~ fighter
planes. Finally, they were put into heavier planes - and that
was too much for them. Hence the crashes, and the grounding.

~~New~~ Congressman Holifield of ^{California, calls} ~~Connecticut~~ declares
~~that~~ it was an honest mistake. The California Democrat saying
that undoubtedly there was waste in the Navy project - but
there is no evidence of improper action, ~~in buying these Westing~~
~~Westinghouse engines. It's just~~ That the Navy was compelled to
move fast during the Korean War - needed something to meet the

Communist Mig, and in the mix-up got engines designed for a
different type of plane than ^{the one finally} ~~was actually~~ used.

PRINCESS

Today Princess Margaret again went to Lambeth Palace - the residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Who so opposes the remarriage of divorced persons.

Altho' there's no ~~xxx~~ word of what the Princess said to the Archbishop and vice versa. Around London the feeling is that the Princess told his Eminence of Canterbury that she intended to marry Peter Townsend. Perhaps she wanted to get some consolation from the Archbishop - who is a close personal friend, even though he cannot publicly approve the marriage.

Meanwhile, the British papers are becoming more critical of the royal romance. That Margaret is hurting her own reputation and the dignity of the Royal Family. The Manchester Guardian in an editorial, states that this romance has "shaken the throne". The Guardian is not opposed to the idea of the marriage - but says that the present situation is having a bad effect on the country.

NOBEL PRIZE

A dispatch from Stockholm states that the Nobel Prize for Literature this year - goes to Halldor Laxness of Iceland. The interesting thing about the award is - that Laxness ^{also} has won a Stalin Prize. ~~And~~ ^{He} becomes the first ~~man~~ to win both the Nobel and ^{the} Stalin ~~Prizes~~.

^{Icelandic} This novelist has ^{an unusual} ~~a peculiar~~ history. ~~He was~~ ^{Born} in Iceland. In Nineteen Twenty-Two, he entered a Belgian monastery but left in less than a year, and took up a writing career. In Nineteen Twenty-Seven he ^{came to} ~~was admitted into~~ the United States, ^{and} ~~he~~ ^{tried to make a success in} ~~tried to make a success in~~ Hollywood. ^{Failing there he} ~~but failed. Then he~~ started writing anti-American articles. ~~He attacked~~ ^{Bitterly} ~~almost everything in American life~~ ^{until} ~~Finally~~ there were demands that Laxness be deported. ~~But he left~~ ^{before that happened.} ~~before that happened.~~

In recent years he has been a staunch supporter of the Party line - supporting the Communist peace offensive, denouncing Nato, ^{turning out articles} and still criticizing America. ~~in one article~~ ^{It was these that} ~~after another. He was so good at all this, that it~~ brought him the top glory ⁱⁿ ~~of~~ the Soviet world - ^{the} Stalin Prize.

The Swedish Academy says that it has considered Laxness for a Nobel Prize eight times before, ^{and} ~~but~~ always passed him up because of his notorious Communist connections. A spokesman for the Academy adds that there was a long debate over the ~~the~~ ^e novelist ^{from Reykjavik} before it was finally decided to give him the prize. The citation states that Laxness "has renewed the great narrative art of Iceland." ^{- the saga. And} The Academy thinks ~~that~~ ^{make} ~~him~~ ^{him} worthy of ~~merits~~ ^{award. That} the Nobel ~~prize~~ ^{prize} because a man can be a fine novelist, even though he's simple minded enough to swallow Soviet propaganda. ~~whenever Moscow wants him to.~~

POLICEMEN

In Los Angeles, five policemen are accused of being members of a burglary ring. The charge is that they broke into two stores ^{— and} did it when they were on duty. Police Chief William Parker says that others may be implicated - in the worst scandal to rock the Los Angeles Police Department since Nineteen Forty-Nine, when several top officers were indicted for misdemeanors.

LOCAL CANINE MAKES GOOD

"PIF" takes off from LaGuardia tonight on her way to Salt Lake City, attended and escorted by officials of United Airlines. Then on arrival Pif will be met by a committee of prominent citizens of Salt Lake.

Each year for many years now, I have been broadcasting from Utah, as well as spending some time skiing in the Wasatch Mountains. While in Salt Lake I usually spend some time with a group of well known mountaineers including the brothers Alf and Sverre Engen, Felix Koziol of the Wasatch Forestry Service and Monty Atwater, America's number one avalanche expert. The latter in discussing avalanche problems said, that for some time they had wanted to train dogs to help in their high mountain rescue work.

Back on Quaker Hill a litter of puppies had been born only a short time before, sired by "Time" and "Space" two German shepherds belonging to my CBS engineer, Gene Nicks. Gene at once volunteered to send these avalanche experts one of his dogs - pick one out for them when the pups were a bit older. Whereupon all this was arranged. In fact Messrs Atwater and Koziol even selected a name. What they call 'precipitation intensity factor' is the key to much of the avalanche problem. So they chose that mouthful for the dog's name. Officially they'd name their German shepherd Precipitation Intensity Factor. Actually they'd condense that into Pif.

Gene chose a female, black and silver - and began teaching her simple tricks and a few commands. Her basic training completed, and with cold and snow having descended on the Wasatch Mountains, "Pif" tonight flies to

Salt Lake to begin her avalanche training. Right now she's here with me as I tell about her. On her way to be trained for avalanche work the first ever to have this experience. Henceforth ~~she~~ she will live at an altitude of ten thousand feet or more.

And that's the story of "Pif" who from this studio will leave for La Guardia to fly two-thousand miles to become the first ever trained for avalanche work. I wonder what adventures are ahead for Precipitation Intensity Factor. I hope I can give you a report on this along in the winter.