

JORDAN

L.T. - Delco Thuro. Apr. 4 - '57.

Today, the Premier of Jordan said - his government will accept aid from Soviet Russia. To which he added - that Jordan rejects offers of American aid.

Premier Nabulsi, known as a Left-Winger, made a radio broadcast in the capital city of Amman. Stating the terms under which American economic aid was offered. At least, he said - these were ^{our} ~~the~~ terms:- That Jordan - must break its ties with Egypt. And - must agree to the resettlement of Palestinian refugees in Jordan. Those hosts of refugees - expelled from Israel.

We can't guess the truth of this. But it would seem unlikely that Washington would make any such condition - as breaking ties with Egypt. Nor have we heard of U.S. aid being tied in with the refugee question. But that's what Nabulsi said - in explaining why he rejects American aid, And ~~is~~ is turning to Soviet Russia. "This country," he declared on the radio, "will develop its relations with the Soviet Union, further."

All of which, actually, would indicate - the development of a political crisis in Jordan. The Premier - pro-Soviet. King Hussein - pro-Western. The young monarch - increasingly concerned over the Premier's Leftist policy.

Earlier this week, we heard of a quarrel because King Hussein sent his emissary to confer with Premier Nasser in Cairo - without consulting Premier Nabulsi and his Cabinet. Today's broadcast by the Premier - a new drastic sign of the crisis in Jordan.

Reports reaching Lebanon suggest - that the East-West policy dispute in Jordan will probably come to a climax by Saturday. Nobody knowing - what will happen in the feeble, faction-torn country.

BRITAIN

Britain - to de-emphasize Army, Navy and Air Force.

Abolish the military draft, scrap its battleships - and
discontinue the development of jet warplanes.

So stated in a "White Paper" in London, outlining
a five-year plan - adapting national defense to the needs of
an atomic-push button age. Also - cutting down military
expenses. In this five year project, all emphasis will be on
guided missiles, atomic artillery - and hydrogen bombs. These -
to replace Army, Navy and Air Force.

The document says: "The new defense plan set out
in this paper, involves the biggest change in (British)
military policy ever made in normal times."

CANADIAN AMBASSADOR

Canadian comment is bitter - over the suicide of the Canadian Ambassador to Cairo, Egerton Norman. Who, a couple of weeks ago, was accused in a report issued by the Senate Internal Security Committee in Washington. The charge - Communism.

At the time, the Canadian Government responded angrily. Proclaiming - full confidence in its Ambassador to Egypt. Saying - the allegations of Communism against Egerton Norman were old stuff. Which had been investigated long ago - and thoroughly disproved. ~~Canada - resenting the revival of these old accusations. Which the Senate Committee presented with a citation of evidence.~~

In Cairo, the Ambassador is described - as having been much depressed by the resurrection of old accusations. Afraid - the unfavorable publicity would embarrass his own government. He brooded - seemed mentally disturbed. Which led to what happened in Cairo, today.

The Canadian Ambassador - going from his home to the tall "Nile View" building. On the second floor - a suite

occupied by the Swedish Legation. Where his close friend was the Swedish Minister Brynolf Eng. Ambassador Norman wanted to see him, but he was not in. Whereupon, he made his way to the roof of the ~~eight~~^{nine}-story "Nile View" building.

Witnesses tell - of seeing him sitting on a parapet, at the edge of the roof - holding his head between his hands. His body - shaking. Then they saw him stand - turning his back on the on-lookers in the street below. He stood on the parapet, gazing up at the sky. "Then," relates one eyewitness, "he started backing up. He took two steps backward, and, with the third, he was in the air." Falling - to his death.

(In Washington, instant expressions of regret - from the State Department to the government of Canada. At the ~~Senate Internal Security Committee, a statement that the Committee is duty bound to investigate cases of alleged Communist activity.~~)

CARDINAL

The Red regime in Budapest - wants Cardinal Mindszenty to leave Hungary. That's the interpretation at the Vatican - of the latest propaganda talk by puppet Premier Kadar. Who gave out alleged information about the Hungarian Cardinal - ~~who is~~ now a refugee in the American Legation at Budapest. Having been there - ever since last November, when Russian tanks crushed the Hungarian revolt.

Kadar said - Cardinal Mindszenty has asked Pope Pius the Twelfth for permission to leave Hungary. But the Pope urged him - to resume his duties as head of the Roman Catholic Church in Hungary. Cardinal Mindszenty - ignoring this advice.

Today, a high official at the Vatican said - he has no knowledge of any request from Cardinal Mindszenty for permission to leave Hungary. To which he added that the Pope would certainly not ask the Cardinal to resume his duties under existing conditions. That is - the brutal suppression ~~of~~ by the Reds in Hungary.

So, therefore, the Vatican official gave the

following opinion - "The Hungarian regime," said he, "appears to want to get the Cardinal out of Hungary. Kadar was trying to give the impression - that Mindszenty, himself, wants to leave."

DEBUTANTES

A dispatch from London gives us a bit of mathematics about a royal ceremony at Buckingham Palace, last night. Debutantes - received by the Queen - the debs making the traditional ^{/curtsies.} ~~courtsies~~. Among them - ~~12~~ twelve American girls *who had*

~~They'd~~ been practicing their curtsies. Learning - how to bend a graceful knee in the royal presence.

One of the American debutantes - Daphne Fairbanks, daughter of Film Producer Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. Who told newsmen - "I've been practicing my curtsy for days."

There were four hundred debutantes in the line - each dropping a curtsy before the Queen. Then - before her husband, Prince Philip. All of which lasted for just half an hour. They certainly kept the line of girls moving. Dropping their curtsies, at the rate of twelve a minute. Each one in the royal presence - for about five seconds. After - all that practice.

But, at any rate, each could say - she's been ~~xxxx~~ presented to royalty.

POST OFFICE

The Postmaster General blames Congress - if he has to curtail mail services, beginning Saturday. A Sub-Committee of the House - refusing to okay a forty-seven million dollar appropriation, ~~To~~ give the Post Office Department - supplementary funds.

Postmaster General Summerfield says his Department has run short of money - because the demand for mail service has increased beyond all expectations. Congress, at the same time - refusing to hike postal rates to provide needed cash.

(The Democrats, controlling Congress, retort - that the Post Office Department has over-spent its money - Summerfield being to blame. So the Sub-Committee rejected the request for forty-seven millions. Okaying - instead - a supplementary appropriation for seventeen million. Which, argues the Postmaster General, is only enough to cover pay increases for postal employees - voted by Congress.)

So he says - drastic economies will have to be made. ~~Postal service curtailed.~~ One ~~xx~~ resort - the

discontinuance of mail deliveries on Saturday. And - close all post offices on Saturday. Other economies - also being considered.

Summerfield says he is "heart sick" at what he'll ~~have~~ have to do. Curtail mail service - beginning on Saturday.

EISENHOWER - SCHOOLS

President Eisenhower, tonight, repeats his call - for federal aid in the school emergency. The shortage - of classrooms. The President - addressing the National Educational Association, in Washington.

Today, a Congressional Sub-Committee voted an okay for a two billion dollar school building program. To run - for five years.

BLIZZARD

And now, all join in a chorus of sour notes - the blizzards that bloom in the spring, tra la! The huge storm - in its third snowy day. The Middlewest - blasted by wind-blown snow, sleet and ice. South Dakota - hit the hardest. Traffic tied up, far and wide - by huge drifts. The blizzard sweeping east - through Pennsylvania, across New Jersey, and into New York. Heavy snowfall - in New York City, turning later into rain.

At least thirty-one lives lost in the blizzard ~~and~~
as a result of *that have been*
~~and in~~ the tornadoes *raising* havoc in the South. More
twisters, today - in Dixieland.

HURRICANE

is described
A fantasy of bedlam violence *λ* in a hurricane story from the South. A twister hitting a sanitorium for ~~Negroes~~ where tuberculer patients are kept. The twister - striking this morning, while people in the five story dormitory were still asleep.

The building stood up all right, but the ~~blast~~ of the tornado knocked out the windows. *with* The wind, ~~thereupon~~ raising havoc in the rooms. A tempest - of flying glass. Patients - blown out of their beds. Furniture - slammed around, smashed into wreckage.

No lives lost, luckily, but thirty patients were injured - when each room *was the scene* ~~was turned into a maelstrom~~ of raging wind and flying debris.

BACK SEAT DRIVING

At Des Moines, Iowa, Russ Brown might have known - that he had let himself in for trouble. When, as the Director of Safety Education - he endorsed back-seat driving. Telling wives - it was their duty to give good advice to hubby at the wheel. Which was a bit like telling the tiger - to take good care of a lamb.

Today, the Safety Education Director said, in a mournful tone - there are a lot of women who have not only taken his advice, ^{Feminine} But - are over-doing it. ~~the~~ back-seat drivers ^{giving Pop the works!} ~~going to it with all their jawbone.~~

So Russ Brown has been hearing - from husbands, ^{who} ~~Blaming~~ him - for ^{it all,} ~~outbreaks of trouble they've been having.~~

"One man," relates Brother Brown, "told me his wife and daughter ~~xxxxxx~~ have made life miserable for him in the car - ever since they read my remarks. He said," the Safety Director adds with a shudder; "he's going to send them over to ride with me - and see how I like it." Which, as a matter of fact - would be only poetic justice.

MONKEY

Some days ago, we had a Baltimore story about a chimpanzee-artist -- a chimp that paints pictures. Last night they had this Baltimore artist on a CBS television program - creating masterpieces. Smearing a lot of paint on paper, that is. Pictures, ^{or were they} ~~may be not~~ just monkey-shines.

However, ~~the~~ fame of the Baltimore chimp reached San Diego, California. Where, at the zoo, they decided - they'd go Baltimore one better. With - a chimpanzee sculptor.

They've got a clever chimp out there named Zip. So they took Zip, and placed in front of him - a lump of moist modeling clay. Hoping - that he'd sculpture a statue out of it.

Well, Zip took one look at the wad of clay, picked it up, and popped it in his mouth. Swallowing it.

That was discouraging, but they tried it again. And, this time, Zip took a hunk of clay, and threw it in the face of the zoologist, who was directing the experiment.

There was a lot more clay, and Zip took fistfuls.

With which - he then bombarded the spectators.

After which ^{- Henry -} they all agreed - the chimpanzee was

no sculptor.

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Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T.: ~~When you look back at~~ the news a year ~~ago, you find~~ ^{tonight, gave us}
~~some~~ ^{I was giving you} signs of things to come. A year ago ~~today~~ ^{the} results
in the Wisconsin presidential primary. Senator Kefauver -
the Democratic choice, with little or no opposition. ~~But he~~ ^{Running}
~~was~~ a hundred thousand votes behind President Eisenhower, who
was virtually unopposed. The President - getting more than
fifty-five per cent of all the votes cast, on both sides.
Which certainly was a ~~good~~ ^{correct} sign of what was to happen in
November.

And So Long Until Tomorrow.