

Washington News

Washington, D. C.—The President has been harder put to find a solution to the Israeli-Egyptian crisis acceptable to a majority of government leaders and the people than in any other emergency since he became President.

It is true that the President did not satisfy many military men when he agreed to an armistice to end the Korean fighting, leaving North Korea in the hands of the Reds (who have had it ever since World War II). But then it could be said that the President inherited the mess he found himself in from President Harry Truman.

The Middle East crisis is a crisis of the Eisenhower Administration, which deteriorated seriously after the Republicans took over from the Truman Administration. And when the President cut short a vacation in south Georgia recently and came back to Washington to fight the battle out with Israel, Egypt and the U. N., he faced a major battle.

His Department of State wasn't following a course of action approved of by either the Congress, and many of its ablest leaders, or the Pentagon. The President went along with the Department of State and its secretary, John Foster Dulles. He even took to the air waves to sell that program—of putting pressure on Israel to get out of Gaza and the Gulf of Aqaba heights.

But Congress didn't buy it and some of the exchanges between the President and congressional leaders became tense at times. One of them told him to go ahead and make up his mind and do what he had to do and take the responsibility for it. The President said he would. But he never could get too much cooperation from many top Jewish leaders, in selling his plan to the Jews.

Meanwhile there were many, some of them in the Pentagon and some in Congress, who feared that the President was being led into a trap by Egypt. These observers feared that President Nasser of Egypt would double-cross the President at the first opportunity and that even though the President was morally right, he was acting against his friends, Israel, Britain and France, and in favor of Egypt and the Communist countries.

Finally, as pressure began to mount, both Israel and Washington gave ground. Compromises were pushed in desperation and things got hot for Mr. Eisenhower and the Department of State. And even on the day the United Nations was scheduled to begin discussions on sanctions against Israel, Canada's compromise was eagerly explored at the State Department.

It is no exaggeration to say that the President's nerves were worse strained in this crisis than in some time. For a man of his age, with a history of heart trouble, such rough periods should not come too often.

officials began talks with U. S. leaders — designed to increase trade and understanding between the two countries—Russia bluntly warned the world, but particularly the stooge countries, which Poland had been for so long, that independence of the form exhibited by Yugoslavia would not be meekly accepted by Russia.

Nikita Khrushchev told diplomatic leaders at a reception in Moscow that Tito and Yugoslavia could expect no economic favors from Russia. Obviously this was the climax of reports and rumors in recent weeks that Russia was about to cut off economic aid to Yugoslavia.

Khrushchev's words were taken as a warning to the Poles not to expect economic aid from Russia if Poland follows in the footsteps of Yugoslavia.

In Washington, these blunt words were viewed with some satisfaction, since they could mean a further split in the relations between Russia and Yugoslavia. It is also true that the threat of a halt in economic aid might drive Tito closer to Moscow, but most observers do not believe this will occur.

Recently Russia halted work and shipments to Yugoslavia on certain major economic projects, coldly notifying Belgrade, in one case, that the project would be postponed until 1960. This of course is taken as an indication that Moscow has written off the trip of Bulganin and Khrushchev to Yugoslavia, to head relations between the countries as a failure.

From now on, relations between the two countries, and between Poland and Russia, might become more strained, not less. And U. S. officials hope Poland will not move so quickly so as to bring down upon her neck the might of Russian troops—which could crush the new regime in Poland like the independent government in Hungary was crushed just a few months ago.

FARM PRICES

The level of prices received by farmers in mid-January was reported at 238 per cent of the 1910-14 base average compared with 237 per cent in mid-December, 226 per cent in mid-January last year and the record high of 313 per cent in February, 1951.

Prices paid by farmers in mid-January were reported at 292 per cent of the 1910-14 base average compared with 290 per cent a month before and 218 per cent a year ago.



TRAILER HOME BURNS.—Smoke billows from the trailer of Pat Bass, of Chadburn, student at the college here, which was gutted in a midnight fire February 22. Loss was estimated at \$2,000, about half of which was covered by insurance, according to Fire Chief Howard Cottrell. The trailer was parked in the trailer camp just off Hardin street, behind Kirk's Restaurant.

Blowing Rock School

The Blowing Rock School Band and the Girls Chorus went to Green Valley School last Friday morning to present a musical program. After their performance there, they went to the Valle Crucis School for lunch and another performance.

The band, directed by Mr. William Greene, has the following members: Trask Buxton, John Lett, Neil Knight, Dean Knight, Johnny Harmon, and Robert Harmon, trumpets; Lewis Coffey, Judy Burns, Ben Greene, and Rhett Ashley, clarinets; Burris Coffey, cornet; Larry Moody, bass drum; Richard Coffey and Jim Bob Coffey, snare drums.

Mrs. Polly Martin directs the girls chorus: Ann Reid, Linda Bolick, Linda Jones, Pat Coffey, Marilyn Bolick, Sharon Sudderth, Cora Broyhill, Mary Keller, Alice Robbins, Sarah Jane Keller, Eleanor Robbins, Ann Buxton, Judy Burns, and Elaine Bolick. Soloists on Friday were Mary Keller, Ann Buxton, and Cora Broyhill.

Bulletin Board

Mrs. Greene's seventh grade, which was in charge of the main floor bulletin board for February,

showed the lives of four famous people born during this month: Washington, Lincoln, Edison, and Longfellow. Each member of the class participated in one of the four different presentations.

Class Officers Elected

The seventh-eighth grade combination class elected Ann Moody as president on February 22. Barbara Newton is the new vice-president; Frances Hampton, secretary; seventh grade treasurer, Ben Greene; eighth grade treasurer, Ronnie Greene; reporter, Mary Ann Coffey.

This class continues to raise money for the spring trip. Barbara Newton brought apples to sell on Friday. On Monday Beulah Harrison sold candy.

Basketball Games

The boys' basketball team has won ball games recently from Jefferson by a score of 61-47; from Lansing, 58-42; Virginia Carolina, 66-51; Nathans Creek, 50-44. They were defeated by Appalachian, 55-34; Cove Creek, 48-32. Vern Coffey was high scorer in four of the games.

Blowing Rock girls won in the games with Lansing and Nathans

Country Meat Is Often Salty

"One of the factors that is responsible for low quality farm cured meats is that it is too salty," says John Christian, animal husbandry specialist at North Carolina State College. The only way that this meat can have the right amount of salt in it is that it be taken out of salt at the proper time, he adds.

Bacon or middlings and shoulders should be left in cure for seven days per inch of thickness, he advises. This would mean that bacons would stay in from 10 to 14 days for a top market hog, and the shoulders would stay in approximately 28 days. Christian says this is essential in order that the meat will have the right salt content and will not be over salty. He says now is the time to emphasize the fact that meat must be taken out of cure when the time is up in order to prevent meat that is too salty. Christian also recommends that the meats be shelf

cured and not packed in boxes with large amounts of salt, as this is one of the reasons for meat that is too salty.

For special information on curing hams, Christian recommends that you get a copy of Extension Circular No. 405, "Curing Hams Country Style," from your county agent. It contains information available on this subject.

Series E Savings bonds are 15 years old this year. The E bond is the most popular teenager of all time.

SOIL CONSERVATION

An estimated 1,200,000,000 acres of farm land, about 86 per cent of the total in the continental United States, are in soil-conservation districts now—less than 30 years after a nationwide program got underway. Holding rain water where it falls is the purpose of the conservation program and planting grass cover, terracing fields and stubble mulching or tiling to keep crop stubbles on top, or means to this end. Farm pond construction is also encouraged to store water in deficient areas.

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Creek and were defeated by the other teams. Ann Reid scored 63 points for Blowing Rock in the Nathans Creek game.

Blowing Rock boys won their first game in the tournament from Jefferson, 46-44 on Friday. They defeated Virginia Carolina on Saturday, 43-29.

The Piney Creek girls defeated Blowing Rock Saturday night in an exciting game, 68-67.

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