

# Looking at WASHINGTON

## Iran, Iraq and Egypt Move To Oust British

British prestige and authority in the Near East, already damaged by the action of Iran in seizing the property of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, were further weakened when Egypt moved to evict the British from the Suez Canal Zone and announced that the Sudan region would be annexed to Egypt.

Following these developments, the Government of Iraq requested revision of a 1930 treaty, which granted the British Government the right to maintain two air bases and some troops in that neighborhood. Iraq includes most of Arabia and is a nation of about five million Arabs, scattered over desert tracts or into teeming cities along the fertile river valleys.

The Iraq leaders are proceeding, it seems, upon a proper basis, suggesting that the treaty, which is supposed to run until 1955, be amended. It should also be noted that British ground troops were withdrawn from Iraq in 1947 and that there are now in the country only

## Royal Air Force detachments.

We call attention to these disputes, which center around the vital and strategic Near Eastern area, not because the United States is primarily concerned in the relationship between Great Britain and the other countries, but because this country would be seriously affected by any change in the status of the nations which would result in military advantages for Soviet Russia.

The basic policy of the United States is to prevent the spread of Russian aggression. Whatever action is necessary to safeguard the defense of Western civilization from military encroachments will have to be done regardless of the difficulties involved. Even so, there is every reason to believe that Iran, Iraq and Egypt will have substantial concessions made to them and some assurance as to their future status if they co-operate with the free nations of the world.

## Western Powers Concerned

Because of the importance of

the Suez Canal to international trade and to the defense of Western civilization, the United States and other western powers, as well as Great Britain, are concerned about the attempt of the Egyptian Government, by unilateral action, to force the British out of that country against the terms of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936.

The background of this dispute reveals that the ambassadors of the two English-speaking nations advised the Egyptians some time ago that proposals for the settlement of the issues were about completed. They gave Egyptian officials an indication of the proposals which would be backed by France, as well as the other two nations involved.

Before these proposals could be formally made to the Egyptian Government, legislation was introduced in the Egyptian Parliament to push the British, not only from the important Suez Canal zone, but also from the Sudan. Treaties giving the British Government the right to maintain soldiers and airplanes were abrogated by the Egyptian Government without parley.

In the view of the Western nations, which make it plain that they are not opposing changes in the Near East, the action of the Egyptians approaches international blackmail, being in defiance of legitimate international agreements and tending to create a military situation which would be beneficial to no one but the Russians.

Meeting in Ottawa last month, the Western nations agreed to suggest to Egypt that the Treaty of 1936 be abrogated and replaced by a new international agreement, in which Egypt would be an equal member of the Near Eastern Command, including the United States, Great Britain, France and Turkey.

Headquarters of the defense area would be in Egypt. Under this arrangement, the United States would be involved in the defense of the entire Near Eastern area, including Egypt, but would not seek to replace Great Britain as the principal guardian of Near East security.

**Big Deficit In First Quarter**  
The first quarter of the fiscal year for the federal government has passed, with a deficit of \$2,614,986,764 reported.

This is a large sum, even in this day and generation. Nevertheless, it should be noted that defense spending during July, August and September amounted to \$9,232,000,000 compared to \$3,594,000,000 in the same period a year ago.

Income of the government increased in the same period, amounting to \$12,373,779,588 compared to \$9,344,955,117 for the first quarter last year. Total spending, in the three months period, was \$14,988,766,353. This compares with \$9,048,608,072 last year when the first quarter had a surplus of nearly \$300,000,000.

The figures show that nearly all of the increase in expenditures is accounted for by defense spending. They also show that tax increases have not kept up with the cost of the rearmament program.

This situation will not be relieved by the tax bill about to become law, which will increase taxes by less than six billion dollars. The spending for defense during the next year will exceed last year's cost by much more than the new taxes are estimated to yield.

**A Big Bomber Costs Money**  
The increasing cost of armament is brought to mind by the fact that the new six-engine plane, with four J-47 turbo-jets in addition to six piston engines, which can "fly very fast and very high and is the best intercontinental bomber in the world," costs \$3,500,000, plus \$2,000,000 a year for spare parts, chiefly engines.

The praise for the modified B-36, quoted above, comes from the Secretary of the Air Force, Thomas K. Finletter, who thinks that the 179-ton bomber is superior to similar Russian planes. Other giant bombers are in course of production, with one, at least, being almost ready for test flights.

## SHUFORD EXPLAINS N. C. SAFETY PROGRAM TO NATIONAL SAFETY CONGRESS

Chicago, Oct. 20.—A vast majority of the states spend a far from adequate amount of money on accident control, Forrest H. Shuford, North Carolina's Commissioner of Labor, told delegates to the National Safety Congress in an address here.

Speaking on the subject, "State Function in Servicing Small Businesses," Shuford said that only two states in the union spend as much as 50 cents a year for each industrial worker for promoting industrial safety.

"In the field of accident prevention there is no room for any quarrel between labor and management," the Labor Commissioner told the safety men. "Both labor and management should put their shoulders to the wheel in a determined effort to see that the proper state agency is provided with an appropriation adequate to provide sufficient safety inspection personnel. They should also see that the agency, with all the outside help available, plans a program, which includes training of the inspectors, which will fit the needs of that particular state. Then they should follow through to see that there is no falling by the wayside."

Shuford explained to the Safety Congress delegates how the North Carolina Department of Labor during the last five years has promoted accident control in the industries of his State. The Tar Heel safety program is based upon industry-wide inspection drives, awards for outstanding safety records, and a long-range program of safety education in industry, the engineering colleges, and the public schools, he said.

The Labor Commissioner pointed out that accident rates have been reduced substantially in three entire industries in North Carolina following special inspection drives.

"There are three primary functions which a state agency responsible for industrial accident prevention should perform," he said.

"First, it should stimulate management in the developing of practical plant safety programs, furnishing advice and assistance as to the best methods of safety organization in the plant.

"Second, it should make available, through its inspectors, expert information on machine guarding and the best methods of eliminating the physical hazards in and around the plant.

"Third, it should bring to each plant in each industry information which have been tried and proven in the plants which have the best safety organizations and the lowest accident rates."

Shuford attended the National Safety Congress sessions this week in company with Lewis P. Sorrell, North Carolina's Deputy

er costs more than \$5,000,000 for construction and a year's operation, exclusive of the cost of its crew and its bombs, one can get an idea of the necessity for billions of dollars to carry out a defense program.

## Enforcement Makes Law Effective.

It should interest the people of this country to know that the President has requested Congress to provide \$300,000 for enforcement of a major anti-monopoly law enacted last year.

Quite correctly, the Chief Executive points out that the purpose of the law will be served only to the extent that the Federal Trade Commission can undertake "vigorous enforcement" and that, to begin this work, the Commission must have funds.

The purpose of the act, passed to close a gap in the Clayton Act of 1914, is to "arrest the continuing rise in the concentration of economic power by prohibiting business mergers which seriously injure competition and promote monopoly."

The earlier statute was designed to prevent a concern from obtaining control over a competitor through the purchase of stock if the result would be to promote monopoly and interfere with competition. The monopolistically inclined corporations got around this by purchasing the physical assets of a competitor, as well as stock, and the statute of last year was designed to prevent this if it resulted in monopoly.



## ASSOCIATION LOCKOUT FOR ECONOMIC REASONS LEGAL, NLRB RULES

Des Moines (LPA)—A lockout by an employers' association for economic reasons is not a violation of the Taft-Hartley act, the National Labor Relations Board has ruled unanimously.

The board dismissed charges of unfair labor practices filed by Local 254, AFL Machinists, against 19 of 21 new car dealers here, negotiating with the local through the Des Moines Auto Dealers Association.

After a month of bargaining, a stalemate was reached on wages. The membership on July 15, 1950, rejected the association's last offer. The association was notified of a strike possibility. According to the trial examiner, in reply to a question from a spokesman for the dealers, the union representative "could not say when, where, or against how many dealers the strike would be called." A strike against two dealers was called the next morning, and the other 19 shut their repair shops.

Said the trial examiner: "Under the circumstances, the only conclusion that can be drawn is that the union's strategy . . . was to keep the respondents (the 19 dealers) off balance with the threat of momentary strike hanging over their heads at all times.

"Concededly there was nothing unlawful in the union's strategy, and it was entitled to pursue it; but having apparently set out to produce an uncertain operating situation it cannot complain now because it succeeded, or be heard to say that it should not have been taken seriously.

"It was not proved that the shutdown was motivated by other than economic considerations." The board adopted the examiners' findings, pointing out that the circumstances in a previous lockout ruling were different. In the case of the Davis Furniture Company of San Francisco the board found the layoff of employees by 11 members of an employers' association violated the T-H act because the layoffs were made in reprisal against a strike against one employer and the union had not threatened to strike any other members of the association.

## BIBLE VERSE ANSWERS

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1. Moses.  
2. Deuteronomy 34:6.  
3. Descendants of Moab, the son of Lot.  
4. No.

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## WHO KNOWS ANSWERS

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- 46,000,000.
- Thomas Jefferson.
- Woodrow Wilson — at the Versailles peace conference in 1919.
- Pennsylvania.
- The Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea.
- Canada, established in 1867 by the British North America act.
- Sugar Boy Robinson.
- At least a two-thirds vote of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
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All over North Carolina this is the season for doing the outdoor chores and repairs about the house and barn. November has its quick changes in weather, too. Some call it "October-bruary," and with good reason. Average date first killing frost Raleigh, November 5.  
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