

The Arab World Has Had A Long Turbulent, History

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The Arab question is 1,300 years old.

For more than a dozen centuries the Arabs, their civilization cradled in the scorched Arabian peninsula, have conquered and been conquered under the tides of history scattered them over a vast area now loosely known as "the Arab world."

Today the heart and centre of that world is Egypt, and Egypt has set the Western world's nerves edge. Nationalization of the Suez Canal, focus of the immediate crisis, is not the only Western worry. Arab ambitions, tempers, frustrations and hatreds have spread ferment from the Persian Gulf to the Atlantic.

SEEKS UNION

Egypt's President Nasser, central figure in the latest crisis, calls this whole area "the Arab nation." His spoken aspirations make it plain he considers Egypt the leader of an Arab world which one day will be united.

It is far from united now. It is not really one world but at least four, linked loosely by ties of common religion and the Arab language. Nasser speaks for pan-Arabism, and Arabic-speaking peoples are pulled strongly toward the dream. But national, racial, geographical and ideological rivalries keep the Arab lands disunited.

The 10,000,000 Arabs who inhabit the Arabian peninsula are an isolated world to themselves. Only the thin veneer of a modern civilization, induced by the flow of foreign oil royalties, covers centuries-old feudal systems.

The so-called fertile crescent—the area formed by Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan and Palestine—cradle of modern civilization and the great Western religions, is yet another world of some 12,000,000 Arabs.

THIRD WORLD

The almost 30,000,000 Moslems of Egypt and Sudan, occupying a big patch of North East Africa, are a third world, often described by fertile crescent people as more African than Arab. And about 20,000,000 people who call themselves Arab occupy Morocco, Tunis, Algeria and Libya in North Africa. Their religion is Moslem but in the mists of centuries many of the cultural ties with the eastern Arabs have been lost.

All these countries have their own cultures, some tied to Europe. Many Arabs are Christians, particularly in Lebanon and Egypt. Some are Jews.

The new Egyptian constitution calls Egypt an integral part of "the Arab nation," meaning the vast area in which at least 70,000,000 who might be described as Arabs are linked by religion and language.

There is little racial significance in the word "Arab." In Algeria, Syria and Lebanon there are fair-haired, fair-skinned Arabs who have adopted the ways of Western civilization. Jordan is half Westernized, half nomadic, its Bedouin tribes little removed from Bible days. In Tunisia, many like to trace their culture back to ancient Carthage, in Algeria to ancient Rome. In Morocco the Berbers date back many centuries before the arrival of the conquering Arab hordes which swept all the way into Spain.

RELIGIONS INFLUENCE

The common history and language arise from the militant religion founded by the prophet Mohammed, who was born in Mecca, on the Arabian peninsula, in 570 A.D. The sword of Islam knifed east and west. In about 642, 10 years after Mohammed died, Arabs seized Egypt. By 683 they reached Morocco and in 1061 Moslems overran Spain. Islam spread eastward to what is now Soviet Central Asia.

But in the 13th century this power began to wane. The Arabs lost Persia and the eastern part of their empire to the Turks and Mongols. They lost Spain to Christians. Their empire split itself in fierce rivalries.

For hundreds of years much of the Arab world lived under the non-Arab sway of an Ottoman (Turkish) ruler. Their nationality

was submerged. In the First World War, the Allied powers stimulated Arab revolt against the Turks, with promises of Arab independence and unity. But great power politics kept the Arab world split after the war. Since the two world wars, however, many have become independent: Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Yemen, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Sudan, Tunisia and Morocco.

Rulers of these states, stimulated by outside powers, often intrigued against one another. In the morass of jealousies and suspicions, Arab unity was a fiction. But one event served as a spur to unity of the 40,000,000 Arabs of Egypt and the fertile crescent area—the emergence of the state of Israel in 1948. Arab rulers were united in their resentment.

The rise of a hero like Nasser inflamed the deep-rooted desire among Arabs to regain their ancient grandeur after centuries of want and oppression. They sensed their latent power. They inhabited one of the most important sectors of the globe, the source of life-giving oil for Europe's industry and the crossroads of the world's trade. If Nasser could defeat the great powers in a spectacular show of defiance, there was a chance that the great pressure of millions of Arabs might overthrow rulers who failed to bury their old rivalries in the quest for a second empire of the Arab world.

Irrigation Is Changing The Farming Scene In Alberta

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., (CP)—Irrigation projects, largest of which is expected to cost more than \$30,000,000, may transform the farming industry in southeastern Alberta.

Ditches carrying water across rolling plains are turning vast grain farms into smaller units on which intensified cultivation of a variety of crops is carried out.

The federal and provincial governments are co-operating on a series of irrigation projects which, when completed, will have more than 2,500,000 acres within irrigation ditches, although not all the land will be served with water.

The St. Mary-Milk River system is the largest, stretching 200 miles from Cardston in the west to Medicine Hat on the east. The main headworks built by the federal government have been completed, as is the 200-mile main canal.

SMALLER SYSTEMS

Close to 180,000 acres of land will be served by this single system. Several other small irrigation districts linking in with the network eventually will bring the

water to 300,000 acres.

The primary system is known as the Low Line Canal. It will be supplemented by another built further south, to be known as the High Line. The High Line will add another 100,000 acres to the St. Mary-Milk River system.

Introducing water to the area has also brought problems. Farmers and irrigation officers have joined to work out details of breaking the works in, control and use of water, what crops are suited to various types of soil and machinery required.

Farmers who formerly cultivated many sections of land are no longer able to handle the big acreages and must change farming procedure. Some turn to crops such as sugar beets, tomatoes, beans and corn.

Others, farther from canneries, are changing to forage crop and grains for feeding cattle.

In addition to the main projects, there are 14 separate irrigation districts and 700 small private projects in the area south-west of Calgary.



More than 700 Army Cadets and 250 Militiamen from the four Atlantic Provinces are presently receiving training at Eastern Command Summer Camp, Aldershot, N.S., which is commanded by Brigadier J.A.W. Bennett, CBE, CD, of St. John's, Nfld. Four members of the Militia from Charlottetown serving on the camp staff and shown above from left to right are Sgt. W.W. Reid, Capt. F.L. Cass, Cpl. M.J. Gaudet, and Capt. D.F. Sigsworth.

EVEN THE SERGEANT SMILES

ALMA

Mrs. John Miller, Southport, has been recently visiting Miss Rae Barbour.

Edward O'Brien returned to Providence, R.I., after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. MacLellan, Lauretta.

Amos Harris, Everett, Mass., has arrived to spend a couple of months with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Jimmie and Billie Getson of Coleman, are spending some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanford MacNeil.

The Misses Betty and Jean McNeil are visiting relatives in Coleman.

Miss Florence Dunbar, R.N., is

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Mrs. Gene Stefano and son Paul recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin MacGregor, Burton.

The Misses Helen and Ruth Dalton of Summerside were recent

visiting friends in Mount Stewart and vicinity for a few days.

Mrs. Jean Crockett and her sister, Miss Helen Finlayson of Charlottetown, visited relatives in Alma recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Barbour and family, spent a recent week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Murray in Summerside.

The sympathy of the commun-

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Mrs. William Doyle of Malden, Mass., was a recent guest of her sisters, Mrs. Lance Dalton and Mrs. Melvin MacGregor, Burton.

Mr. John Dalton of Halifax, N.S., is visiting his father, Mr. Ambrose Dalton, Burton.

Mrs. Mary Reilly of Montreal, is visiting at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Reilly, Glengarry.

Mrs. Vincent Hogen and daughter Ann Marie of Long Island, N.Y., are visiting Mr. Daniel Sullivan, Campbellton.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. their son Stanley and Cpl. Turnbull of R.C.A.F. Station, Summer-

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town serving on the camp staff and shown above from left to right are Sgt. W.W. Reid, Capt. F.L. Cass, Cpl. M.J. Gaudet, and Capt. D.F. Sigsworth.

guests of Miss June MacGregor, Burton.

side, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Scott, West Point, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McIsaac and family and Mrs. Garvas of St. Eleanors, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coughlin and daughter Frances of City Island, N.Y., Mr. Parnell Casgror, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Casgror of St. Eleanors.

Mr. and Mrs. Franl McCarthy and family of Brantell, Mass., are guests of Mrs. McCarthy's mother, Mrs. Bella Butler, Glengarry.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Griffin of Haverhill, Mass., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Philip O'Holleron, Brocton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hunter and John Kelly of Boston, Mass., are the guests of Mrs. Hunter's brother, Rev. J.N. Trainor, St.

Marks, Burton.

Miss Bella Howard and her niece Miss Marie Griffin of Hingham, Mass., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Howard Cape Wolfe.

Miss Muriel Reilly of Boston, Mass., is visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Redmond Reilly, Cape Wolfe, also her father, Mr. Thomas Reilly.

Miss Catherine Howard who is residing with her niece, Mrs. Agnes Murphy, of Clermont is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Howard. Little Miss Lynn Murphy of Howard.

Mr. Frank McCarthy of Brantree, Mass., recently visited his brothers, Messrs. Leo and Justin McCarthy, Campbellton.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Pasco of Montreal are guests of Mrs. Pasco's father, Mr. Thomas Reilly Cape Wolfe. They are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Redmond Reilly.

Mrs. Frank Corcoran, son Francis and daughter Sheila of Halifax are visiting Mrs. Bella Butler, Glengarry.

The annual semi-formal dance held at St. Mark's Hall, Burton, on Wednesday evening was an eventful occasion. Fourteen couples took part in the square and modern dancing. Following a ballot vote by the audience first prize was awarded to Miss June MacGregor, Burton, second prize was awarded to Miss Ida Deagle. The remainder of the evening was spent in square and modern dancing. Excellent music was furnished by Lenard Barnett and Lorne Howard. A daily lunch was served by the ladies of the parish. A substantial sum was realized.

Mr. George Coughlin has returned to his home in City Island, N.Y. He spent a pleasant holiday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Dalton, Burton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingham Fish also Mr. Ray Fish of Boston, Mass., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell of Halliburton.

Friends of Mr. Edward Miller of Halliburton are pleased to learn he has recovered from his recent illness. Mr. Miller has returned to his duties on the cream truck.

Mr. Reggie MacWilliams of Halifax, N.S., was a recent guest of his brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. James MacWilliams, Cape Wolfe.

Miss Heather Constan, Cape Wolfe, has returned from Augustine Cove, where she attended camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Perry and family, who were residing in Rustico, have returned to Burton.

Mr. Alfred Cousins who is employed in Toronto, is visiting his wife and family in Campbellton.

HOLMAN STORE NEWS

Bringing You Up-To-Date On What's New And Interesting at Holman's



Treat your feet to that "million dollar look" even though you operate on a modest budget! The ROXY SHOES for Men to be found in Both Holman Stores have everything that you could desire—they are well made, they are handsome in appearance, they will wear well and keep their comfortable fit... they're reasonable priced... speaking of comfort, they say: "In choosing shoes as in choosing a wife, compatibility is of the utmost importance... and Roxy Shoes are the most compatible, comfortable shoes you'll ever put on your comfort-loving feet!" Let me just tell you of the two smart styles I inspected this morning—a Balmoral cut brogue has perforated wing tip vamp and heel. It is made of smooth, pliable kip leather in either black or brown with a full double sewn leather sole and hard heel. A slip-on gore loafer with overlay moccasin vamp and elastic gore front is made of fine burgundy colored kip leather and also has a full double sewn leather sole and hard heel. Both styles are neatly lined, are in sizes and half sizes 6 to 11, and are priced just \$9.96. Treat your feet to a distinctive pair of comfortable shoes—ROXY—from Holman's Both Stores Shoe Department.

Recommended --- For Under Your Lovely New Things!

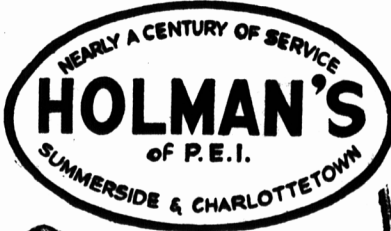


"Ardele" Slips have the sleek alignment that you wish for under your Fall fashions! The perfect fit is as it should be and the dainty trimming is truly feminine. Come today and choose luxury lingerie at affordable prices.....

SLIP of smooth lingerie crepe in a straight cut style with adorable applique and three inch lace trimming on the fitted bodice and hemline. Whites only in sizes 32 to 42, each **2.98**

SLIP of opaque nylon tricot has a fitted midriff and straight cut skirt. The neat bodice and the hemline are accented with a permanently pleated frill of nylon. White only in sizes 32 to 42, each **3.98**

HALF-SLIP of opaque white nylon in slim fitting designed for wearing under pencil slim skirts. The hemline is a deeply pleated flounce. Sizes small, medium or large, each **2.98**



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BABY DRESSES of easy-to-care-for nylon in shades of white, pink or blue, trimmed with embroidery or lace. They're dainty and cunning with short puffed sleeves and pleats or gathered fullness. Sizes 1 to 3, each **1.98**

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BABY BOOKS priced from 50 cents to 1.50

BABY BRUSH AND COMB SETS priced 90 cents to 1.49

DIAPER BAGS priced from 90 cents to 1.96

BABY BOOTS of embroidered felt priced 2.19

BABY BOOTS of fine wale corduroy priced 2.49

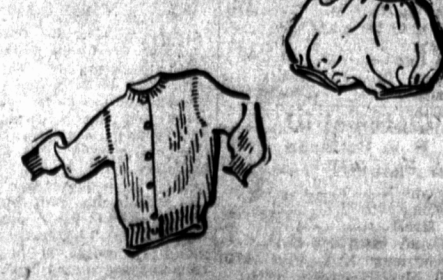
BABY RATTLES in a variety of designs priced from 30 cents to 70 cents

BABY FEEDING CUPS priced 50 cents and 90 cents

BABY TERRY TOWEL SETS priced 90 cents and 1.96

BABY BOTTLE HOLDERS priced 1.29 and 1.96

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