

Daring Raids Reported By Outlawed Republican Army

BELFAST (Reuters) — Tuesday night's daring raids in which an estimated 100 men attacked installations in Northern Ireland, have been described as the fiercest started by the outlawed Irish Republican Army in many years.

If anything, they pointed to the continuing buildup of the illegal army which in recent months has almost openly been engaged in training men in the hills and countryside of the Irish Republic, whose government has outlawed it.

The raids were part of a long series of anti-British acts dating back to Easter Sunday, 1916, the day on which the Irish rebellion against British rule began in Dublin.

Caused by long smouldering arguments on religious and social questions, the rebellion was organized and led by the Sinn Fein party (Gaelic for "ourselves alone").

A short-lived Irish Republic was proclaimed, but ended when the rebellion was put down by British troops after vicious fighting. A number of revolutionary leaders were executed.

After the First World War, an act was passed by the British Parliament providing for a Northern Irish Parliament at Belfast and a Southern Irish one at Dublin, but the plan of partition was opposed by the Southern Irish.

Meanwhile, the Sinn Fein began a campaign against the Irish constabulary, and Britain—in retaliation—sent a special force, known as the "black and tans," recruited from ex-soldiers, to Ireland.

MORE VIOLENCE

Violence flared up until 1921, when a moderate group of Sinn Feiners came into power and accepted dominion status for Southern Ireland, then known as the Irish Free State.

Northern Ireland, composed of six counties with a predominantly Protestant population — as compared to the mainly Roman Catholic population in Southern Ireland—remained a part of the United Kingdom.

Beside the religious differences between the two areas, Northern Ireland has a large industrial element in her economy while the Irish Republic is mainly agricultural.

The Irish Free State remained a dominion until 1932, when Eamon de Valera won the general election and proceeded to convert it into the semi-republican state of Eire, cutting the bond with the Commonwealth almost completely.

FINAL MOVE

The final move toward complete independence came in 1946 when a coalition government was formed. Three years later the Irish Republic was officially proclaimed.

Moves have continued for the incorporation of Northern Ireland into the Irish Republic, but all attempts have met with refusals by Northern Irish to join the state to the south.

The Irish Republican Army, originally the army of the Sinn Fein party, still survives—as the latest raids indicate—as an illegal force pledged to reunite the island by force if necessary.

Canadians In Egypt Report Many Problems

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian army personnel who have taken over administrative duties at United Nations Emergency Force headquarters in Egypt have problems.

They extend from learning the languages of the seven other participating nationalities to providing food to suit a variety of tastes.

Army headquarters here said its reports from Egypt say that a more immediate problem facing the Canadians is arranging for transfer of the UNEF base from Abu Suweir to El Ballah, 20 miles north of Ismailia near the west bank of the Suez Canal.

Transfer of headquarters to El Ballah is the job of the Royal Canadian Engineers. They are co-ordinating the work in co-operation with Egyptian army authorities.

The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals currently is working on communication plans. Big problem for the signalmen in setting up and operating switchboards is in picking up working knowledge of the various languages they will be hearing when the force is completely deployed.

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Nasser Has Uphill Work To Try To Militarize The Egyptians

By DAVE MCINTOSH
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CAIRO (CP) — The KLM airliner out of Rome dropped down to 300 feet just before it crossed the Egyptian coast so that it could be easily identified from the ground on the run into Cairo airport.

Below were the fresh green rectangles of corn in the Nile delta and the brown, streetless mud villages. Suddenly, as the delta was left behind, the undulating desert began, stretching away to the end of vision.

Though it is winter here, the wind blew hot across the airport. In the terminal, the Egyptian authorities were courteous and efficient. The two men checking passports were both army officers.

DUSTY AND HOT

The downtown bus was dusty outside and in. Flies swarmed drowsily in the heat. Most of the plane passengers were happy and talkative. They were Egyptians and they were home.

Around the airport brick fence went the bus at a good clip. On the military side of the field were the wrecks of aircraft destroyed on the ground by British planes. The Egyptians now claim these were dummies which fooled the RAF completely.

Cairo seemed to be trying to give the appearance of a city armed to the hilt and prepared to fight to the last man. By the army main installations were small and the equipment seemed meagre. In one of the main squares near the Nile was a single rusty Second World War anti-aircraft gun.

Premier Nasser seems to be trying to keep Egyptians in a war-

like mood. Tanks go clanking through the streets at odd hours. Or trucks filled with soldiers honk their way along the crowded thoroughfares.

But the Egyptians as a whole appear entirely unmilitary. In fact, they look as if they couldn't care less as if they have no heart for war, if that is what Nasser has in mind.

BACKWARD ECONOMY

Though Cairo itself is a fairly modern city with tall buildings, well paved boulevards and some good shops, the Egyptians generally have not progressed beyond the age of the wheel. In the countryside they live no better than—and often with—their animals.

Thus it is not surprising that the Egyptian army was never able to put to use large stocks of Russian military equipment in the six-day war with Israel. Egyptian soldiers were baffled by the complexity of the machinery.

The propaganda mill works tirelessly and it is possible that the Egyptian authorities delude themselves into believing their own propaganda. They issue the most fantastic stories to explain away the army's route in the Sinai peninsula.

At the moment, it is almost impossible to predict developments in Egypt. Some Westerners say they think Nasser intends to resume border raids against Israel to keep the Egyptians in a war-like disposition and their eyes averted from continuing economic difficulties.

If this occurs, the UN will be put to another severe test because it is doubtful that the planned UN force of a few thousands could hope to patrol the long desert border between Egypt and Israel.

Plot To Get British Kiddies To Bed Early Breaks Down

By FERN RICH
LONDON (Reuters)—A ghoulish plot to get British kiddies to bed early broke down Wednesday after years of success.

Almost since the BBC began television, there has been a one-hour shutdown when the Children's Hour program ended at 6 p.m.

When commercial television opened a channel for Britons 15 months ago, it observed the "toddlers' truce" and also shut down. But the blank hour meant a loss of sorely needed advertising revenue.

In the Commons Wednesday, the government announced that both TV channels will be free to broadcast during the periods they consider best starting Feb. 16. But TV time must still be limited to an eight-hour day, the announcement said.

SUBSTITUTE CULTURE

This means that commercial TV will be permitted to keep its 11 programs going from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. without a break.

It also means parents will have to fight their own battle to pry the small fry from the TV set.

There were reports that if the BBC uses the 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. time, it will fill it with "cultural" programs—almost as good as a shutdown for many children.

A BBC spokesman said the government ruling has been accepted "reluctantly." It is still possible, he said, that the BBC, which carries no advertising, will remain shut for that hour.

MADE IT EASIER

The spokesman said the BBC approved of the blank hour because "it had value in enabling parents to get younger children to bed and in making it easier for housewives to settle down to their work." He added that an extension of the hours of television "involved the BBC in extra expenditure with no corresponding increase in revenue."

Commercial television however, welcomed the new arrangement. A spokesman said it will lead to better planning and more varied programs.

"It has sometimes been said that children will stay up too late if the evening break is abolished," he said. "We are inclined to think

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