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Troubled Iraq Depends On Oil, Land, And Water

Whatever its changes in government, Iraq depends for its life and well-being on oil, land, and water.

Life-giving water is provided by the great Tigris and Euphrates river systems. They have long made Iraq one of the most fertile of the desert-plagued Near East.

According to tradition, the Garden of Eden lay near the confluence of the two rivers. Iraq's ancient name was Mesopotamia, from the Greek meaning "Land Between the Rivers."

Effective irrigation made Mesopotamia the granary of the ancient world. Its green fields supported many times the present population of 7,263,000. Modern Iraqis are trying to restore their country's agricultural wealth.

Oil is a fine thing, but you can't plant it; it is an Iraqi said. "Water is far more important. Most natural resources are replaceable. But once you take oil out of the ground, it is gone forever."

Wherever water is available, soil in Iraq is extremely productive. It yields grain for domestic consumption and export, and about four-fifths of the one-half of the cultivable land is being tilled.

The key to Iraq's economic future, however, is its huge oil wealth. Oil royalties have financed a dozen schools, armed forces, irrigation and drainage installations.

Oil money has built new bridges, roads, airports, schools, hospitals, public housing, and factories. It has financed an ambitious expansion, especially in the old Arabian Nights capital at Baghdad.

Baghdad now has more cars than cars, and stores retailing imported electrical appliances, outsize suvs, or markets, displaying homemade copperware.

Occasionally a herd of sheep may justly graze in Baghdad, but horse-drawn carriages are banned in the long-lit business district.

Throughout Iraq, draft animals still outnumber tractors by the thousands to one.

Iraq has witnessed the rise and fall of some of the world's greatest civilizations. South of Baghdad was storied Babylon where Nebuchadnezzar built the famed Hanging Gardens.

In the north stood Nineveh, royal residence of Sennacherib when the Biblical monarch ruled the Assyrian empire during its golden age.

South of the Tigris, in the region of the great southern port, Basra, the great impressionists—Babylon, Persia, and Arabia—have left their marks.

It is a beautiful and varied shellfish area up by the sea.

A shell is actually a skeleton, worn down by creatures that have no bones. Though mere blobs of life, without hearts, they lead simple lives.

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Sons of primitive farmers are studying chemistry and physics in first-rate laboratories, and signs of a new nation in the making are apparent.

'Non-Aptitude Sports'

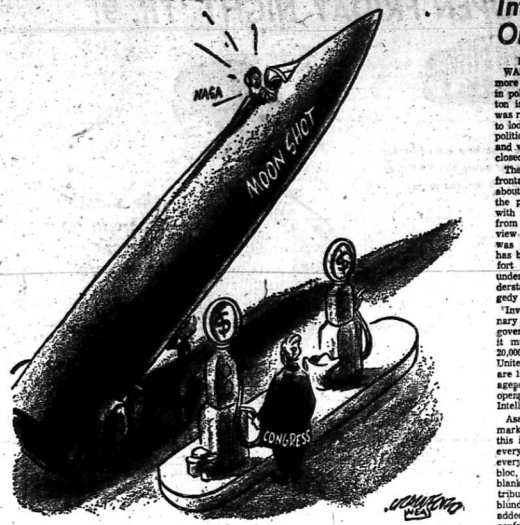
The Raleigh (N. C.) News

It is undoubtedly an advance to require holders of athletic scholarships in the Southeastern Conference to score at least 750 on scholastic aptitude tests. However, the measure seems faltering when it is noted that other students are not encouraged to enter the Consolidated University if they only attain this minimum score.

Quick Quiz

- Q—How much milk does a cow yield a day?
A—The average in advanced countries is two gallons a day.
- Q—Are there any extant copies of the Bay Psalm Book?
A—Eleven copies are known to exist, of which six are imperfect.
- Q—What fish is known to walk on the floor of the ocean?
A—The flatfish. Its lower fins are long and sturdy.
- Q—How did Abraham Lincoln acquire the sobriquet "Rail Splitter"?
A—In the Illinois State Republican convention of 1831 he had with fence rails placarded, "Abraham Lincoln, the Rail Candidate for President in 1860."

"FILL 'ER UP!"



Letters To The Editor

"LOVE YOUR ENEMY" . . . RESPECT ALL RELIGION

Editor: After reading the paper dated Feb. 26 where it said, "Church Labeled Public nuisance," I am frightened.

What is happening in this wonderful country of ours? It seems like some people are forgetting that this country is free and everyone has a right to worship in their own way.

We do have freedom of religion. I am not a member in any church, but I do believe people should be allowed to worship God in their own way.

Who are we so afraid that a church (only church) could be a nuisance to the public. I would be afraid to even say those words.

I've found out for the past few years that there are good people in every church. Always, they realize that it does some good to the world. I don't know if it does some good to the world, shouting and praising the Lord. If a person wants to worship God, let them worship.

When people go to a ball game they always yell for their team. Even when they go to the wrestling matches they do. Don't you suppose people living close to a little tired of hearing the shouting and screaming? But what if it is a free country and are brounished about these things?

It seems to me that people could turn the radio or TV on and just try not to hear some things. I don't see why we should have to hear these people.

I honestly feel in my heart that a person who would sign a petition would be a real Christian. A Christian is supposed to love everyone; good or bad. I wonder if we know what church is right and what church is wrong?

It seems like to me that all churches and all Christians should work together. We have only one God. I see each one, every one, worship in their own way.

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"MUTE MODERATORS" ARE ASKED TO SPEAK OUT

Editor: As April, the cruellest month, wears the face of the rabble rouser, let us inaugurate by the air of Alabama. Such feelings will swell into another cacophonous crescendo of hatred, bigotry, and treachery. The

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WASHINGTON CALLING Intelligence Gap Exists On Both Sides Of Curtain?

By MARQUESS WELLS
 WASHINGTON—With Cuba and Mexico as hotbeds in politics the yams in Washington is to look back to see who terms his adversary in Cuba. U.S.—Russia—Mexico is to look ahead to try to judge the political impact of the rightness and wrongness of the new developments in the months ahead.

The details of how the confrontation of last October, which have been thrashed over in the public prints several times, with two current instances from a more or less partisan view of who was wrong and who was right. But this far, there has been no serious, objective effort to appraise this nation's understanding—and lack of understanding—of the Cuban tragedy and how it came about.

Involved here is the extraordinarily vast intelligence apparatus of the government. Screened by secrecy it must elude directly at least 20,000 individuals, including the United States Intelligence Board is 10 representatives of separate agencies with a stake in the operation, headed by the Central Intelligence Agency.

Assuming that with the remarkable techniques available this intelligence army can count every missile, every gun barrel, every soldier in the Communist bloc, there is nevertheless a big blind spot in the picture. It is identified to the Bay of Pigs blunder in 1961 and it may have led to the peril of Castro's leadership, which is far more important, this persistent blank may be an element in a new and equally damaging encounter over Cuba.

Prior to the October crisis the intelligence apparatus of the government between the Kremlin intelligence and the hard-line specialists of the State Department and the CIA. The specifications and the Premier Khrushchev would be most unlikely to commit the full intelligence apparatus in Cuba. This was their estimate based on long knowledge.

John McCona, director of the CIA, began saying to top people in government to early as last week, before Senator Kenneth Keating's public missile statements, that he believed that the views went about to install of offensive capability. This was his strong conviction based on his knowledge of Cuba and the results of the two-month U.S. flights over the island.

McCona on August 24 left for Europe on his honeymoon. At Cap Ferrat on the French Riviera he continued to brood over Cuba. From this brooding came what are now known as the housekeeping telegrams which, if they are ever released, would seem to establish

impossible for this to cause structural damage to the heart. It may, of course, cause minor inconvenience. In some extreme instances of the heart (depression of the left ventricle of the chest) has been necessary to start the heart beating again.

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THE DOCTOR'S MAILBAG Don't Worry Unduly About Heart Palpitation

By WAYNE G. BRANDSTADT, M.D.
 Writer for Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

Q—Does palpitation of the heart cause heart trouble? And, would getting punched on the heart damage the heart?

A—Palpitation, pounding of the heart, may be due to excitement, violent exercise, or an abnormality of acute awareness of the heart. It does not cause trouble and is not a sign of any serious heart disease.

Boxers at football plays over the region of the heart. The heart is very sensitive to shocks which it would be practically impossible for this to cause structural damage to the heart.

Q—I have been told that I have a heart condition and that I should be careful. My doctor says that wearing a special uplift girdle and staying some weight would help. Is it true that it will help?

A—It is true that it will help if you have some persons' stomachs are lower in the abdomen than those of others. This is especially common in very thin persons.

Q—I get fever blisters pretty often. What is the best treatment?
 A—Fever blisters are caused by a virus that is closely related to the virus that causes chickenpox and smallpox.

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Thoughts

That your faith might not rest in wisdom of man but in the power of God.—I Cor. 2:5.

e Opens New Road Collectors' Items

Shell collectors, happily combing fruitful beaches of Florida's S. Island, expect an influx of a new "caveausary" is under connection between the sparsely settled island and the west-coast main.

Florida is a shell collectors' paradise. Because the east coast beaches are steeper, and deep water comes to shore, certain species seen rarely appear on the west side.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON, FIRST U.S. CONVENT
 First convent in the United States was established at Ft. Tobacco, Charles County, Md. Four nuns established this first American headquarters of the Carmelites in 1790.

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SPECIAL SESSION FOR MORE SCHOOL TAXES URGED

Editor: Over 100 school officials of Alabama have the legal responsibility for recommending and administering school budgets. The Alabama State Board of Education is now in session. It has unanimously offered the following resolution to the Governor of Alabama:

"Whereas, public education in Alabama suffered prostration and stagnation during the past year; and whereas, the total revenue for public education last year which was not paid in full and a total of \$100 million of the State's revenue was diverted to the State of Mississippi as a result of the present Alabama Special Educational Trust Fund loans are not being repaid in full;

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SEKS INFORMATION ON FIBER COUSIN

Editor: In 1960 I had a uncle and aunt who lived near Cloverdale, Alabama. They were Bill and Melie Williford. They had two young daughters who would be my first cousins. I do not remember their first names. I do not know whom they married. I would be glad to know something about them.

(Signed) W. H. Burdette
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