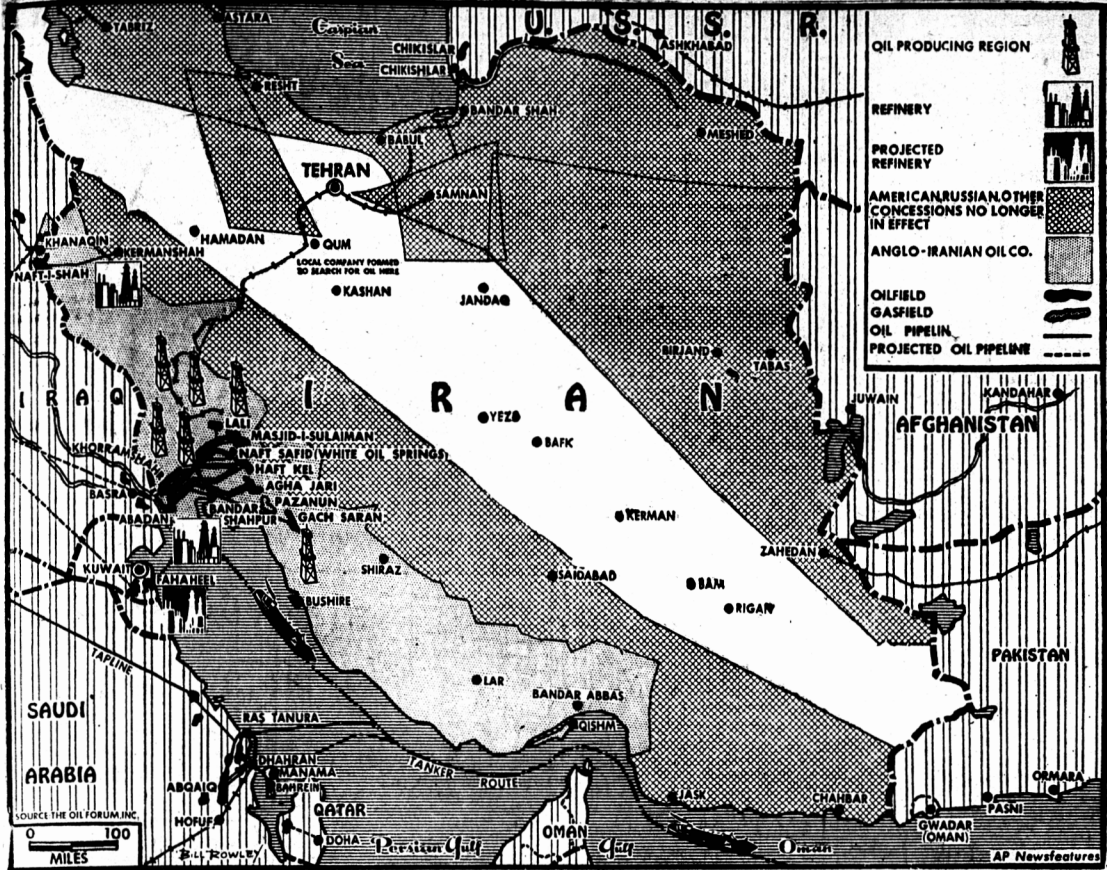


# NEWS of the WORLD in PICTURES



By JOHN L. SPRINGER

The story of Iran and her oil is one of the most complex ones in an age that seems to specialize in complexity. It is a story of mysticism and money, of world power and pride. Its cast of characters include the new anti-British premier, Mohammed Mossadegh, a man influenced by dreams and subject to fainting spells; the British, dependent upon Iran's oil to fuel her navy and her armed forces; and the Communists, both the home-bred and Moscow variety. The vote of the Iran parliament to nationalize the oil wells, until now operated under a concession granted the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co., may blow the lid off this whole troublesome brew. The British say they'll resist Iran's efforts to take over the wells; the Premier says his native enemies are planning his assassination; there are grave fears that the Tudeh, Iran's underground Communist party, may grab the wells and in effect turn them over to Stalin; there are interpretations putting the premier far over to the left in world politics, and demands by some Americans that we aid the Iranians in power so that they can continue their valiant fight against communism. There is much discussion of the value that Iran's oil would have for the Russians, and other interpretations that in practice the Russians would not be able to make much use of it.

In two words, confusion reigns.

Whether Iranians can run the oil fields by themselves is something that many oil men seriously doubt. Whether an Iranian government in control of oil would be strong enough to withstand unquestionably strong Communist pressures is another question. And still another — a question generally overlooked in the excitement — is whether Russia

could make much effective use of Iran's oil.

There may be a general tendency to over-emphasize the danger to the free world of Iran's oil going over to the Russians, believes T. Orchard Lisle, joint editor and publisher of the authoritative Oil Forum magazine. He says:

"Many oil men, columnists, commentators and legislators believe that if Russia wages war on the world, Middle East oil will be lost to the Allies. While a real danger, it may be more of a possibility than a probability, and the actual outcome rests largely with the extent to which American, British or United Nations defenses are quickly built-up in the Middle East and preparations made for a retaliative air attack on Russian oil installations.

"Unless Allied military and economic assistance to Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar is adequate, the loss of five hundred billion dollars worth of potential oil reserves is at stake. On the other hand, Russia will stand a greater danger of having her own major sources of oil destroyed, and her military operations thus badly hampered."

The Reds would have to build new railroads to get Iran's oil into the Soviet Union, through the towering mountains at the Iran-Russian border. To do this in wartime — for a Russian grab at Iran's oil almost certainly would start the drums rolling — would be a gigantic task. Allied bombers probably could prevent Red utilization of the oil. As Mr. Orchard Lisle suggests, Russia's own main oil sources lie close to the Middle East, well within the range of airplanes based in the free world. Let them grab for Iran's oil and they may end up with virtually no oil at all — not even their own.



"LABOR SOLDIERS" IN GERMANY GET BRITISH TRAINING

While rearming Germany remains a point of hot debate between Russia and the Western Allies, the British are giving military training to some 60,000 labor service troops, mostly Germans. Photo above, taken at Osnabruck in the British Zone, shows two recruits learning to fall into firing position. Below, Sgt.-Maj. Blacknell of the Middlesex Regiment, drills recruits in the manual of arms. When their training is completed, the men are assigned to guard duty, truck driving and other non-combatant duties. Some day, they may form the nucleus of a Western European foreign legion.

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**COUNT REALLY COUNTED**—Count Turf, the horse who scarcely rated when the Kentucky Derby starting bell rang, reaps the winner's reward with jockey Conn McCreary who piloted the steed to the richest purse in the history of Kentucky's classic. Owned by Jack Amiel, New York restaurant owner, Count Turf crossed the finish line four lengths ahead of Royal Mustang who came in second, with Ruhe placing third. George Sulley, assistant trainer, holds the champ.



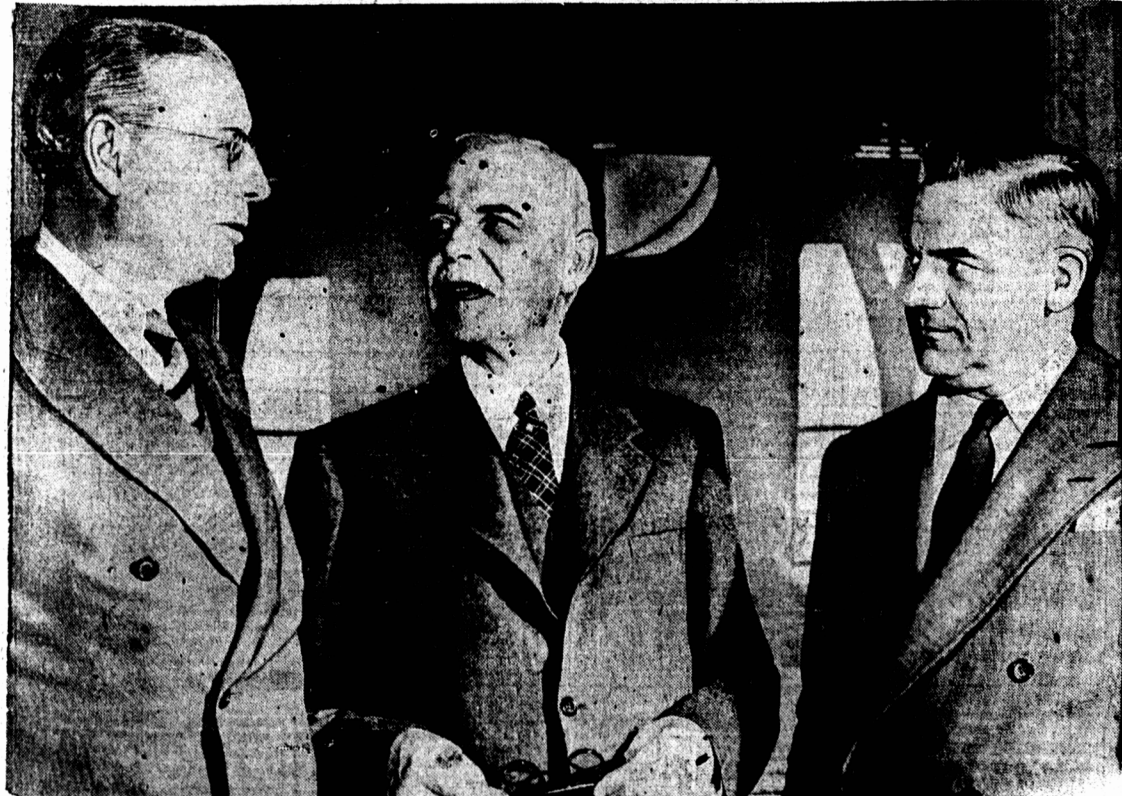
**KING FAROUK WEDS**—With the roar of a 101-gun salute marking the marriage of the King of Egypt to 17-year-old commoner Nariman Sadek, King Farouk and dignitaries face the press after the signing of the marriage contract. From left to right are: the Aga Khan (bare-headed); Prince Mohamed Ali; King Farouk; and Prince Abdel Monem. In keeping with custom, the bride did not attend the marriage ceremony, and only the thunder of the guns notified her that she had become Queen of Egypt.



**BUT, "MAN", WHAT A TORSO!**—Just "Man" is the title of this ultra-modern exhibit on which painter Leonard Crickmore puts the finishing touches at Southampton, Eng. The extraordinary man is one of the "Secrets of Nature" on display aboard the Festival Ship "Campania", a floating version of the Festival of Britain. It will tour various ports in the British Isles.



Tanks loaded with U. N. infantrymen are shown about to move out into Communist territory to flush the Reds from Korean hills. For the past few days activity in Korea has been limited to small forays such as this, but air reconnaissance reports more reinforcements for the Communists moving in from Manchuria.



Canada is prepared to go ahead with the St. Lawrence seaway with- mission of Ontario, who are shown here after conference. U. S. will out the U. E. If the latter doesn't act, Government sources said after a also be informed that Hydro will apply to International Joint Commis- meeting in Ottawa of Premier Frost of Ontario, Prime Minister St. sion to proceed with power development part of the plan, it was re- Laurent and Robert H. Saunders, chairman of the Hydro-Electric Com- vealed.



An unidentified resident of lem by pitching a tent aboard a The rampaging Mississippi for- Campbells Island, near East Mo- river boat after his home (in ced thousands to evacuate their line, Ill., solves the housing prob- background) was flooded out- homes as the flood crest hit re- cord highs.



**MODEL GENERAL**—During a tour of North Italian military establishments Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower tries on one of the hats worn by Italian Alpine troops. The hat is of gray-green felt, with a black eagle plume at the side and unit insignia in the front.



**MESSAGE FOR THE "ZOMBIE STATES"**—H. P. Sorenson, Lord Mayor of Copenhagen, Denmark, fills out a Marshall Plan peace greeting card, attached to a small hydrogen balloon, for release and flight behind the Iron Curtain. Started by the Marshall Plan organization a year ago, the Allied propaganda plan has proved so effective it will be stepped up this summer.



Senator Nixon



Andrei Gromyko

**ANTI-RED SENATOR IS GROMYKO'S "DOUBLE"**

Sen. Richard M. Nixon (R), of California, isn't at all bothered by the fact that he bears a remarkable resemblance to Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko, as shown above. He takes good-naturedly the considerable kidding he gets on the subject. His work in breaking the Alger Hiss case when he was a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee has given him the reputation of being one of America's most effective opponents of Communism.