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"I shall work with every possible haste to make your lives happy in preparation for a better future."  
"Our nation in the past was glorious and powerful. If we work together, co-operating on a united front, we shall be able to regain our past glory so as to claim our rightful place in the Arab world."

**HIS MAJESTY SULTAN QABOOS BIN SAID  
FOUNDER ARCHITECT OF THE MODERN OMAN.**

# MESSAGES RECEIVED ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE "TIMES OF OMAN"



— AMOR ALI AMEIR  
Under Secretary, Ministry of Information.

## We Should Inculcate in Ourselves The Habits of Hard Work & Perseverance

I have been asked to write a few words to mark the birth of the "Times of Oman", the first newspaper in English to appear in our country.

Not being a journalist by profession I feel rather inadequate to dole out advice to people who I have reasons to believe know their ropes very well, but even a layman knows how powerful the press can be, and that it can be used either to hasten the pace of the wheel of progress of the country and its people or to sow the poisonous seeds of discontent and disruption among the population. It is a tool, like many other tools, which can be put to use for noble or ignoble purposes.

Oman is in the process of rapid development and consequently undergoing rapid changes, not only physical but also social and economic. In order that these changes should be for the good of our society it is imperative that the Omani himself should appraise them and participate intelligently in them. To do this he needs the guidance of others who have had the benefit of a good education and experience in the affairs of life. This is particularly important because the ordinary Omani was denied contact in the past with what can be considered as essential elements of world civilisation whose norms have become standard in our modern world.

Changes in our environment require changes in ourselves as well. By this it is not intended that we should lose our identity. While we retain our culture we should raise the standard of our living and build our society on the basis of our heritage so that we become a sovereign and respected nation with an unquestionable integrity.

The changes, therefore, should not be in our being but in our modes of approach, our attitudes and our methods. We have to develop in us certain qualities which are demanded by life in our new challenging circumstances if we are to develop as a self-respecting and a respected nation. We should inculcate in ourselves the habits of hard work and perseverance, honesty, a sense of responsibility, and of looking at things objectively rather than emotionally. Above all, I feel strongly that loyalty to H. M. The Sultan and faith in his Government together with a sincerity of purpose and fairness in our dealings with our people are, needless to say, of paramount importance.

This paper will be read mainly by English speaking people inside and outside Oman, the majority of whom will probably be non-Omanis. While I do not feel that the paper is expected to sing in praise of our country, I would certainly hope that it will adopt an attitude of objectivity and that it will try to portray Oman in its true perspective bearing in mind the irrefutable fact that the rapid expansion and development now taking place in this country cannot but be coupled with problems and shortcomings. It is up to you, Mr. Chief Editor, either to seek and strike at the Achilles heel of our institutions or to join the band-wagon of selfless and dedicated constructive workers of our nation under the wise and benevolent guidance of our beloved ruler, Sultan Qaboos bin Said. I sincerely hope you will choose the latter.

In conclusion I wish the "Times of Oman" every success in its mission and hope that it will play an important role in transforming our Omani society to a better society so that it takes its rightful place on the pedestal of world Nations.

ALI M. AL-JAMALI  
Ambassador of the  
Sultanate of Oman,  
New Delhi

I am happy to learn that Oman is to have its first ever English language newspaper, "Times of Oman". It will serve, I am sure, to acquaint the English-speaking countries with Oman, its people, culture, tradition and rich heritage and to mirror the diverse development briskly taking place in that country.

The outside world knew nothing of Oman except that it was a poor, backward country. More than that, even our Arab brethren in some, if not all, countries of the Middle East never knew the place of Oman on the map of the Arabian Peninsula. Such were the obscurity and isolation of that erstwhile unhappy country. Four years ago, Providence had sent the man to rescue Oman from that deadly segregation. With his vision, ambition, hard-work, generosity and love for his country, Sultan Qaboos has worked wonders in that short spell of time.

I should like to congratulate the owners of this newspaper on their success in bringing it into being.

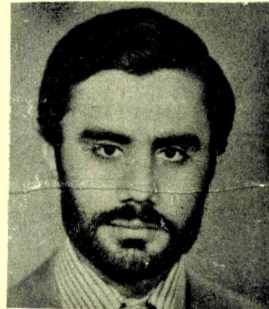


MAQBOOL HAMEED MOH  
Under Secretary,  
Ministry of Diwan Affairs.

On the occasion of the issue of the first English paper in the Sultanate of Oman, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the editorial staff on this achievement. The voice of Oman can now further be heard in the English speaking countries.

The "Times of Oman", I am sure, will have a great role to play. It will provide the link between the Sultanate and non-Arabic speaking countries and can therefore introduce the great achievements accomplished under the able and wise leadership of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Said.

The rapid economic and social development which has almost covered all grounds since the take-over on 23rd July 1970 is evident and speak for itself. Reform has touched every phase of life in this country and being deeply felt at a glance by an observer. The rapid changing face of Oman is a basic feature of the New Regime and I am sure the "Times of Oman" will find the rich material within its sphere of speciality and it will achieve its objectives and goals.



IBRAHIM H. SUBHI  
Charge D' Affairs  
Sultanate of Oman Embassy,  
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

DEAR MR. RANA,

I am very glad to receive your kind letter of January 27, and thank you for the same.

I am very pleased to hear a good news from you that you are going to become the Chief Editor of "Times of Oman". May God bless you and give you all successes and prospects. I hope, this magazine will be a good and profitable to the government of Oman by means of which the country of Oman will be known to the outward.

I am very happy to enclose herewith a photo of His Excellency and attached with mine.

Rest everything fine with the blessing of Almighty. Please drop me a line in reply.

With best wishes, and kindest regards.



Dear Mr. Rana,

It is gratifying to note that an English weekly entitled "Times of Oman" would start very shortly from Muscat. This was rather overdue and I am sure its publication would be welcome by all English knowing readers in Oman and abroad.

I also wish you all success in your new assignment.

Yours sincerely,  
(G. Rabbani)  
Charge d'Affaires  
EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN



I have received with great pleasure your letter dated January 27. It is my pleasure to see this newspaper in English language from Oman, which will be a support to the existing newspapers in the Sultanate.

No doubt that this newspaper will give to our foreign readers a full picture of the development of Oman, being achieved during the regime of H. M. Sultan Qaboos.

Yours  
Abdulla Ali Al-Najar  
Charge de Affairs  
Embassy of the Sultanate  
of Oman in Kuwait

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## EDITORIAL

### We Should be Rightly Proud of Our Fast Moving Progress

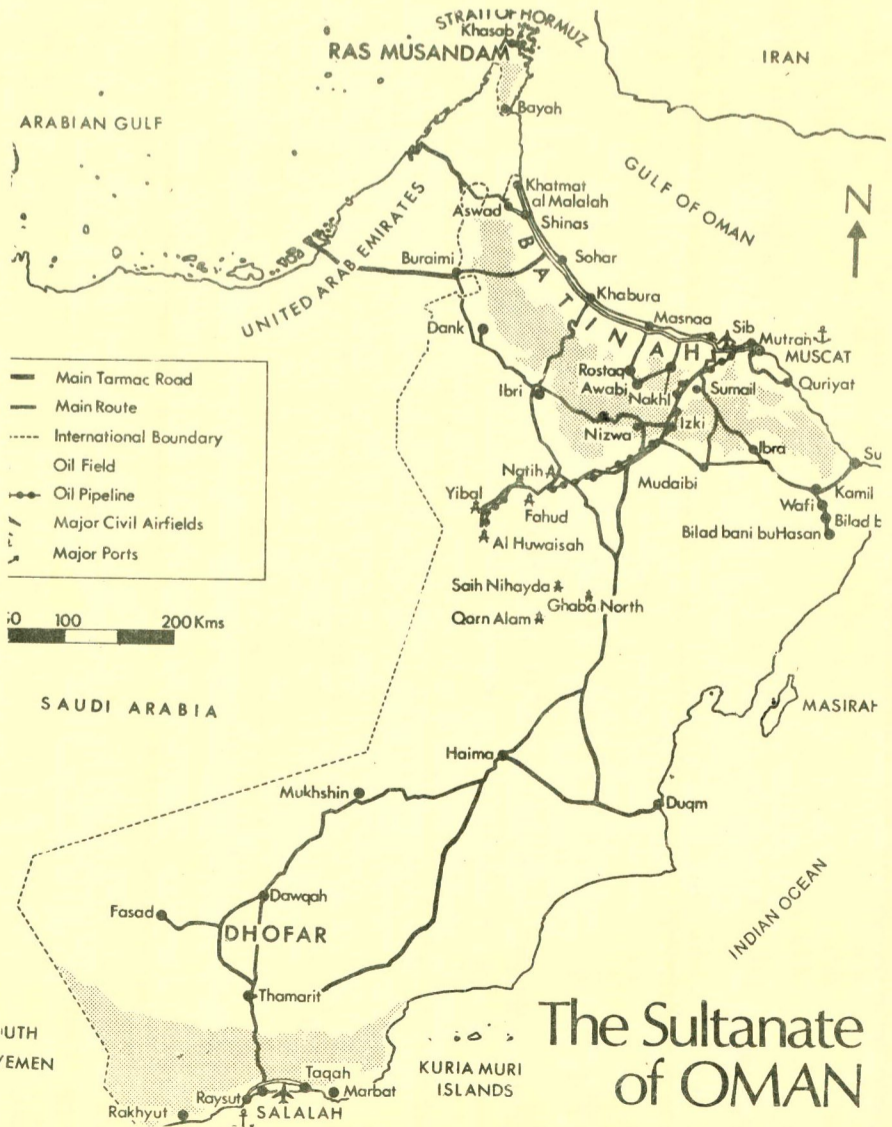
Alhamdu Lillah, we are presenting to you today the first-ever English Weekly of the Sultanate of Oman. The credit goes to His Majesty Sultan Qaboos, who rid the country of the previous eccentric and repressive rule, and literally started "from a scratch". His Majesty Sultan Qaboos brought about such an enlightenment to the masses that a country which had no information media only four years ago can today boast of having its English language newspaper. This is an addition to the Arabic newspapers already publishing from Oman since His Majesty's accession. The success of any form of rule, supersedes all political ideologies and comes first and foremost. Such success is commensurate with what this form of rule grants its society in terms of progress and social justice.

The modern renaissance of Oman has been only due to our urbane and dashing handsome, plausible and soft-spoken Sandhurst educated His Majesty Sultan Qaboos. During a short span of only four years of the taking over by His Majesty the country has witnessed a measure of tremendous progress, unprecedented in the history of nations. It has taken great strides forward, carrying out miraculous achievements, both from the economic and social standpoints. This was never yet done by any country of the third world, or by those commonly called "developing countries."

As a matter of fact, His Majesty Sultan Qaboos founded the Oman of today in 1970, unified it, suppressed the Communists aided insurgents, and has sustained the heavy burden of this task. The wheel of progress in the Sultanate of Oman is constantly moving forward, achieving new successes every day.

We should be rightly proud of our fast moving progress and development which can be summarized in two words: determination and wise leadership of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos who is imbued with a great love for his countrymen. And the results of our strenuous endeavours fully justify this pride. The wise leadership is provided by His Majesty; similarly, this resolute will power is apparent around us in the enthusiasm of all those who work in both the public and private sectors, government and popular.

This is also exhibited by the achievements stemming from this work at all levels, in all parts of the country booming with activity; in towns and villages, in industry — trade and commerce, in education or hygiene, and finally in the development of our foreign relations resulting in a growing circle of friendships.



## Terrorists Continuously Harassed By Sultan's Armed Forces

### More & More Come Forward To Declare Loyalty To H. M. Sultan Qaboos

During the last few days jet aeroplanes of the Sultan of Oman's Air Force have ranged far and wide in search of the terrorists. 19 operational attacks have been made against the communists in the last three days alone, mainly in the western area. Our pilots continually harass the guerillas, making the movement of supplies particularly difficult and reminding them of the Government's overwhelming influence.

Our ground troops have twice taken action against small isolated bodies of terrorists in the last three days. At Sarfait our artillery, assisted by jet aeroplanes of the Sultan of Oman's Air Force opened fire on a small party who fired unsuccessfully on our position. Another small party was sighted by men of the Loyal Firqat Khalid Bin Waleed north and south in the Wadi Ethom south of Medinat al-Haq. Our men opened fire but firm results of the fire are not known.

Men continue to come forward from the so-called communist front to declare their loyalty to the Government. Among recent arrivals in Salalah are Salim Abid Musallim Bait Amreet, Ali Ahmad Salim Bait Said, Said Ahmad Juma Bait Dishayl al-Kathiri and Said Muallim Ali Bait Maashani. Salim Mu-saalim Jumaan Bait Faadhil and Bakhait Masud Hamimat Bait Shidur arrived recently at Jebel Qaftawt.

### Broadcasting Contract in Oman

Pye Tvt Ltd., of Cambridge, eastern England have announced a further broadcasting contract worth £2m with the Sultanate of Oman bringing the company's export total to the territory to over £10m in only nine months.

Under the latest contract Pye will supply radio studio equipment and the services for technical operation and maintenance staffing of the television centre currently under construction in Salalah.

The new equipment is for a new radio complex to replace a temporary station and to link it to a recently installed transmitting station.

The new radio centre will provide greatly enlarged programming facilities, and it comprises a fully equipped main music/drama studio with space for audience participation. A discussion studio, an announcer operated disc jockey type studio, two continuity suites, a dubbing suite, and a master control room are also included.

### Italian President to Visit Oman

The Italian President, Giovanni Leone, is expected to pay a one day visit to the Sultanate on 5 March, accompanied by the Italian Foreign Minister, it was officially announced.

### Wali of Al Masna'ah

Sheikh Salem Bin Seif al-Aghbari has been transferred from Ibri to become Wali of Al Masna'ah.



Soldiers of the Sultan's army fighting rebels in Dhufar,

### Omani Forces Recover Soviet Weapons

Men from the Loyal Firqat Al-Aruba, the Loyal Firqat Salah al-Din, the desert regiment, and the Jebel regiment returned to their bases after a successful operation in the area of the Wadi Mahiz. Later, they moved forward from our bases at Adami and Hattal to surround the Wadi Gheviel.

At dawn our men went down into the Wadi to seek out the terrorists and their supplies. A cache of 2300 rounds of small arms ammunition, some heavy machinegun ammunition, 5 mortar bombs and some explosives were found hidden in the caves and rocks.

A small party of terrorists was sent at a distance and was promptly engaged by our artillery and mortars. The results of our fire are not yet known. Our men searched the south of the Wadi Nahiz before returning to their bases. As they did so they were warmly greeted by the numerous civilians of the area.

Further to the west, in the Jebel Khaftaut area, men of the Loyal Firqat Abu Bakr al-Sadeeq have made another exciting arms find. They successfully located a cache of communist weapons and recovered 2 Russian light machine guns, 2 SKS rifles, a Chinese pistol, nine RPG rockets and a hand grenade. This will further reduce the terrorists' capability of endangering our lives.

## H. M. Sultan Qaboos Visits Dhofar Jebel

H. M. the Sultan of Oman visited the central area of the Dhofar Jebel to visit the men of his armed forces and see for himself the civil development that is being carried out for the good of the people in the area.

His Majesty left Salalah driving his own Range Rover and headed up the Salalah to Thamarit road. This road traverses the east to west mountain range known as the Dhofar Jebel and is a vital link between Dhofar province and the interior road route to Muscat. Major improvements are being made to the road and His Majesty drove out of Salalah along the re-aligned route. The whole road is being re-aligned in detail, re-graded, widened and tarmacaded.

The security of the vital highway is achieved by the presence of troops of the Sultan's Armed Forces who man a number of defence positions near the road. On the way up the highway H. M. the Sultan stopped to speak to men of the Royal Guard Regiment

and the Oman Gendarmerie who carry out these important duties. At Aqabat Jasmin he toured two of their positions to inspect the defence layout in detail.

At midday His Majesty arrived at Qairoon Hayrita where he received a tremendous welcome from the inhabitants. Since Government security returned to this part of the Dhofar Jebel deep wells have been dug to supply water and a large scale Government centre is being built. His Majesty inspected the plans of the new Government Centre and viewed the first foundations of the

buildings. H. M. the Sultan then moved on to join the men of the Loyal Firqat Al Mustagala west for a meal. Only 24 hours before these men had taken part in an operation with the Loyal Firqat Al Mustagala east, the Loyal Firqat Qaboos and the Southern Regiment to the east of Qairoon Hayrita, designed to track down the few remaining communist terrorists in the locality.

His Majesty left Qairoon Hayrita and drove on towards Thamarit. On his way he passed the new well at Al Hatab and the northern section of the road which is virtually completed. His Majesty inspected the fine new runway at Thamarit airport before returning to Salalah in a Defender aircraft of the Sultan of Oman's Air Force after a very exacting but valuable visit.

### Omani Planes Strike at Rebels

MUSCAT -Oman air force jets have made 19 strikes in three successive days against rebels in southwest Dhofar province, defense headquarters here said

### Candidates Required For Oman Air Force

The Sultanate of Oman has announced to recruit Omani candidates for training as pilots to meet with their Air Force requirements.

The candidates must have good knowledge to read and write Arabic language.

### Omani Aid for Somalia

Oman is to give \$0.5 million as urgent drought relief to Mauritania and Somalia.

### Foreign Envoys Present Credentials

H. E. Mr. Norbert Montfort, non-resident Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany presented his credentials to H. E. Qais Zawawi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

H. E. Mr. Galadet Kiyasi, non-resident Ambassador of Turkey called on the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs H. E. Mr. Qais Abdul Muniem Al-Zawawi and presented his credentials to the Minister.

The same day H. E. Mr. Zawawi received H. E. Mr. Murillo Gurgel Valente, non-resident Ambassador of Brazil, who also presented his credentials.

### H. E. Mr. Fahad Visited Sanna

H. E. Sayyed Fahad Al-Said Minister of Information and Culture, who is leading an Omani delegation to the Information Ministers' Conference in Cairo, left for Sanna on a special mission,

He was carrying a message from His Majesty to H. E. Ibrahim Hamdi, President of the Yemen Arab Republic. His Excellency after a one day stay at Sanaa returned to Cairo.

## GULF &amp; THE MIDDLE EAST

# Fahmi Warns Egypt Will Fight

CAIRO -- Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi said Egypt would go to war with Israel again if current U.S. efforts to reach a second stage agreement on the Sinai fail. He indicated there still was hope for these efforts.

It was clear from U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's talks here that he is sure of achieving progress and that the American government is anxious to achieve that progress, Fahmi said in a statement to the People's Assembly Foreign Affairs Committee.

The foreign minister reiterated his government's stand on a declaration of nonbelligerency in exchange for a pullback, and its view that any new agreement in Sinai would be strictly military and should be followed by a resumption of the Geneva conference, with the first order of business being the invitation of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

There was no indication of what tangible steps Egypt is prepared to take to secure return of the strategic Mitla and Giddi passes in Sinai and the Abu Rodeis oilfields. Israel is demanding at least a tacit rejection of the threat of force or use of it, and efforts by Egypt to try to relax the political, diplomatic and economic boycott of the Jewish state.

Fahmi said the decisive three months President Sadat has referred to in recent interviews would be over at the end of next month after Kissinger's visit and said:

"If Israel continues to be arrogant and all peace efforts collapse then we have to resort to other alternatives. We never adopted the political solution as an alternative to the military

one. If all roads (to peace) are blocked, then we will have to return to our armed forces, which once proved capable of achieving our objectives."

On a declaration of nonbelligerency, Fahmi said, "ending a state of war is a legal procedure that cannot be accomplished in days. We accept it only within the context of an overall peace settlement."

## Street Combat Rages in Asmara Between Regular, Rebel Forces

ADDIS ABABA, Fierce street fighting between secessionist guerrillas and Ethiopian government troops broke out in the Eritrean capital of Asmara last night.

The battle erupted only hours after the military government here declared it would pursue a policy of "unity or death" and warned that it was capable of raising more than six million men to crush the secessionists.

Asmara residents said heavy machineguns, bazookas, grenades and automatic weapons were being used in heavy street fighting throughout the city.

## Egypt, Kuwait To Set Up Firm For Fishing

CAIRO -- Egypt and Kuwait have agreed to set up a joint three-million sterling company to double fish production from the Nasser Lake behind the Aswan Dam.

This was one of 21 new projects approved by the General Authority for Investment of Arab and Foreign Funds at its meeting

The action began about 1730 GMT and quickly spread to most parts of the troubled provincial capital, including the airport area in the south, residents said.



Our younger generation with a bright future ahead.

## Khaddam Returns to Syria

DAMASCUS -- Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam returned here from brief visits to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Abu Dhabi and Doha

Official sources said Khaddam handed the leaders of these states messages from President Hafez Assad on Middle East developments and had talks with them.

In Baghdad, President Ahmed Hassan Bakr received a personal message from Algeria's President Houari Boumediene.

The message was delivered by Algeria's ambassador to Lebanon, Mohammed Yazid who arrived in Baghdad

The contents of the message were not disclosed.

## Waldheim Backs PLO

KUWAIT, The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) should take part in any settlement of the Mideast problem as the representative of the Palestinian people, United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said at a press conference there

DAMASCUS -- Syria and Yugoslavia consider it is necessary that the Geneva conference on the Middle East should resume "as soon as possible" and that "all the parties concerned," should take part, according to a joint communique issued here Monday following a four-day visit by Kiro Gligorov chairman of the Yugoslav parliament.

## Egypt For Makarios

CAIRO, Egypt has reaffirmed its support for the "legitimate regime" of President Makarios in Cyprus without taking a clear stand on the Turkish-Cypriot decision to set up a separate state within a Cyprus federation.

President Anwar Sadat was deeply concerned by developments on Cyprus, the statement said.

## Oil to Zahrani Sharply Reduced

The Trans Arabian Pipe Line Company (Tapline) has reduced the quantity of oil pumped through a pipeline passing through Jordan to Zahrani, South Lebanon, by 80 per cent, it was learned.

The main reason for the drop is due to higher shipping costs from Zahrani and the huge tankers' inclination toward direct shipments from Ras Tannura, Saudi Arabia, ensuring a two dollar saving per barrel.

## Sadat Sends Letter to Shah

CAIRO -- President Anwar Sadat sent a message to the Shah of Iran, who met U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in Switzerland.

The presidential secretary for foreign contracts, Dr. Ashraf Marawan, left for Zurich with the president's message, the Middle East News Agency said. It did not disclose its contents.

The Shah, who has developed good relations with President Sadat, supports the Arab call for a full Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories and the restoration of the rights of the Palestine people.

## Egyptian Officials Deny Suez Canal Open, in Use

CAIRO Egyptian officials denied reports by Israeli military correspondents that the Suez Canal was open and in use.

The correspondents said that a 24,000-ton British oil tanker had recently passed through the waterway in both directions and that Egyptian naval vessels of various types had been transferred south from the Mediterranean

Sea to the Gulf of Suez and others sent north to replace them.

Meanwhile, the military correspondent of the daily "Yedioth Aharonoth" predicted that the Gulf of Suez would become a battlefield zone in any future Arab-Israeli war. Egyptian naval units in the Gulf were still few in number and based in Saudi Arabia, rather than Egyptian ports, they said, but Israel was developing its naval combat strength in readiness.

The Egyptian units were new, the correspondents said, having sailed from the Mediterranean to replace the old units. If necessary, large detachments of men could be ferried through the canal to the Gulf in 24 hours.

## Iraq Will Fight For Jerusalem

BAGHDAD, Saddam Hussein, vice-president of the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council, has said that Iraq would fight for Jerusalem.

"It will fight for the entire honorable cause," he said.

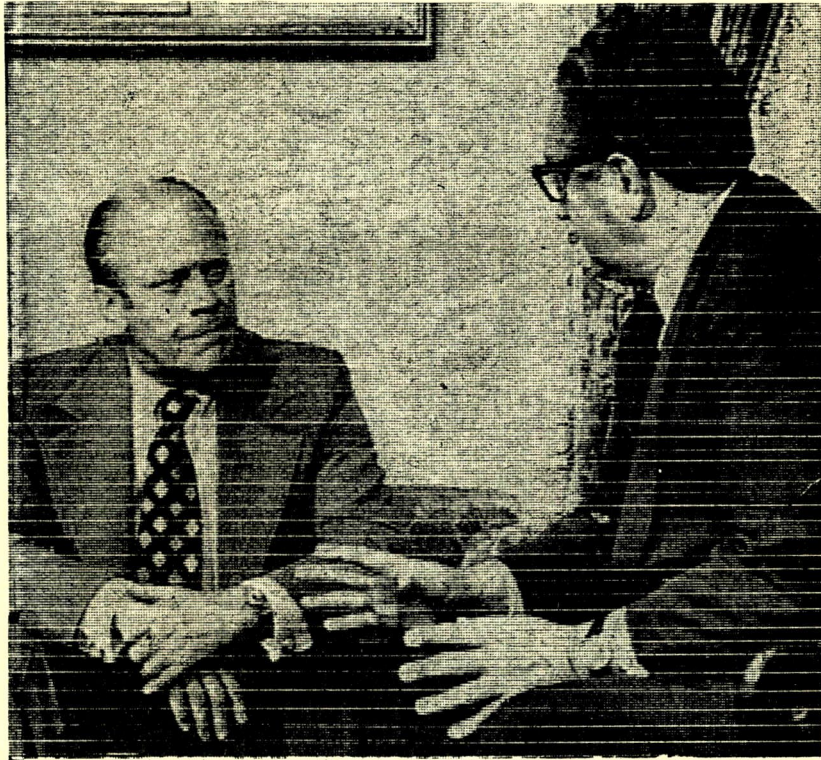
### DIVERS SEARCHING FOR LOST ART TREASURES

British divers hope shortly to start recovering a cargo of priceless Italian art treasure lost when a British warship, HMS Colossus, sank in a gale off the Isles of Sicily, off the south-west coast of Britain, on December 10, 1798.

The art collection belonged to Sir William Hamilton, British envoy to Naples and husband of Emma Hamilton, Lord Nelson's mistress. It was packed in 18 crates, some of which were saved when the Colossus went down, but there were probably six or eight crates left. By now the crates will have split up and their contents — Roman jewellery, bronzes, marbles and a type of terracotta known as black slag — strewn among weed on the sea bed.

Leading the expedition to bring the treasure to the surface is Mr Roland Morris, a restaurant owner from Cornwall, who has salvaged much treasure from ancient wrecks in the past 20 years.

## This Man Called Ford Was born as Leslie King Jr.



United States President Ford, born and raised in the American midwest, is representative of that generation of moderate post-World War II political leaders who supported the rise of America's role in international affairs and who helped win its acceptance from a citizenry once reluctant to involve itself abroad. He has often spoken of himself as the man "in the middle."

As congressional leader and Vice President he travelled tens of thousands of kilometers during his Vice Presidency alone, and delivered speeches at the rate, he once himself estimated, of one every two days. He has also travelled extensively abroad, principally as a member of the Inter Parliamentary Union.

Gerald Ford is the 38th President of United States since the election of George Washington under the Constitution in 1788. He had served as the 40th Vice President and is the ninth to succeed to a vacant Presidency.

Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr. entered public life in 1948 after returning from nearly four years of service with U.S. Navy in World War II and working for two years as an associate in a law firm in his home town of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He had achieved local civic

prominence and become involved in reform politics. Seen by his colleagues as a conciliator and forthright leader, he once testified: "Truth is the glue that holds government together, and not only government, but civilisation itself."

In the beginning Gerald Ford was not his name. He was born Leslie King Jr., on July 14, 1913, in Omaha, Nebraska. But before he was two years old

his parents were divorced and he was adopted by his mother's second husband, the late Gerald R. Ford Sr., a Grand Rapids Civic and Republican Party leader and owner of a paint and varnish company.

Young Ford was a boy scout, reaching the top rank of Eagle, and he played football for Grand Rapids South High School, graduating in 1931. He

took his sports ability to the University of Michigan, where he was the 'varsity football center,' and earned his B.A. degree in Political Science and Economics in 1935 — working his way through in those depression years by washing dishes and doing odd jobs.

From Michigan he went east to the Yale University Law School where, in addition to carrying a full academic schedule, he was the assistant football coach and the freshman boxing coach. He was graduated in the top third of his class in 1941.

Ford's decision to turn from the practice of law to politics coincided with his decision to marry Elizabeth Bloomer, a former modern dancer (under Martha Graham) and fashion designer five years his junior whose first marriage had ended in divorce. They were married on October 15, 1948, in the midst of his election campaign.

The Fords have four children: Michael Gerald, 24; John Gardner, 22; Steven Meigs, 18 and Susan Elizabeth, 17.

## Moray House to Train Saudis

Edinburgh, is co-ordinating an intensive UK programme of teacher training for Saudi Arabia, through its Scottish centre for education overseas.

The leading Arab oil state is replacing its corps of Egyptian, Syrian and Lebanese teachers of English with Saudi nationals. Hitherto, the native-born have accounted for only five per cent of the total at secondary school level.

An advance guard of 48 trainees is now under instruction at Moray House and three English colleges. For the 1975-76 session the trainees will be concentrated at Moray House and Manchester University in two groups of 24, for established TEFL courses. (Teaching English as a foreign language).

Fifty countries from Algeria to Afghanistan have nationals attending in the current session.

## Briefs

● NEW YORK -- The American army engineer corps will help build a headquarters for the Saudi Arabian National Guard, the magazine "Newsweek" reported. American army engineers will go to Saudi Arabia soon to supervise the start of construction, the magazine said.

● CAIRO -- The state of war with Israel "will remain in effect until all Arab territories have been liberated and the Palestinian people's legitimate rights restored," Egyptian Defense Minister Mohammed Abdul Ghani Gamassi was quoted as saying Monday, the Cairo newspaper "Al Ahram" reported that Gen. Gamassi called for continued preparation for Egyptian Armed Forces.

● CAIRO -- Egypt is considering resumption of diplomatic relations with Portugal, the Middle East News Agency quoted Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi as saying. The agency said this is being done in light of the recent recommendation by the Organization of African Unity which said that the new Portuguese regime has shown "wisdom and realism" dealing with territories under its occupation.

● ABU DHABI -- A.H. Boerma, director-general of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), has arrived in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on a Gulf trip which will also take in Bahrain. The newspaper "Al Ittihad" quoted Boerma saying on arrival here that the UAE delegation played an important role in formulating decisions at the recent world food conference in Rome.

● JERUSALEM -- Computer errors brought 30,000 Israeli teachers out on strike, giving 500,000 children a day off school. The teachers complained of serious mistakes and delays in salary payments for the past 16 months since the ministry of education switched to a new computer.

● TEL AVIV -- A prominent Japanese, believed to be a former finance minister, is making a "semi-official goodwill" tour of Israeli-occupied West Bank of Jordan with the stated aim of forging links between Japan and the Palestinians, the Israeli daily "Maariv" reported.

## GLOBAL ROUND-UP

## Price of Oil Could Rise

## Shah Warns

ZURICH

-- The Shah of Iran warned that the price of oil could rise even higher if the western world did not check inflation.

He indicated that the question of dearer petroleum could be seriously considered by oil-producing states next month.

Talking to journalists after a three-and-a-half hour working lunch with U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, the Shah said the purchasing power of oil producing states was being sharply eroded by higher costs of imports.

He said he would attend next month's summit meeting in Algiers of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), of which Iran is an influential member.

Asked if the price of oil -- currently between \$10 and 11 a barrel -- would go up, he said: "This meeting will probably study what to do if the inflation in Europe and elsewhere continues. If our purchasing power becomes less and less, we will have to defend ourselves."

Philippines  
To Witness  
Richest Fight

MANILA

What is claimed to be the richest boxing event ever held in the Philippines will take place next month when Filipino world junior lightweight champion Ben Villaflor stakes his crown for \$60,000.

Villaflor, 22, who lives in Honolulu where he won the world title three years ago, will defend his crown against South Korea's Kim Hyun Chi on March 14 at the suburban Araneta Coliseum.

"This will be the richest boxing event in terms of purses to be held here," said Lope Sarral Jr., who is promoting the bout.

● PARIS, -- French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac will pay an official visit to the Soviet Union from March 19 to 24 at the invitation of the Soviet government.

Soviet Union Said Using  
Listening Posts in Aden

LONDON

The Soviet Union has set up several listening posts in South Yemen to monitor civilian and military radio traffic in neighboring countries and between ships of the south coast of the Arabian Peninsula, "The Daily Telegraph" reported Tuesday.

In a report from Beirut, the newspaper said detachments of Soviet technicians and radio specialists had landed at Aden from the Soviet ships now operating in the Indian Ocean.

Kissinger said he and the Shah, whom he described as "an old, trusted and valued friend of the United States," discussed energy problems, the Middle East and bilateral affairs.

As they talked over caviar and roast beef 300 armed policemen encircled the luxury hilltop Dolder Hotel in the biggest security operation here since then British Prime Minister Winston Churchill visited Zurich in 1946.

The Shah said they also talked though not in detail, about Kissinger's recent proposal for a new guaranteed floor price for petroleum. This would be considerably lower than the present cost but would also provide a level under which it would not drop.

As Kissinger stood impassively by his side, however, the Shah told newsmen packed into a gold-chandeliered hotel room that he was not in favor of a lower price for oil.

Arabs Urged to Assist  
Threatened French Banks

KUWAIT

Jewish bankers are blackmailing the French government into changing its pro-Arab policy by threatening to withdraw capital from French banks and smash the economy, it was charged here on the eve of a meeting of the Arab Bureau for Boycotting Israel.

Meanwhile, the bureau's Director General Mohammed Ahmed Mahjoub, said in Damascus that the bureau was anti-Zionist, but not anti-Semitic. The bureau's black list, which is expected to be revised at the meeting in Cairo, was drawn up "regardless of nationality or religion," he said.

Mahjoub's remarks and allegations in the Kuwait press of Zionist pressure on France followed an official statement in Paris of an inquiry into accusations of anti-Semitic discrimination by Arab financiers against Paris banks.

Supreme Court Declares  
Nixon Exceeded Authority

WASHINGTON

-- Former President Richard M.

Nixon exceeded his authority in withholding nine billion dollars authorized by the U.S. Congress for pollution control, the U.S. Supreme Court declared unanimously Tuesday.

It was the first time the supreme court has ruled on a presidential impoundment of funds, although numerous impoundments were struck down by lower federal courts during the Nixon administration.

Congress has since passed legislation giving itself power to control such impoundments.

Speaking through Justice Byron R. White, the supreme court said the act under which the pollution-control money was appropriated "was intended to provide a firm commitment of substantial sums within the relatively limited period of time in an effort to achieve an early solution of what was deemed an urgent problem."

"We cannot believe that congress at the last minute scuttled the entire effort by providing the executive with the seemingly limitless power to withhold funds from allotment and obligation," White said.

In 1972, congress authorized the appropriations not to exceed five billion dollars for fiscal year 1973, six billion dollars for fiscal 1974 and seven billion dollars for fiscal 1975 for sewage treatment grants.

Russell Train, then administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, acting on Nixon's orders, allotted two billion dollars for 1973, three billion dollars for 1974 and four billion dollars for 1975.

The Nixon administration thought the money appropriated by congress would further aggravate the inflation.

The government contended that the impoundments were authorized under a 1972 amendment inserting the words "not to exceed" in the legislation under which the funds were authorized.

Dacca May Ban  
Marriages in  
Alternate Years

DACCA

Marriages may be outlawed in Bangladesh next year and in 1978 to defuse the country's population explosion if family planning experts here have their way.

In a report on family planning legislation available here Monday, Nurul Islam Khan declared that marriage may be completely banned in alternate years, with a provision for exceptional cases.

Nurul Islam Khan said the right to marriage was not part of an individual's birthright. "It is an idiotic idea," he told a recent family planning seminar, "that everybody, irrespective of financial, physical and mental capability, should be entitled to marriage."

The experts told the seminar that family planning was a basic human right and ought to be protected by law. They suggested comprehensive legislation which would cover abortion, polygamy and marriage and said the already overcrowded country's population should be reduced.

Nurul Islam Khan also urged raising the age at which marriages could take place, courses on population control in schools and encouragement of later marriages.

Trade Mission  
From America  
Visits Jordan

AMMAN

A team of American executives and managers of major American organizations arrived Amman on the second leg of a fact-finding tour that will take them to a number of Arab countries.

The delegation, made up of 29 members, is traveling under the theme of "U.S. Triangular Mission to the Arab Nation."

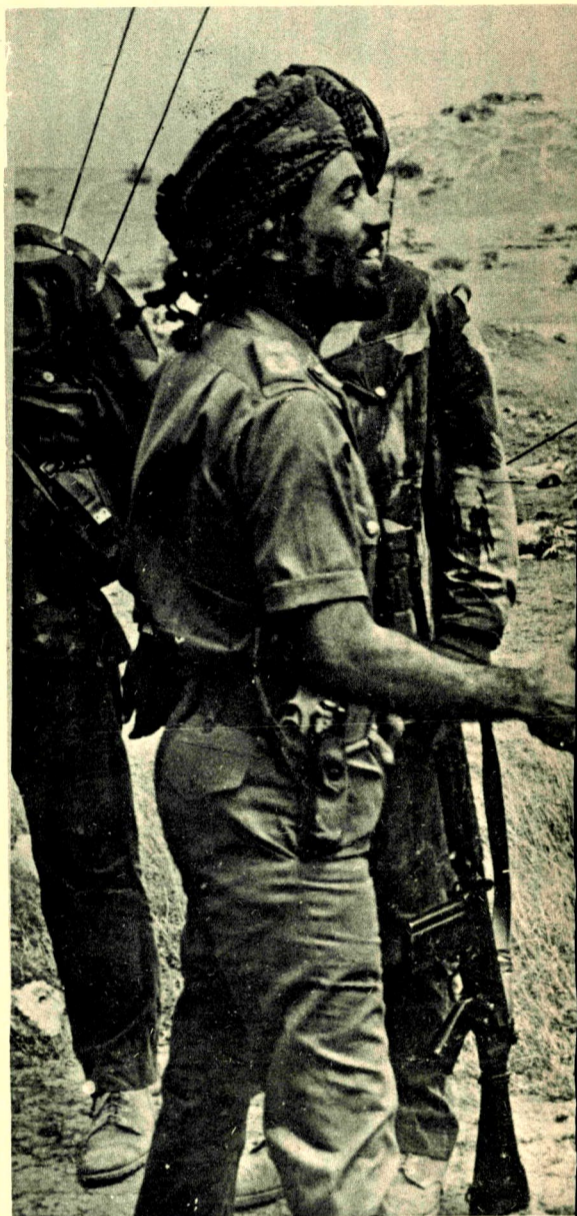
● TEL AVIV -- President Ephraim Katzir of Israel has canceled plans to attend the coronation of the king of Nepal because agitators were plotting to disrupt the ceremonies, the Israeli government announced.

● DAMASCUS -- The Syrian committee for Afro-Asian solidarity condemned "acts of terrorism and genocide which the Ethiopian military authorities are committing against the Eritrean people." In a statement issued here the committee said "the road to terrorism and genocide against the Eritrean people, chosen by the military clique ruling Ethiopia deserves all denunciation and condemnation."

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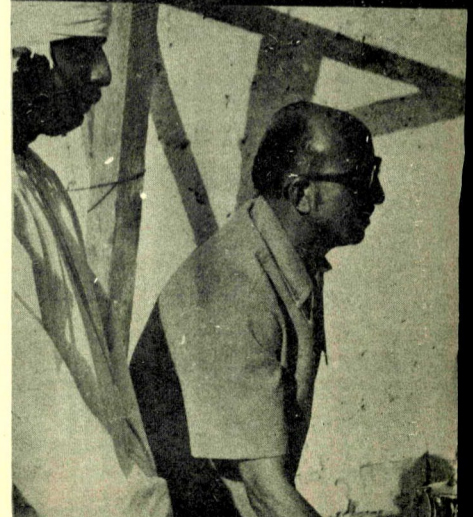
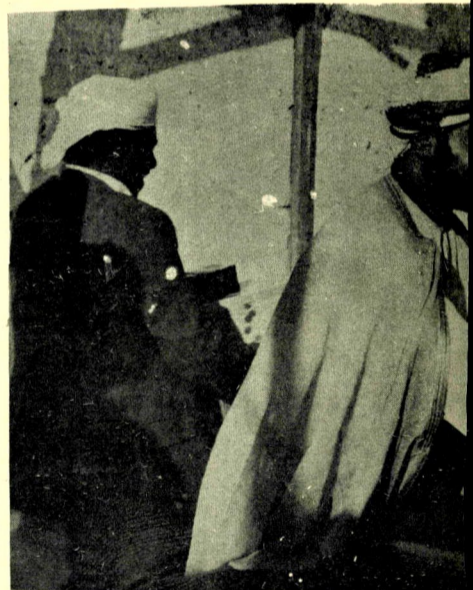
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The leader of the Loyal Firqat Al M



H. M. Sultan Qaboos meeting with the young people of Qairoon Hayrita who are now benefiting from the education available through the Government centres. The children, who represent the new future for Dhofar were in good spirit.



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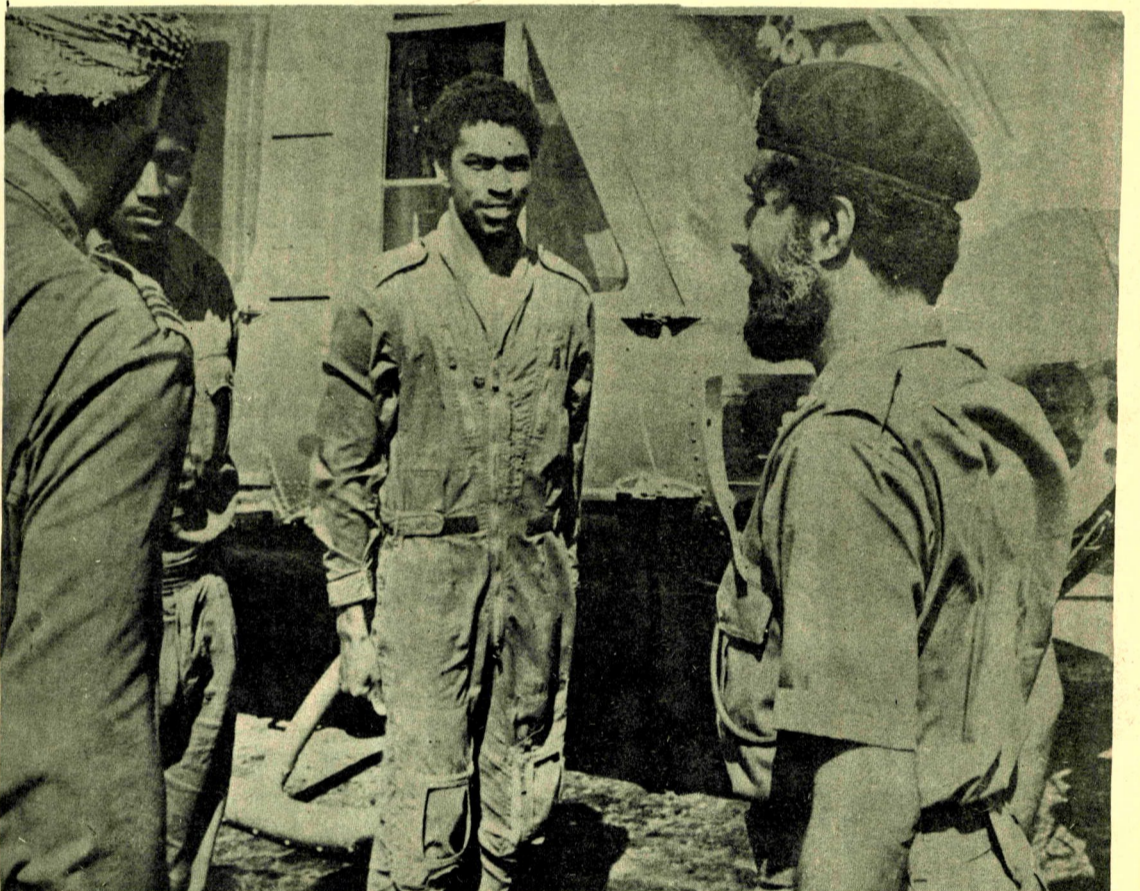
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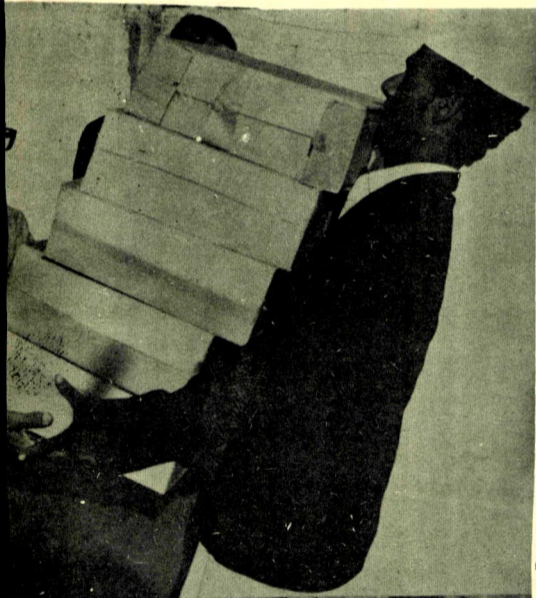
st) introduces his men to H. M. Sultan Qaboos.



H. M. Sultan Qaboos meets the crew of an 81 mm mortar from the Royal Guard Regiment on Aqabat Jasmin I.



H. M. Sultan Qaboos meeting a helicopter crew of the Sultan of Oman's air force when visiting Heiron



Palace Affairs giving away presents  
adi Ruwi.



Mr. Essa Mohammed of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (first from right) at a reception held for the U.S. Navy at Oman Naval Base, Muscat.

## OAU Calls for Banning Military Aid to Israel

ADDIS ABABA

-- The Organization of African Unity (OAU) Tuesday called on all countries to cut off military aid to Israel and pledged its support to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Informed sources at the OAU's 24th ministerial council here said the council voted that the OAU's liberation committee should provide the PLO with aid however minimal, and that they invited PLO chairman Yasser Arafat to address the July summit of the organization in Kampala.

The sources said it was the first time the organization had discussed the Palestinian problem in a purely African context.

It congratulated the United Nations on inviting the PLO to participate as an observer in General Assembly affairs and at international conferences.

## Ford to Extend Tour Planned For Far East

LONDON, -- Asian diplomats reported Tuesday President Ford is planning to extend his journey to China next fall with state visits to at least three other Asian countries.

The American leader, these informants said, has accepted invitations to go to India, Pakistan and Iran -- and possibly Japan.

Washington and New Delhi officials already are discussing arrangements for the Indian visit, with October as the target date. But the informants stressed no final dates or arrangements have been set, presumably because the centerpiece of the presidential journey is certain to be the trip to Peking.

## Editor Charged With Luring Girls to Cairo

CAIRO -- The Cairo vice squad arrested a Lebanese editor on charges of using his magazine to lure girls to Cairo and then entrapping them in a white slavery ring that extended to other Arab capitals, newspapers said.

The man was identified as Nabil Maamoun Nassar, owner and editor of the Lebanese magazine "el Mogtama el Jedid," which has offices here.

Reports said police raided his villa and found pornographic pictures, large sums of money and 16 passports for girls in the ring who were described as beautiful, university graduates lured by ads offering them jobs in the press at attractive salaries.

## Schmidt Recovering From Pneumonia

BONN

-- The condition of West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, who has been ill with pneumonia, was considerably better Tuesday, a government spokesman said.

The 56-year-old government leader had a normal temperature and his condition could be described as good, the spokesman added.

● AMMAN -- Assaad deputy secretary general of the Arab League, arrived here to explain the needs of drought-stricken Somalia. He will also visit Syria, Lebanon and Iraq for the same purpose.

## The Last of the Watergate Probes

Although the climactic Watergate trial is history, Americans still have not heard the last of the broad spectrum of wrongdoing known as Watergate -- 2 1/2 years after the celebrated breakin.

Future action revolves around the special prosecutor's office, the courts, the congress and possibly even the many proposed investigations into the Central Intelligence Agency.

In a nutshell the action is: -- The special prosecutor's office continues to investigate several areas broadly called "Watergate." Any additional indictments most likely will come in the area of campaign financing. A task force of the prosecutor's office continues to plow doggedly through mounds of material related to campaign financing.

The outcome of a suit in U.S. District Court may determine whether the prosecutor's office ever can unravel tangled threads which could lead to wrongdoing in other Watergate-related areas, sources here acknowledge. The prosecutor's office for months has sought several dozen White House tape recordings made during the Nixon presidency, plus documents bearing on several specific issues. The suit is an attempt by the former president to prevent the prosecutor's office from obtaining these.

Judge Charles Richer has

## Petromin to Build Hydrocarbon Industry

LONDON

Petromin, the Saudi Arabian national oil company, expects to spend \$30 billion over the next five to eight years to build a vast hydrocarbon industry in the oil-rich kingdom.

Some of the biggest names in industry in the United States, Western Europe, and Japan are or will be associated with Petromin in a venture that for scale and complexity is probably unprecedented in the world, according to the governor of Petromin, Abdulhady Taher.

The aim is to spread industry, which is now concentrated in the region of the eastern oil fields, throughout the kingdom. Export refineries, petrochemical complexes, fertilizer plants, gas reduction steel mills, and aluminum production are among the projects planned or being studied, Taher said in an interview here.

## Curbing CIA May Benefit Soviets

WASHINGTON

-- A leading British authority on Soviet affairs warns that any curtailment of the role of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) could turn out to the advantage of the Soviet Union.

Robert Conquest, whose study to Soviet Communism began with service as a British liaison officer with the Soviet Army in World War II, says of the current investigation of the CIA that, from the point of view of Soviet intelligence officials, "it must be absolute fantasy."

He adds that "it seems rather like that to most Europeans too."

heard evidence from both sides in the case. Both sides now await his decision. Appeals to higher courts could drag out the issue for months.

Prosecutors hope the tapes and documents will shed enough new light on unresolved issues to obtain convictions. Among these issues where investigation as yet has reached no probable conclusion are:

Who caused the 18-minute gap in a White House tape?

What was the full story behind the backdate deed for the Nixon income tax deduction?

Was there an innocent or unlawful relationship between IT&T and the Nixon administration?

What is the full story behind the two \$50,000 campaign gifts which Nixon's friend, Charles G. Rebozo, apparently received from Howard Hughes?

Thus far, the prosecutor's office has obtained no indictments in any of these areas, indicating that the grand jury (and possibly the prosecutor) is not satisfied wrongdoing has demonstrated. At the same time the prosecutors have not closed any of these investigations, indicating they are not satisfied that they know the full story.

-- The prosecutor's office also is working on its final report. Though some have asked that this report outline the full Nixon involvement in Watergate sources clearly indicate that it will not. The prosecutors are reluctant to write in their report anything they cannot prove

in court -- and the pardon of the former president prevents that.

The prosecutor's office is expected to take about six months to complete all these activities before disbanding.

-- Several cases remain to be tried in connection with work by the special prosecutor's office.

Heading the list is the trial of the former Texas governor and cabinet officer, John Connally, charged with bribery and conspiracy and obstruction of justice in connection with the Watergate coverup.

Jack Chestnut, 1970 campaign manager for Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, also is charged with accepting illegal campaign funds from the milk producers.

Also, the four defendants convicted in December's Watergate case -- John Mitchell, Robert Haldeman, John Ehrlichman, and Robert Mardian -- are expected to appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals. Their appeals were to be filed 10 days after they were sentenced which was expected to be within the month.

-- Congressional hearings were planned early this year on an omnibus bill by rearing Sen. Sam J. Ervin, aimed at preventing future Watergates. The measure would, in part, establish a permanent special prosecutor, require annual financial disclosure by the president and vice-president, and prevent the attorney general and Justice Department from engaging in partisan politics.

## Self Realisation

HUMAN personality can be considered as an organic and harmonious whole in which reason is integrated with the emotional and imaginative self, and action is the manifestation of thought. A state of bliss comes through only when one's mind is at peace — profound peace and one's thoughts are pure and innocent. Bliss is just opposite to mental sickness. Lack of equilibrium, lack of harmony and dissonance in human personality, which are born out of conflicts, are conducive to mental conflicts. This is followed by a state of mental unhappiness and if prolonged leads to constant mental sickness, when for instance our actions are at variance with the accepted code of conduct, we feel as though a still but effective voice condemns us for these reactions.

Many people are in a position to rationalise their actions but quite a few may take to preaching virtues. What happens in the latter case is that the person who actually loves virtue preaches loudly, simply endeavouring to drown the voice of his conscience. This is evidently a state of mental conflict and by proclaiming the virtues of good actions is actually at war within himself. This generates tension which may split up personality.

The reasons of mental conflict are 1. geographical, 2. psychological, 3. sociological and 4. physiological. The concept of good and bad, virtue and vice can be termed as geographical. Moral norms may vary from region to region and people to people. There are certain condemnable actions in our society but these very actions may be very much in conformity with the norms of some other community. As such, even the concept of sin is geographical. Religious feelings create a psychological rift in human mind. Certain actions which are disapproved by religion keep the mind subjective to punishment of the hereafter.

### SOCIAL VIEW

Social view is superior to ethical as well as material values. Ultimately, the idea of mental happiness is tied up with the concept of human personality in its locality with all social and ethical values.

The human desire to acquire easy wealth is divisive of two categories — haves and have-nots. When the have-nots look at the haves enjoying affluence without physical labour, they develop a desire to emulate their example. In their craze to reach a higher pedestal with the haves, they ingeniously adopt all means — fair or foul — so long as these work. The prevalence of this situation not only generates and accelerates sociological complications but also brings about unhappiness and anguish.

There is hectic activity around us, and the idea being in most cases is to accumulate material values. Peace and happiness flowing from spiritual and ethical values ceases to occupy any place on the spectrum of life, although the fact remains that a state of inward happiness is in indirect proportion to one's faith in spiritual and moral values.

### AFFLUENT IDLERS

There is an affluent cross-section of the people known as rich idlers who know

not what to do with the wealth and leisure at their disposal. They too suffer from frustration.

The last aspect is physiological. Handicapped or sick persons hardly ever develop a fuller personality, it is either incomplete or lop-sided. Such a personality becomes morbid. His physical disease or handicap is bound to give a morbid covering to his outlook towards life.

Man being animal, is often lured into sin, it is his destiny. Perhaps in some cases it is essential for self-realization and self-accomplishment. After committing a cardinal sin, more often than not, man feels penitent. He dissolves in his own tears, and out of that is born a great man, a mightier man who is beloved of Allah.

It is our wayward desires that pull us down and degrade us. In reality we should identify our will with the will of Almighty Allah and have strong conviction in the teachings

of Holy Quran. This can help us a lot in eliminating unhappiness on individual and collective level.

## TEACHINGS OF ISLAM AS TOLD BY HOLY QURAN

### Should a Muslim be insolent

Turn not thy face away from the people insolently.

### Should a Muslim be arrogant and boastful.

1. Walk not in the land haughtily; surely Allah liketh not the arrogant boaster.

2. So that you grieve not for what has escaped you, nor exult in that which He has given you: and (remember) Allah loveth not any arrogant boaster.

### How should Muslim a walk

1. And walk not in the earth haughtily (for) of a certainly thou canst not rend the earth, nor canst thou reach the mountains in height. The evil of all that is hateful in the sight of thy Sustainer.

2. And be modest in thy bearing.

### How a Muslim should talk

And subdue thy voice for verily

the harshest of all voices is the voice of the ass.

### Slander and defamation

Woe unto every slander (and) defamer.

### Derision

O ye who believe! let not a folk deride another folk who may be better than (they), nor let women deride (other) women who may be better than they (are).

### Nicknames

And insult not one another by nicknames. Evil is a bad name after (accepting) faith. And whose turneth not in repentance, each are evildoers.

### Spying and backbiting

And spy not, neither backbite one another, would one of you love to eat the flesh of his dead brother? Ye abhor that. And fear Allah; surely Allah is Relenting, Merciful.

### When can a Muslim speak against any one loudly.

Allah loveth not the utterance of harsh speech save by one who hath been wronged; and Allah is Hearer Knower.

### Should a Muslim ask questions unnecessarily.

O ye who believe! Ask not of things which, if they were made known unto you, would cause you trouble.

".....In few years the muslims conquered half of the world. They snatched away more souls from false gods.....in fifteen years than the followers of Moses and Jesus did in centuries.....I hope the time is not far off when I shall be able to unite all the wise and educated men of all countries and establish a uniform regime based on the Principles of the Quran which alone can lead man to happiness."

Napoleon Bonaparte

".....Much has been said of Mohammad's propagating (P.B.U.H.) his religion by the sword.....The sword indeed but where you will get the sword from? Every new opinion at its starting is precisely in a minority of one.....There is one man against all men."

Carlyle

".....People forget Carlyl's laconic reply "first get your sword, you just win the men's hearts before you can induce them to peril their lives for you....."

Lane Poole

"The medieval essleslastics, either through ignorance of bigotry painted Mohammedanism (Islam) in the darkest colours. They were, in fact, trained to hate both this man Mohammad (P.B.U.H.) and his religion .....Islam is the only religion which appears to possess that assimilating capacity to the changing phases of existence which can make itself appeal to every age.....I believe that if a man like him (Mohammad P.B.U.H.) were to assume the dictatorship of the modern world we would succeed in solving its problems in a way that would bring it the much needed peace and happiness....."

George Bernard Shaw

## Contentment of Heart

The heart of man thrives and prospers on thoughts steeped in the love and remembrance of Allah. The loving recollection of Divine attributes gives it solace and satisfaction. A heart full of the love of Allah drinks deep at the fountainhead of ecstasy, happiness and joy. But the heart, void of the loving remembrance of Allah, His Mercy and Grace, languishes and after a time turns dry and desolate. It is over-powered by dejection and despair, or else becomes a breeding ground for wild ambitions and scornful greed. The hot winds of passions continuously ravage its peace and play havoc with it. Mighty storms of rancor and revenge blow over the spell its ruin. In this condition, a man

feels heart broken and is completely lost after having chased, as it were, illusions and shadows of his own making. He does not get anywhere and nothing real comes to his hands.

One who does not follow the Divine injunction, follows a wrong track, infested with all kinds of sly and sneaking demons ready to strike without respite. He leaves the safe and straight Highway for a dark and clumsy bylane, tantalising shortcut to name and fame, wealth and riches. Those who get into the blind alley are lost in bewilderment and suffer auguish agony for all their life in way which they may not readily realise. Having so much to themselves,

they cannot have a moment's peace and tranquility. They are pricked right and left, as it were, by their own coveted treasures amassed in defiance of and against the dictates of their Master who has already told them what is best for them. Such men are the spiritual outcasts, out of bounds of Allah's mercy for having totally forsaken Him. It is their lot to lead a life of strife and struggle and be denied of the fruit thereof in terms of real peace and joy which come from submission to the will of Allah. The virtue of contentment is banished from their hearts, they pine for more and more; never feeling satisfied. They go on multiplying their hoardings and by an irony of fate, go on complicating their problems.

The real asset is the contentment of heart which can only be had through the remembrance of Allah. We must constantly remember Him, extol Him for His blessings and praise Him for His All-embracing mercy to be prayed for. It is like having everything one could wish for.

The din and noise of modern life and its multifarious amusements have a deadening effect on human heart. One who has lost its bearings and his conscience, takes them as means of merriment. He is entirely mistaken. The real pleasure comes from the contentment of heart and it is to be found in the remembrance of Allah. "In the remembrance of God do hearts find satisfaction."

(Al-Quran 13 : 28)

# PROBLEMS WE CANT TALK ABOUT

Start by recalling happy memories days you've enjoyed, things that were fun. Talk about things you like to do, together — or used to. Don't ask each other why things have changed. Just remember.

IN THESE EARLY sessions, talk of the things in your life that are good — and you'll be surprised how long that list is! Remember the things that attracted you to each other originally. And tell each other all of the things you admire and respect about each other now, too. You'll find there are many.

You'll want to get to the point where you can talk about things you dislike in each other, too — the little habits, things that annoy. Not cuttingly or harshly. You aren't trying to wound. You're trying to understand. You're building that bridge.

As you continue your talks, do your best to make your home pleasant for each other — comfortable. See what small thing you can add to the day to make it nice for the other. Do a lot of giving — both of you.

Eventually, of course you are going to talk about the basic problem in your marriage. And in spite of your success in the preliminary sessions — in spite of the good you've found in them — communicating on the subject of sex is going to be difficult — for most couples it is just about the most difficult thing in the world.

There are many reasons for this. Our early training, the taboos of past generations, unconscious guilts or fears we've acquired — they all in habit us. Even the most sophisticated couples who say they can talk freely find it very hard to talk about their own intimate sex life.

But you must talk about the problem you share. You must learn to talk freely and fully. Admit your embarrassment at the start to each other — it will help. At times during your talks you may find it easier to show each other what you need or like, rather than putting it into words. That's all to the good.

Every wife must be able to tell her husband what caresses arouse her, what she wants him to do, what is sexually meaningful to her. Every husband must be able to say to the other (if this and what he doesn't. Each of you must be able to say to the other (if this should be the case) that you aren't sure

what you want, that you want to experiment and learn together what's pleasing.

As you communicate with each other, bring these problems into the light of day. Help each other to find the truth about them — truth can free you.

As you are talking together, try to dredge up any such things from deep in your mind. Together you can discuss them, learn to understand them.

If these things are never talked about freely and honestly, there is a little chance for success. And here again is where the learning to communicate can perform seeming miracles.

One word more: If there is a deep, underlying psychological reason for sexual failure, then only professional therapy can help.

But for many — for most of us — learning to communicate fully and freely can be all that is needed.

## Safety Rules for Terrapins

Terrapins (water tortoises), which are currently imported into Britain at the rate of some 50,000 a year, mainly from North America, but with a considerable percentage from the Middle and Far East, can be a health risk in Britain.

This warning has been given by two British Government veterinary scientists, who have discovered salmonella germs, one of the major causes of food poisoning, in the water of domestic terrapin tanks.

The two scientists say they can understand why terrapins are fast growing in popularity as pets in Britain, but have published rules to make them safer to keep.

Their rules say that only one member of the family should look after terrapins as pets, and he or she should always be careful to wash their hands after handling them. Children should not handle the terrapins unless they can be trusted always to wash their hands, and, most important, the terrapin tank should not be casually cleaned in the kitchen sink.



Damages Rain in Muscat

## A Moth Proves the Point

Evidence of the gradually clearing air and atmosphere of industrial north west England, subsequent to anti-pollution policies, is being provided by a moth.

Scientists have found that in Lancashire cotton mill towns the "black" peppered moth (*biston betularia*) is losing the black pigment it acquired as camouflage among the smoke and grime of the 19th century and is developing the lighter background the species has in rural areas of Britain.

Also, the once blackened trunks of trees, where the peppered moth roosts by day, are gradually recovering their colour.

## UK Machine Tool Manufacturer Visits UAE

The joint managing director of a British firm which for more than seventy years has specialised in making engineers' drilling machines is to study the development of the engineering industries in the United Arab Emirates and explore the market.

## BRITAIN'S ALL-OUT WAR ON RABIES

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## THE FAIR SEX

## IF YOU ARE THE WIFE OF—

Almost any husband you pick, businessman, minister or serviceman, you expect him to bring you status and luxury.

If you are the lady of an honourable minister, what a luxury. You rank foremost among the women of the land. The dignity of your position has elevated your mind so much that you don't mind exercising the power of a minister yourself. Being a minister's wife your pre-occupations are varied, your responsibilities many. If at one function you are to declare open a women's home, at another you are asked to give away University game prizes. Politics is your creed. You indulge in it freely, scarcely knowing what it stands for. If ever some one from your husband ..... happens to visit your "VILLA" you feel very uncomfortable. The dirty touch of these clumsy fellows mars the grandeur of the Persian carpet of your room.

If you are the "Mem Sahib" of the "Barra Sahib" years of lazy living have fattened your tummy. Worries you have none, but cares many. The smaller lapses of your servant irritate you but the big ones do not bother you. With many invitations to dinners, luncheon and tea-parties in your engagement book you do not feel the pinch of the food shortage.

When the need arises you just ring up your husband's personal assistance

to come and look to your small personal conveniences.

If you are the wife of an old office superintendent, what luck! You rightly consider yourself above the general level but the more coveted higher level you are unable to attain. The many children that you have produced are your greater curse.

Your improved circumstances impel you to improve too, but the fear of criticism from your friends and relations keeps you in your place. If you plan to go out, your whole family follows.

One child you will have to carry in your lap, another you have to lead by the finger. Your man does the same and yet quite a few more are left to walk behind.

Every morning you have to run against time in your attempt to send your husband in time to the office. Your days are spent in rearing your children-tending them and producing more of them.

If you are the darling of an army officer, gaiety thrives around you. 'Eat drink and be merry, for tomorrow shall never come', is your husband's motto besides greatest love, for the defence of the country, and you help him to practice it well. To you life is something beyond clubs and restaurants and of course, the 'out worn' moral principles of society do not bother you.

If you are the wife of a professor you enjoy the privilege of the upper class — without their means. You have plenty of time to understand your man but you start with love and end in..... Your man is the king of kings but the force of circumstances has reduced him to worse than nothing. You grumble and frown but are happy at home, for your greatest treasure in life is with you.

A thousand pities if you are the 'Mrs' of the doctor. The beating profession of your husband has become your sickness. Just when you start feeling the warmth of your man's presence at night, he is snatched away from you to visit a patient. Money you have in plenty but not a man to enjoy it with. Rich and neglected you pass your days in solitude. You feel a void in your life, you think deeply about it unable to find a way out. You put up with it.

If you are the 'sweetheart' of a contractor, you see everything big around you. No wonder then, that you believe in having all things big,—big money—big bungalow — big peoples visit — big appetite etc. Your husband knows only one principle in life — 'money makes the mare go' and he practises it so well that his whole life becomes a big game of mare chasing.

If you are the happy go lucky 'land lady' of a landlord what a pleasure and what fun! Money rolled around you like

scared bees, but — money money everywhere and not a rial to spend. The four walls of your spacious house constitute your world. What lies beyond you is not known nor you aspire to know. You preserve your glamour for marriage ceremonies when in your glitter and gold, you join boisterous festivities.

*If you are better half of a journalist, what a misfortune. Your husband is busy fathoming the feelings of the world barring yours. Every day you have to burn midnight oil, a waiting your man to return. But when he does come back, he is lost in his own thoughts and even though you are with him, he is not with you.*

And if you are perennial society girl, friends of all who can afford to spend on you; your position is alluring. To you marriage is nothing more than a co-operative partnership — each party enjoying as much as it puts in. With the glamour of your dress and make up you bill the morality of the world to sleep. The club is your life the nights, your days you are high price commodity often unobtainable. In the bewitching odour of the perfumes, mixed with the freshness of your rouge and lipstick on you face, you dim the craving of your head and heart.

What if you are not the wife of any of these? Quite probably you don't know what you are and you don't want others to know either.

## Pen Point

Request received at an agricultural experiment station: "Please send me information pertinent to mushroom growing. And if you have any misgivings about this brainstorm of my wife's, please send me a long list of those who have been unsuccessful....."

unintentionally wreck a marriage as surely as a gun can kill. Sentiments should play no part in dictating their presence.

Married couples should live, as far as possible, alone. It cannot be denied that circumstances, sometime, arise which necessitate living together. But every effort should be made to cut this period to an absolute minimum. Husbands and wives should gently discourage their in-laws from exerting authority over them, making decisions for them or criticising their drills of married lives.

Marriages may be made in heavens, but it is well to remember that we have to live through them right here, on the earth.

## Teaching Through Playing Cards

Mrs Margie Golick, an English specialist in teaching techniques for children with general learning difficulties, says that if, apart from pencil and paper, she could have only one teaching aid, it would be an ordinary pack of playing cards.

She has experimented widely over the years at an educational training centre with modern technical teaching aids, expensive and ingenious educational toys and pre-school teaching kits for parents and come to the conclusion that a pack of playing cards was the most useful teaching aid for children with a range of learning problems.

## When Love Turns to Failure

We have all seen it happen. The gradual, almost perceptible deterioration of married love. Husbands and wives drifting apart, losing their love and respect until their lives become nothing but the frustrating processions of miserable days. Yet most couples marry with hope in their hearts. They tell themselves that they are so much in love that nothing — neither fate nor poverty nor time — can do anything to impair their relationship. But what is the real truth? It is appallingly unpleasant. You can prove it yourself. Examine your own circle of relations, friends and acquaintances. How many of them have been married happily and how many have been unhappy? You will find misery in abundance; divorces, separations and what not. You will also see such marriages in which, due to religious differences husbands and wives live in permanent state of mutual hostility. Many of them deliberately hide the fact, presenting to the world at large every appearance of mutual happiness. How does this pathetic transformation take place? How does love, sometime, turns into indifference, into dislike or, sometime, into hatred and contempt? The answer to this, in a nut-shell, is that a marriage deteriorates as more and more points of incompatibility are discovered. The dictionary significantly "incompatible" as "incapable of existing together in harmony. It is interesting to examine points of incompatibility most commonly quoted in courts of law or in consulting rooms of family physicians. These are, very often, defined as "incompatibility":—

1. in moral out-look,
2. in sex,
3. in financial management,

4. in social and domestic behaviour,
5. in attitude to in-laws.

From the above enumerations it becomes possible to determine what conditions should prevail in a marriage if it is meant to succeed.

Sex harmony is of primary import-



ance. It is now a proven fact that couples who have achieved sexual harmony seldom break their marriages. The causes of the lack of sexual harmony are not hard to pinpoint. They have been found to stem from any or all of following:—

1. A poor technique on the part of the husband.
2. An unnecessary degree of prudery in the wife.
3. Persistent guilt-feeling in one or both parties.
4. Fear of unwanted pregnancies.

A healthy moral attitude towards sex is no less essential to marriage. Moral outlook is often wrapped by early environment if sex was treated as a "hush-hush" subject. Thus it comes to be regarded as being a somewhat disgusting business and this feeling continues to lurk in the mind even after marriage.

Then many marriages are split under by the knife-edge of financial stress. This happens because of bad money-

management; wasteful extravagance, the desire to keep up with the society and the eventual contraction by debt. The conduct of the married couple in the home and in social circles must either be happily disciplined or mutually understood. What many husbands think is harmless philandering, can result in marital smash-ups and what many wives consider to be displays of perfectly normal jealousy can drive their husbands to desertion.

Last, the sad truth about in-laws must be squarely faced. In-laws can

# You are Only as Old as You Feel

J. Gold

My age is my own stretch of time, a book whose end I cannot skip ahead to read. I usually take it for granted but, once in a while, I examine it with great surprise. Am I really 35? Does all that time belong to me? In the early days each year had a time-mark in it: a new grade at school, an hour on my bed-time, permission to go out at night, the year of the vote, the year of the diploma. The year ahead were always alluring. When I was nine I couldn't wait to be 12 so I could stay up until 10. When I was 12 I couldn't wait to be 14 so I could wear lipstick. When I was 14 I couldn't wait to be 15, confident that at 15 I'd be able to wear a bra. Now that I'm 35 I can't go genteely without one. Suddenly one day last autumn the 12-year-old, nine-year-old and 22-year-old I used to be drifted into my thirty-fifth year.

Age is dammed ambiguous. Do I still rise when introduced to a woman in Balenciaga black and pearls? Do I call her Hermione when her surname seems to clamour for its dignity? Certainly, I'm old enough to call almost anyone Hermione now. But she has a mink coat, possessions, prestige, serious demeanour, and is so obviously the grown up I still don't feel that I am.

'We're middle-aged,' a 38-year-old friend of mine likes to tell me over and over again lest I think I'm getting away with something.

'Nonsense,' an Austrian ski instructor told me last month, 'you're never too old to scuss.'

He, however, was barely 25 and what can he know about middle-aged, schussing? Yet, I didn't feel middle-aged I waited on skis for below behind the knees, the wheze; they never came. I felt fine, like a child, except for the irritating question between my inner ears; what are you doing schussing at your age?

Age is so insecure. Surreptitiously I read interviews with celebrities, secretly ferreting out their ages. Brigitte Bardot, bless her, is a year older than I am. If I look like Ava Gardner in a few years' time I won't complain.

'The trouble with the pop scene, said the teenaged daughter of a friend (and how disconcerting to have friends with teenaged daughters), 'the real trouble is that the so-called pop people are past it now. Do you know that John Lennon is 29! And Richard Neville too! And heaven only knows how old Cliff Richard is!'

Why don't I feel un-pop, un-cool, un-young? I feel fine, I could schuss all day and carouse all night: I have no intention of abandoning turn-on or hangover.

As a matter of fact, 35 is so pleasant that if it goes on like this I suspect I may grow up to be a gleeful darling in rouge and bangles when I'm 60. But at 60 will I want to? Never mind. When I'm 60, Brigitte Bardot will be 61.

Wanted said a small ad, fourth girl to share mini-bus excursion to Kathmandu. Must be under 25.

Why don't I feel too old for temple bells and Himalayan day-dreams? I don't feel too old for adventure I feel just right. Why can't I come too? Do

the under-25s, I wonder, speak new language they don't want my vintage to learn? Is it just blatant prejudice? I'll have them know I hitch-hiked to Istanbul in my day, and back again. As far as I'm concerned, it is still my day. Any restraints are put upon me not by nature but by the tiresome propriety of the young and by a public which likes its meat unseasoned. For example, Vadim is unlikely to discover me. No matter how alert, how sexy, how young I feel it is unlikely that Vadim bothers to discover 35-year-olds. I must abandon all hope for a film career. I don't think I'll be a ballet dancer either, or a doctor. The moon is a possibility, but only as a very old passenger. Yet, deep down inside this body, a promising youngster turns in her sleep.

Do they mean me? So far the only regular exercise for this over-30 has been breathing in and breathing out. Is there any exercise, facial, or diet which will keep me from becoming 36? Nothing but an act of God will keep me from next September, even lying won't keep me from 36 or 40. Eventually I'll have to move on towards that dear little rocker in the corner. But please, ladies don't push. Your turns are coming too.

Age is unfaithful I thought 21 belonged to me, but now I see other claiming it. Mind you, I wouldn't have 21 back again with bows on it, or 25 or 30, or last month. Here I'm, 13 years from menopause at one end and 20 from puberty at the other, feeling fine. Age after all, is relative to life.

You've reached the age of the annual check-up' my doctor told me, but you're too young to think about a face-lift.

The best women are over 40 a French friend told me. She's 34. You're too old for shorts, madam, the salesgirl might be saying. You're really too old for anything in this boutique you know. Not that some of it mightn't suit you, but you're just too old and I do wish you'd creep out and let me go on with the swingers.

In front of field of new snow, I don't feel too old to consider crazy footprints. Beside the sea, I never feel too old. In a room full of strangers I don't feel too young to enjoy myself. I don't feel too young to console an unhappy friend. I don't feel too old to learn Spanish, how to drive, or chess.

If nobody had told me my birth-date, I don't think I'd know my age.

When I was 16 the local green grocer called me, Miss with my pound of parsnips I was delighted Three years ago the local butcher called me. Madam, I was perplexed. How had I slipped through to Madam when I still felt securely a Miss?

Exercises for the over-thirties say the helpful beauty editors.

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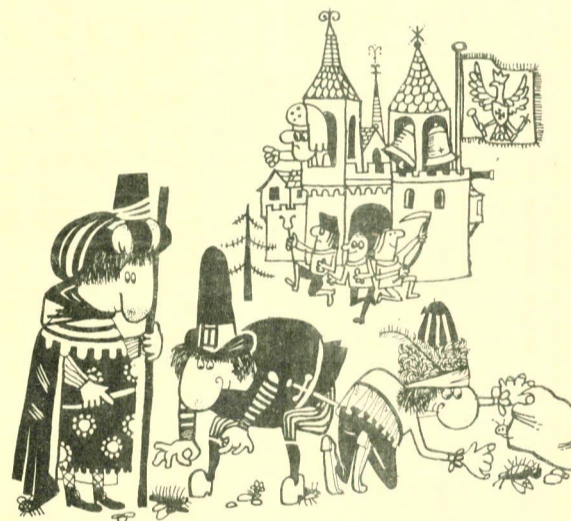
## HEALTH & GENERAL

# What Happens to Children When They Are Unloved ?

It may be easier to understand the vital role played by mother-love if one studies what happens to babies who are, for any reason, deprived of it. (And, of course, the point must be made that true, continuous mother-love can be provided by anyone—not only a child's natural mother. Adoptive, foster, substitute mothers of all kinds have proved this over and over again).

It was the work of Dr. John Bowlby, MD. which first illuminated this subject. He mounted a series of investigations into the physical, mental and emotional development of children in a residential nursery. They received perfect physical care from skilled, trained nurses, and to the uniformed outsider it would have appeared that these babies had none of their needs neglected. But Bowlby reported a number of disturbing facts. One: that they took less food than babies cared for and handled by a single person—mother or substitute—mother — and consequently were smaller. Two: they suffered a greater incidence of illness — infectious and other. Three: they were slower in their development — smiling, grasping, crawling, walking, talking and so on at later age than properly mothered children.

Dr. Bowlby also makes the point that not only children in residential nurseries may suffer mother-love deprivation. A child cared for by his own mother, and only his mother, may show symptoms of being love-starved if for any reason the mother is unable to give enough of herself to her relationship with her child (maybe due to the fact that she herself failed to find adequate loving in infancy). Further work by other researchers has suggested that mother-love-deprived children carry the effects of their loss well into school life. They are less likely to achieve their full potential, less likely to establish happy relationships with teachers or pupils. Some workers have also suggested that in extreme case a baby may actually die if deprived of close human contact of the sort that is formed in the first weeks of life.



## THE BEETLE CURE

Sufferers from toothache in the Rhineland Palatinate were promised present relief and future protection if they helped to its feet a beetle that had fallen upon its back. No doubt in times of dental pestilence there was a great demand for upturned beetles, and the Rhenish peasantry would set out in drive to seek them. These were very probably the first Parish Beetle Drives.

Today our dental procedures have no such rustic charm, but they are a good deal more efficient. We know, for example, that the earlier we start our children in good dental habits — by teaching them the C D E F rule for good teeth — the more promise we give them of healthy teeth both now and in later life.

- C** Cleaning Often and thorough, to remove food particles that can cause decay. After each meal if possible, and always with a brush at bedtime.
- D** DENTIST Regular visits to catch any trouble early.
- E** EXERCISE Lots of chewing exercise — apples, celery, chewing gum, raw vegetables. Chewing helps to clean teeth, promotes flow of saliva (nature's mouthwash); stimulates gums, aids proper jaw development.
- F** FOOD Plenty of milk, butter, cheese and eggs; rich in minerals and vitamins for strong teeth and healthy gums.

# Laugh Away Your Blues

Two spinsters were talking. One said: "I have grown sick of lonely life and have advertised in newspapers for a husband." "Oh how interesting," said the other. "Did you get any replies?" "Yes. Dozens and dozens", she replied. "And they were all alike. They said: "You can have my husband?"

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 Latest form of advertisement:—  
 "Lost. One gold cigarette lighter by a 20-year-old blue eyed blonde with curly hair, weight 102 lbs narrow hips, broad mind, light eater and expert dancer. Phone 92431."

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 One of the wealthiest mill-owner's little daughter studying in VII standard was asked to write a paragraph on a poor family. She began as follows:—  
 "Once upon a time there lived a very poor family. The father was poor. The mummy was poor. The little daughter and the little boy were poor. Their chauffeur was poor. All their maids were poor. The secretaries of papa and mama were also poor. In fact everybody was poor."

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 He was not only a gad-about and ill-reputed for his irresponsible night-club activities but also a bully to the mute, humble and faithful wife. Every night when he left home, he would wave to his wife and say, "Good night, mother of four." She got enough of it. So one night when he was leaving and said, as usual, "Good night, mother of four", she replied back, "Good night, father of one." And he immediately became a home-loving husband, always tied to the TV. after sunset.

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 A visitor of the rich industrialist was a bit shocked to notice that the wealthy man's four-year son was busy in a very unusual form of play. The kid had a box-full of nails and a hammer and was driving nails in every valuable piece of furniture in the drawing room. The father sat unconcerned while the urchin played havoc. The visitor could not stand this any longer and asked the industrialist, "How can you afford to give your little one so many nails?" And promptly came the answer, "Why could we afford that? We purchase the nails whole-sale."

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 This one is about the frequency of marriages in Hollywood. Two kids were sitting in front of their mansion homes. One said, "I have got one little sister and two little brothers. What have you got?" The second one replied triumphantly, "I have got four mammas by my papa and two papas by my first mama."

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 The new generation can well distinguish themselves from the kids of half a century ago. Little Rosy had been given an assignment to write; so she sought information from mummy before doing the task. "Where, where did grandma come from?"

"From the big, beautiful stork brought to earth, dear."  
 "Then, where did you come from, mummy?"  
 "The stork brought me too, of course."  
 "From where did I come from?"  
 "The stork brought you also, sweetie."

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 Little Rosy sat down and began her paper thus:  
 "I live in a very strange family. It seems to have been no natural births in it for three generations."

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 The fellows belonging to the criminal underworld were talking. Said one to the

other, "My father died suddenly, leaving a lot of money behind — say as much as 500,000 chips."

"Then how you could not inherit that much wealth and live on crime?"

"There is a reason," replied the fellow. "What reason?" asked the other.

And the explanation came forth in cent per cent truthful statement: "The police shot my father dead just as he had looted a bank and was escaping through a window. 500,000 were found in the bag under his arm."

## REPARTEE — One of the Main Factors of Popularity and Fame

REPARTEE, the faculty of making witty retorts, has been, very often, the main factor responsible for adding to the glamour and popularity of many a historic personality. For instance, quite a number of writers, authors, politicians, statesmen, lawyers and, sometimes, even members of the Royalty, have earned admiration as well as fame for their quick wit and humour. We are presenting hereunder some fascinating examples of the display of this rare faculty by persons of various trades and positions, which will be surely enjoyed equally by all types of the readers. A famous Hollywood star, once suggested to the great writer, George Bernard Shawe, in a letter, "Have you ever considered the possibility of our marrying and having wonderful children who would inherit your brain and my beauty?" And Mr. Shawe wrote back: "You may be right. But what I am afraid of, is the possibility that those children might inherit your brain and my beauty."

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 During the period immediately preceding World War II, when Hitler was carrying a campaign to win over the Heads of the neighbouring countries as friends and allies of Nazi Germany, he found Admiral Horthy, the Regent of Hungary, to be a very hard nut to crack. The Admiral was invited to Germany on a state visit and was staying as the Fuehrer's personal guest at Berchtesgaden. Talks between the two leaders had been very satisfactory and successful according to the Nazi Dictator's view and, therefore, he was in a very good frame of mind. Unlike his usual serious mood and habitual reticence, he was very talkative at the lunch table and was proving a good conversationalist. Suddenly he looked full-face at his guest and asked with a broad smile on his face: "I have always been longing for asking a personal question from Your Excellency. It is about the rank you hold. I have been rather non-plussed at the fact that although Hungary has no seas and no Navy, yet you hold the rank of an Admiral?" While the Nazi Dictator awaited an explanation with still broader a smile on his face, the other went on taking mouthful after mouthful of food munching it, and he judged that the Fuehrer should not be kept waiting any more, he said in a very off-hand manner, "But, haven't you also got a Ministry of Justice in Germany?" It was the last day of Admiral Horthy's stay in Germany, and it is said that not a single word of conversation was exchanged between the guest and the host till the formal words of farewell on the departure of the former.

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 Eaman de Velera, Prime Minister of Ireland (1926-1948), has been well known for his dislike for the Britishers.

## Vote of Confidence

In the spring of 1946 the United Nations was making its temporary home at New York City's Hunter College. A ballot box had been built for the Security Council delegates, assembled in the college gymnasium. When the first vote was called, the box was opened for pre-balloting inspection. Inside lay a piece of paper bearing these words:

"May I, who have had the privilege of fabricating this ballot box, cast the first vote? May God be with every member of the United Nations and through your noble efforts bring lasting peace to us all — all over the world. Paul Antonio, Mechanic."

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 Once an English youngman, a fresh University graduate, who was on a study tour of Ireland, requested the Prime Minister for an interview which was readily granted. After the exchange of formal greetings, Mr. de Velera asked, "Where have you come from, my youngman?" The expected answer was: "From Great Britain, Sir." "And why have you come here?", was the next question. "Just to learn, Sir" replied the youngman, at which the Irish Prime Minister said sternly, "Right. Then start learning just now. Don't say Great Britain. Say Britain only."

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 During the Great War (1914-18), the then Prince of Wales, later King Edward VIII was on an official visit to U.S.A., on a highly important mission. He was the Chief Guest at a state

banquet and the then President had to address the guests. As in America there are no title holders and every one is addressed as Mr., and the President's speech of welcome was to be made extempore, he habitually started with: "Ladies and gentlemen!" Then he at

once realised that the Chief Guest was a Royalty. He turned apologetically to the Prince and restarted: "I beg your pardon. Your Royal Highness, Ladies and.....". And at once the Prince of Wales got up from his seat and said, "Mr President, I have no objection to being called a gentleman. So carry on please."

## Revised Version

THE LATE AGA KHAN, leader of the Ismaili Moslem sect, was partial to the pleasures of the table. When a visitor asked him how he reconciled his predilection for worldly enjoyments with his status as a religious leader, the Aga replied, —

"I do not think the Lord meant the good things of this world to be enjoyed only by sinners."

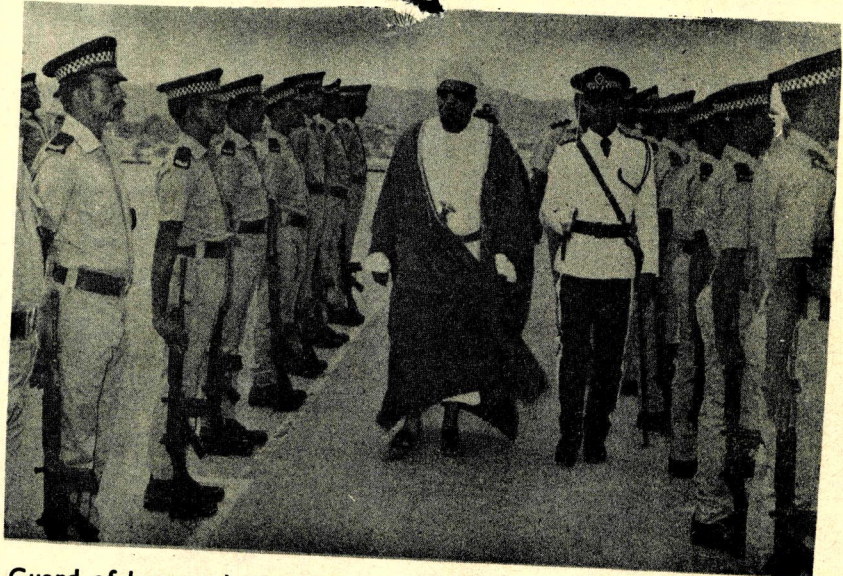
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 An elderly farmer was finishing his hay-making one Sunday morning as the pastor of a local church drove by.

"Brother" the minister lectured him, "don't you know that the Creator made the world in six days and rested on the seventh?"

"Yes, said the old farmer as he looked uneasily at the rain clouds in the west, "I know all about that. But He got done and I didn't."

## Pen Point

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 Minister of Transport of a European country, whose traffic restrictions, one-way streets and no-parking zones had annoyed many drivers, received a telegram saying: "TO HELL WITH YOU. OFFENSIVE LETTER FOLLOWS."



Guard of honour being accorded to Deputy Minister of Defence, H. E. Sayyid Faher Bin Taimour Al-Said



H. E. The Minister of Health at the passing-out ceremony of the cadats

## Telecommunication Project In Arab Countries Lauded

LONDON. The Arab telecommunication satellite project "should rank as one of the most notable in the field of pan-Arab economic and technical cooperation," the "Financial Times" said in a survey on Arab telecommunications.

The paper compared it to plans like the Arab Maritime Transport Company and the Arabian Ship Repair Service.

The cost is put at under \$150 million, but some communications engineers thought it might

reach \$250 million, it said.

Most Arab countries have built or are building satellite earth stations. Chief among these so far is the Bahrain facility which has played "a pivotal role" in traffic between Britain, Hong Kong, France, Italy, Kuwait, Pakistan, India and Lebanon.

Under the current project, it appears that the Arab Telecommunications Union envisages something like 5,000-7,000 high quality channels inter-connecting all the Arab capitals, the "Financial Times" said.

## U.K. Woman Expects to Have Record 14-Month Pregnancy

WOLVERHAMPTON, England -- Mrs. Jacqueline Haddock believes that some time in April she will set a world record for the longest pregnancy -- 14 months -- but there are some doubters.

According to the Guinness Book of Records the longest medically accepted pregnancy for a baby born alive was established by Mrs. Christine Houghton

of Wlberton, Sussex, in May 1971 when she gave birth to a 7-pound 7-ounce baby boy after 390 days. Normal pregnancy lasts about 280 days.

Mrs. Haddock was given a medical certificate by the doctor last May stating that she was three months pregnant. But Wolverhampton hospital last November estimated she was only four months pregnant at that time and set the expected birth rate on April 8 after 14 months.

## Mrs. Court Tops Czech To Grab Chicago Title

CHICAGO -- For a woman who rarely loses her cool, Australia's Margaret Court has a distinct psychological advantage.

The stately 32-year-old native of Perth methodically wore down 18-year-old Martina Navratilova to capture first place in the \$75,000 Chicago Women's Tennis Tournament.

It took Mrs. Court three sets to win the top money of \$16,000, and when it was over, she proudly admitted, "I tried to wrap it up too soon."

## Directory of Sheep Breeder

The first directory of sheep breeders in Britain with performance-recorded, pure bred flocks has just been published by the Meat and Livestock Commission.

It covers 32 breeds and gives the names, addresses and telephone numbers of 259 individual flock owners, and the classes of sheep they normally have for sale. All the flocks listed take part in MLC's individual ewe recording scheme.



H. E. Sayyid Hamed bin Hamoud, Minister of Palace Affairs presenting prize to a lady for distinguished performance.

## New Democratic Candidate In U.S. Presidential Race

WASHINGTON. U.S. Senator Lloyd M. Bentsen Jr., a wealthy Texan with more money than tangible political support, Monday became the fifth formal entrant into the 1976 Democratic presidential race.

"The paramount issue is economic recovery," Bentsen said, declaring he would offer his party and the nation "leadership which is at once candid, unafraid and positive."

## True Value of Protein Supplements

"Windows" have been fitted in the intestines of sheep to allow them to be studied by scientists at the Rowett Research Institute at Aberdeen, Scotland.

The scientists can thus observe the manner in which proteins are handled within the ruminant digestive system.

The experiment is part of a project which is aimed overall at evaluating the true worth of protein supplement by means of measuring the degree to which it is digested in the small intestine.

This is in addition to the amount its amino-acid content complements those the microbial protein produced in the rumen.

## Britain's Food Aid For Third World

Britain is to spend £20 million (50 million dollars) on food aid for needy countries in the present financial year.

She added "We are using all our influence to see that the neediest countries receive a major part of the grains to be made available over the coming year.

"Particularly difficult problems exist over the supply of fertilisers. Because we import much of our fertilisers, there are limits to what Britain can do directly in the short term. Nevertheless we have promised 25,000 tonnes to the FAO International Fertiliser Supply Scheme and have recently provided 10,000 tonnes for Bangladesh under bilateral aid."

"Furthermore, as part of aid to food production we help developing countries to create or improve their own sources of fertiliser supply. For example, since 1970 Britain has committed over £25 million (62 million dollars) in capital aid to India alone for this purpose."

## Beirut Hilton To Open May 15

The Beirut Hilton will open May 15, it was announced

The announcement was made by the chairman of the owning company Societe Mediterranee des Grands Hotels, Joe Kairouz, and Beirut Hilton General Manager George Engelhardt after a series of meetings with the contractors, designers and suppliers of the new luxury hotel.

The Beirut Hilton, which will lift the standards of Beirut hotel services to a record-high level, is expected to launch a number of innovations so far unknown to the Lebanese capital.

The innovations will be concentrated in the field of services to businessmen but will also cover the full range of hotel comforts and conveniences.

## Getting Rid of Unwanted Oil

Working together, a Welsh laboratory and a firm in the English Midlands have produced an impregnated material that can totally absorb oil from water.

Available in cloth or paper mat "Oilik" can be used to clear the vestiges of oil from the sea, clear emulsion and water baths in steel works and aluminium rolling mills, remove unwanted oil from the sumps of machine-tools in factories and mop up spills on the shop-floor.

"It acts rather like blotting-paper picks up the oil without the water," said Mr. Clive Jones, industrial liaison officer, of Wolfson Laboratory for Biology of Industry at the University of Wales in Cardiff.

"It will have applications in all engineering and process industries. It been designed basically for mineral but there is no reason why it should not work with vegetable oils."

"Oilik" can be used over and over again. When a mat has been saturated it can be wrung out and put to work again.



Havoc caused by Recent Rain in Muscat