

JORDAN

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The King of the new "Arab Federal Nation" - Feisal of Iraq. Hussein of Jordan, taking a back seat - because his nation is smaller and weaker than the Kingdom of his brother monarch. Each will remain king in his own country - but Feisal will be *NO I - a bit like an emperor, over King Hussein, also as head of the Union.* In other words *the young* King ^{of Jordan} ~~Hussein~~ will still have charge of the internal affairs of ~~Jordan~~ ^{his own country}. External affairs, to be controlled from Baghdad.

This "Arab Federal Nation" will have one Constitution, one federal government, one state department, and one army. ~~and~~ ^a much tighter alliance than expected. One source in Amman predicts ^{that} Feisal will take Iraq out of the Baghdad Pact - if his "Arab Federal nation" turns out to be a success. At the same time, both Feisal and Hussein are appealing to other Arab nations to join them. The one they want most of all - King Saud of Saudi Arabia. But they ^{are} also hoping to get two other principalities in the Arabian desert - ~~the~~ oil rich

Kuwait and the Bahrein archipelago in the Persian Gulf.

**Meanwhile, the people of both Iraq and Jordan -
are celebrating their union. Festivities to continue for
several days - cheering, dancing, flag-waging, parading
- the works, in Amman, Basra, and Bagdad.**

FRANCE

Today, an order flashed from Paris to French troops in Tunisia. The order "stand fast". The Gaillard government insisting it will keep its forces in Tunisia - under the terms of the agreement signed with Premier Bourguiba, Paris also declares it will keep the naval base at Bizerte - despite Bourguiba's threat to blockade the port with sunken ships. According to Paris, French troops will stay where they are. Supplies to be parachuted to them, if necessary. Premier Gaillard repeating - he wan't hold any talks with Bourguiba - until the fifteen thousand French soldiers in Tunisia - are allowed their freedom.

Meanwhile, in the French National Assembly - foreign Minister Pineau confirmed the report - that no top government official in Paris ~~xx~~ had advance notice of that air raid on the Tunisian town of Sakiet Sidi Youssef. Pineau saying, the French commander in Algeria had received permission

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to retaliate against attacks from the Tunisian side of the frontier. But the army was supposed to request an okay from Paris - before going into action. Which was not done in the case of the bombardment of Sakiet Sidi Youssef. Pineau added, the entire Cabinet takes moral responsibility for the attack. The French Foreign Minister charging *that* seven thousand Algerian rebels have been using Tunisia as a sanctuary. Crossing over into Algeria to attack the French - then retreating back into Tunisia.

TUNISIA FOLLOW FRANCE

Tunisia was calm today - after an appeal by President Bourguiba. There was a general strike against the French - for four hours. Some four thousand civilian employees at French bases - walking out. But no violence. Tunisian police were on guard at the ~~EXX~~ French Embassy. Motorcycle policemen, patrolling the streets. Special riot squads, standing by.

The nearest thing to a riot - a mass rally in Tunis. After the rally, young Tunisians roamed through the streets of the city, screaming "Frenchmen go home."

DULLES

Secretary of State Dulles probably will interrupt his Atlantic City vacation - and return to Washington on Monday. Our Secretary of State, to deal personally with the crisis between France and Tunisia.

Secretary Dulles had planned to stay in Atlantic City - until the middle of next week. But with the French-Tunisian dispute becoming worse - he's expected to hurry back to the State Department. And he may go on to New York - to participate in any U N debate on Tunisia. There's one more reason for a quick return to the national capital - America has offered to act as mediator - and that would put Secretary Dulles right in the middle of the Tunisian problem.

SUB COMMITTEE

Today, Federal Communications Commissioner, Richard Mack, was using words like "distortions" and "unsubstantiated". Mack, writing to Chairman Oren Harris of the House Investigating sub-Committee. The Commissioner, referring to charges that he accepted more than two thousand dollars - from a representative of a ~~firm~~ Miami television ^{group.} Mack says he wants to testify under oath - as soon as possible. To which Chairman Harris replies ~~that~~ the accused Commissioner will be called before the sub-committee next week.

~~But ousted counsel Bernard Schwartz - repeats his charges. Saying, he'll prove the truth of what he says - if the sub-~~mm~~ committee will listen to a recording of a conversation he had with Richard Mack.~~

WEATHER

The United Press estimates - around a hundred and fifty dead ^{on the present} ~~some~~ cold wave. Fatalities caused by everything from exposure to burns.

A Mardi Gras parade in New Orleans - cancelled for the second time in a week. Traffic tied up in St. Louis. Parts of Kentucky, now emergency areas. In Colorado, the snow trapped fifty men inside a mine for three hours - before rescuers could dig their way through.

Florida is getting another round - of weather ^{such as} it doesn't often have. The thermometer, plunging to eighteen above zero at Gainesville. Not much of the citrus crop is being killed by this cold wave - because most oranges and grapefruit ~~are off~~ ^{were ruined by} the previous one.

More snow here in Central New York where we were skiing in deep powder today - on Beech Peak.

ROMANIA

Britain protests to Communist Romania. The reason - the kidnapping of a Romanian employee of the British Legation in Bucharest.

On Wednesday, George Balica was leaving the legation, with ~~ix~~ his wife. Suddenly a car pulled up to the curb - four members of the Secret Police jumping ^{ed} out, ~~each~~ seized Balica, knocking his wife to the ground, ~~Hustling~~ hustling him into the car - then speeding off.

Today, the head of the Romanian Embassy in London - was called to the Foreign Office. Where he was told - Her Majesty's government is taking a serious view of the incident. Asking just why Balica was kidnapped - and demanding to sit in on his trial, if any.

ATOMIC

Our government is setting up special decontamination squads - to protect the public from atomic dust. So announced in a joint statement by the Defense Department and the atomic energy commission.

The reason for the decontamination teams-- they'll go into action in case planes or trucks carrying nuclear weapons - happen to crack up. We are told accidents involving nuclear explosions - are almost ~~xxxx~~ impossible. The weapons, not assembled while they^are being transported. The chance of an explosion - about one in a million.

But since the chance is there - the government wants to be prepared for any emergency. So if an accident does cause an atomic blast - decontamination teams will move in quickly - to clean up the area.

MISSILE

British Intelligence reports - Russia's intercontinental ballistic missile will not be a major threat for at least three years. London, admitting that Khrushchev has his five thousand mile weapon all right. But adding ^{that} it's not accurate enough - for long range bombardment. Besides, Moscow isn't producing enough of these missiles - to launch a surprise attack. By the time they ^are ready - Britain and America will have a deterrent, *That* ~~is~~ intermediate rocket bases ~~near~~ near enough to Russia - for immediate retaliation.

SUBMARINES

The Navy announces plans - for its first three atomic submarines - carrying rockets. They'll cost around three hundred million dollars - and they^are expected to be ready for action by Nineteen Sixty. ~~They'll~~ ^{Each to} weigh close to six thousand tons. The largest subs in the world. ~~They'll~~ ^{with} have what the Navy calls, a "revolutionary new navigation system." ~~and~~ ^{it} Each will carry sixteen missiles ^{including} ~~and~~ "Polaris" with a range of fifteen hundred miles. The "Polaris" can be fired from below the surface of the sea. The idea being ^{that} ~~is~~ atomic submarines will be able to attack targets on land - without being spotted.

JET

Newsmen who cover tough assignments - should have some sympathy for those French writers who were taken for a ride aboard the Soviet jet - the T U - 104. This is the plane Moscow is booming as the answer to commercial flying in the jet age. The French newsmen, first in the west to fly in it.

They say they were scared stiff - right from the take-off, at Orly Field. The T U - 104 just managed to get into the air - or it would have gone off the runway. Once in the air, the whole plane shook - because the jets are built into the rear of the fuselage. The roar of those jets, so loud - conversation was ~~xxx~~ impossible. Add to this, heat of eighty-six degrees - because the Soviets don't bother about regulating cabin temperature. Finally, when the pilot brought his plane down - one wing shook so violently, the passengers were afraid it would come off.

The French newsmen, staggering out for a quick shot of cognac. Then, telling everyone within

hearing - the Soviet T U - 104 doesn't begin to rival the French "Caravelle". The "Caravelle" has only half the jet power of the Russian plane, But it takes off on half the length of the Orly runway - climbs quickly - and flies its passengers in comfort and quiet. So these French newsmen aren't a bit interested - in an announcement that the T U 104 will be put on the route between Paris and Prague.

ANTARCTIC

At Little America, down there near the South Pole - American explorers are talking about what they call "the Rocky Mountains of the Antarctic." A new mountain range ^{just} discovered. First, scientists came upon the peaks - during a thousand mile trek across the icy wastes. Then, planes went out to map the area. All of the data, now accumulated at Little America. And the verdict is - a new mountain range has been discovered - comparable in size to our Rocky Mountains.

These peaks run between the Sentinel Mountains and the Pensacola Mountains. So it seems that all three ranges - must belong to the same system. And some of the newly discovered peaks are giants - rising perhaps as much as twenty thousand feet ~~as~~ above the ice. So they ^are not far wrong - in Little America - when they talk about the "Rocky Mountains of the Antarctic."

VOLCANO

The Russians have just released information - about that volcanic eruption on the great Kamchatka peninsula in Nineteen Fifty Six. That peninsula has a number of live volcanoes. For over a year, rumors about the eruption have been seeping out of Russia. Now the Soviet Journal, "Nature", gives us the details. Calling this eruption - worse than an atomic explosion.

The blast, shaking the entire Kamchatka Peninsula. Boulders, hurled out - at twice the speed of sound. Milten lava - pouring out of the crater like a river going over its banks. Air waves created - ten times as powerful as those of the hydrogen bomb. A dense cloud of pitch black smoke - rising thousands of feet into the sky - darkening the sun over the peninsula.

Don, Soviet scientists call that Kamchatka eruption - "one of the most titanic explosions of a volcano, in all human history."

SPACE MAN

America's "space man" showing signs of fatigue.

Airman Donald Farrell, in his experimental rocket ship at Randolph Field, Texas, on a make believe flight to the moon.

Today, ^{Don} Farrell's reaction time - was slower than yesterday. His answers not as quick. But he shows ~~no~~ no signs of wanting to get out. He obviously intends to stick it out until Sunday morning - when he'll emerge, to tell scientists what it feels like - to go on a simulated trip to the moon and back.