

MOROCCO

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The U.S. Minister to Morocco visited the Sultan, today. Minister Julius Holmes calling on Sidi Mohamed Ben Youssef. With cordial expressions - and something more.

Cordial expressions - in the form of a letter from President Eisenhower. Who reminds the Sultan of the friendly relations between the United States and Morocco, for one-hundred-and-fifty years. President Eisenhower expressing - "particular satisfaction" over that.

After which the American Minister brought up the question - of the American air bases in Morocco. Five bases, that we've constructed at a cost of three-hundred-and-fifty million dollars.

What about them - now that the French have restored Sultan Sidi Mohamed Ben Youssef to the Moroccan throne? ^PThe agreement for the bases was concluded ~~between~~ between the United States and France. Moroccan authorities - not in the deal. And recently, the Sultan made this statement: "The arrangement for those bases was negotiated without consulting

us." Which may have a disturbing sound.

One supposition is that the newly restored Sultan may use this air base business as a device - for pressing a demand for Moroccan independence. He might threaten to close the bases - as a way of getting American support, in his dealings with France.

(According to all appearances, Sidi Mohamed Ben Youssef wants the status of a real sovereign - not that of a mere puppet in a French protectorate. The French deposed and exiled him, in the first place - because of dealings with nationalists, and their demand for independence. So now, back on the throne, he seems to be pursuing his former policy.)

Today, the Sultan told a crowd of one hundred thousand wildly cheering Moroccans - that France has promised to end its "tutelage and protection". Which would seem to refer to a French promise of what is called "independence with inter-dependence." Sounds like a fine bit of nebulous verbiage - meaning what? "Independence with inter-dependence".

Probably the French have in mind some form of Moroccan home-rule - while retaining control of military and foreign affairs.

~~In any case, those~~ ^{The} American air bases are mixed up, apparently, in all those twisty complications. So no wonder American Minister Julius Holmes called on the Sultan today - with a letter from President Eisenhower. ~~Want~~ Wanting to find out how the flying fields are tangled in the business of "independence with inter-dependence."

PALESTINE

The State Department in Washington says the United States and Great Britain are - "working closely together," in efforts for a settlement between Israel and the Arabs. Concerning the necessity of some agreement - they see "eye to eye."

The statement was made by Spokesman Lincoln White, the only reply he would give to a query from newsmen. Who asked about a report - that American envoys in the Middle East have been instructed to tell both Israel and Egypt - that the United States government supports the plan advanced by British ~~Foreign~~ Prime Minister Anthony Eden, who said - an Israeli-Arab settlement should be arrived at through compromise. Territorial compromise - connected with boundaries.

To this Israel has reacted - with an indignant refusal. Egypt - said to be favorable.

The territorial angle, concerning boundaries, referred back to events when the state of Israel was formed, back in Nineteen Forty-Eight. The United Nations decreed a division of Palestine between Zionists and Arabs. But the Arab states

rejected this partition plan - and invaded. In the war that followed, the Israelis pushed out beyond the boundaries assigned to them - by the U.N. partition plan. They've been holding the extra territory ever since - ~~and want~~ the armistice line, named when the fighting ended.

So, in the territorial compromise proposed by Prime Minister Anthony Eden - there would be two boundary lines. The one - named in the U.N. partition plan. The other - now held by Israel.

Meanwhile, new border clashes have occurred in Palestine. Israel telling of a skirmish in the southern desert - two Egyptians killed. Another shooting affray - on the border of Jordan.

EISENHOWER - DULLES

Secretary Dulles, in his radio-TV report, featured a statement by President Eisenhower. Earlier today, at Gettysburg, the President read the manuscript of the Dulles address - the one delivered tonight reviewing "the failure of the Big Four Conference in Geneva." His comment for the American public was the following - these are the President's words: "I know that no set-back, no obstacle to progress, will ever deter this government and our people from the grēat effort to establish a just and durable peace. In striving toward this shining goal,"the President went on, "this government will never admit defeat."

As for the report on Geneva, Secretary Dulles said: "There were no positive results." But, he doesn't think the effort wasted. He thinks it showed the Soviets will go ahead in persuing their goal. Which is to spread the Communist system throughout the world, but he thinks they'll try "wighout war." The competi- tion remains, but he hopes without the previous degree of hostility and animosity.

AIR FORCE - EISENHOWER

Air Force pilots have received the following order:

"Aircraft will not traverse a circular area, two nautical miles radius. The center of which is located - on seventy-seven degrees, fifteen minutes, forty-eight seconds West longitude. And - thirty-nine degrees, forty-seven minutes, forty-seven point five seconds, north latitude.

That's a forbidden area - Air Force planes not to fly over it. Now, where do you suppose it might be? Well, if you figure that latitude and longitude out, you will find, it's President Eisenhower's farm at Gettysburg. The convalescing patient - not to be disturbed by the roar of Air Force planes.

IRAN

The government of Iran is moving to abolish - the "Fidaiyan Islam." The anti-Western terrorist organization - blamed for yesterday's assassination attempt against Premier Hussein Ala. The would-be assassin is reported to have admitted - that a leader of the terrorist outfit ordered him to kill the Premier.

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Tonight's dispatch states that the government has issued an order for the "extermination" of the Fidaiyan Islam organization.

INDIA

There was a clamor of celebration in India today - hailing the arrival of Bulganin and Khrushchev. At New Delhi, half a million Indians cheered the two Soviet leaders.

At the airport, they were greeted by Prime Minister Nehru - and a huge throng. Then, it took them two and a half hours to drive twelve miles - the cheering crowds were so dense.

P Bulganin and Khrushchev are to make a tour of India - the route of which has been prescribed by the Nehru government. Today's dispatch from New Delhi says - "The route has been cleaned and whitewashed." Signs of squalor and misery - removed. Everything, along the route, polished up - for the eyes of Bulganin and Khrushchev.

CYPRUS

New terrorism on Cyprus. A bomb - exploding in the mess hall at a British military camp. One soldier killed - others injured.

At another place, a bomb was thrown at a truck - two British soldiers wounded. In the capital city of Nicos^{ia}, fanatical students on the rampage. The police -using tear gas to break up mobs.

FRANCE

In Paris, Premier Edgar Faure is going to revive his plan for election reform. Last night, he sustained a crushing defeat in the National Assembly - on the ~~quasi~~ question of election reform. So, today, he agreed - he'd re-draft the program to square with objections in the ~~National~~ National Assembly.

ARGENTINA

In Argentina, President Aramburu has abolished the thought control system established by Dictator Peron, who maintained a stranglehold on radio, newspapers, motion pictures, ~~this~~ ^{known as} Through the agency ~~of~~ the Secretariat for Press and Cultured Activities. This outfit - today abolished by the new President.

CRASHES

Survivors declare - there was an explosion before the crash.

In the air disaster on the outskirts of Seattle. An airliner - ripping through the tops of trees and smashing into a dwelling house. Seventy-four persons aboard, including sixty-six soldiers on their way home from Japan. The plane - chartered to carry them. Twenty-seven lives lost - forty-seven survivors. The house into which the plane crashed was occupied by a mother and five children. They escaped safely - though the house burned.

One of the survivors, Private Robert Fisher of Mercer, Pennsylvania, says: "One of the ~~eng~~ plane engines made - a weird sound."

"We started to lose altitude," he relates, "then there was a flash. I remembered afterwards that the flash came before we hit."

Last summer, the airline operating the chartered plane was charged with violating air safety regulations.

Meanwhile, an Arctic rescue team was toiling through snowclad mountains of Nevada - to reach the wreckage of ~~an~~ the

Air Force transport that crashed yesterday, with fourteen aboard. Apparently, the plane lost its bearings in a snowstorm.

HOLE

In London, a hole-in-the-ground -was ordered to appear in court. ^{A quirk} ~~A concept~~ of English law - summoning a cavity in a London street. So did the hole-in-the-ground show up - before the judges? Well, it's like this.

For years, there's been a hollow spot, two feet by four, on Austin Friars Street, near London Bridge. Nobody paying any attention to it - until a truck cracked up in the hole. ~~The Damages~~ ^{were} ~~were~~ claimed - and legal procedures ^{were} ~~begun~~. ~~It was found~~ ^{But} ~~that~~ this part of the road had been owned by a private company. Which - had gone bankrupt. So, according to English law, ownership - reverted to the Crown. But the Crown rejected this - refusing ownership. Which left the hole-in-the-ground -- an orphan. Therefore - subject to a summons to court. ~~A summons~~ ~~issued.~~

Today, in ancient Guild Hall, the London magistrates gathered in solemn conclave - awaiting the appearance of a

hole-in-the-ground. In due form, the summons "was shouted." ^{That's} the routine in an English court. In response the ^{was} ~~NO~~ answer. - The hole-in-the-ground failing to walk in and reply.

Whereupon, ^{with their usual} ~~in unfeeling~~ solemnity, the magistrates
proclaimed the missing ^{orphan - the hole in the street -} ~~person~~ a public charge of the City of
London.

Which means that now, legally, the city can go ahead
and fill in - that hole-in-the-ground.

SINGER

In Chicago, both sides claim victory - in the battle of the soprano and the process servers. The soprano, Madame *May nay ghee mee-* Maria Meneghini-Callas, ~~(the first part of the name is pronounced May-nay-ghee-nee)~~ who is an American - of Greek ancestry. Hailed - as one of the greatest of singers. The process servers - well, there were eight of them. That many - to serve one summons.

The eminent soprano was, last night, singing her final performance in a Chicago opera season. She has been engaged by the Metropolitan, in New York. So the process servers figured - they'd better get her ^{at her} last night in Chicago, or they might not get her at all.

The opera was "Madame Butterfly" - and, of course, they might walk out on the stage, all eight of them, and present the document. But that would be too dramatic - even for grand opera.

So they waited until the end of the performance, and then made a beeline for the soprano's dressing room. Where

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Madame Butterfly, in her flowing kimono, was receiving congratulations. The dressing room - crowded with tenors, contraltos, baritones. And - music lovers.

The eight process servers barged in, pushed through the crowd, and one produced a ~~xx~~ summons.

When she saw what **was** happening, the great soprano cried: "Get away from me!" The famous voice rang out with accents of indignation: "This is an insult. This is horrible."

Which is exactly what the crowd in the dressing room thought. They started pushing the process servers, and a fight broke out. Fists were flying - a riot in the dressing room.

The server holding a summons reached out, and touched Madame Butterfly's flowing kimono with the document. Which, he claims, was legal service - for court proceedings.

Well, maybe so, but the eight process servers had a rough time of it. And were ignominiously ejected, With

soprano high-notes ringing out: "This is ^(a) horrible thing ~~you~~ have done to me. ~~tonight?~~ ~~sound~~ ~~bands~~ operatic?"
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Hugh, doesn't that