

Newsman Likens Aden To A City Under Siege

By DENNIS NEEDL
ADEN (AP)—Aden, with its independence little more than a year away, is like a city under siege.

British troops, automatic rifles and machine guns in hand, roam the even-hot streets of this strategic port at the southern entrance to the Red Sea.

Patrols make snap searches through the seedy backstreets for bombs and assassination weapons.

At the guarded airport, all baggage is searched meticulously for explosives.

Alleys leading off the Malla Mile, a canyon-like boulevard where hundreds of British service families live in towering apartment buildings, have been bricked up to form a kind of Berlin wall. This hampers the escape of terrorists into the teeming Arab quarter which creeps up the slopes of Aden's grim volcanic hills.

British children scurry off their school bus and housewives do "shopping" under sentry eyes. Cafes frequented by British troops have wire mesh over their windows as a precaution against bombs flung from the street.

IT IS AN UGLY CITY
Roadblocks, observation posts and tangles of barbed wire scar what already must be one of the world's most ugly cities. Despite the security, shootings and bombings occur daily.

Since an emergency was declared in Aden three years ago more than 700 persons have been killed and wounded. Nine British troops and 11 European civilians have been among the dead.

This year there have been nearly 400 incidents of terrorist violence. Aden has been a British base 127 years. Today there are 14,000 British servicemen in Aden and 9,000 of their wives and children. They will be gone by the middle of next year. Britain has promised to pull out by 1968.

Even British administrators, usually optimistic, fear the whole South Arabian Federation, which they have cursed so painstakingly, will fall apart in a welter of bloodshed as soon as the soldiers go.

ADEN IS HUB
The federation is made up of 17 semi-feudal sultanates and sheikhdoms. Aden is its hub. High Commissioner Sir Richard Turnbull, a former governor of Kenya during the Mau Mau rebellion, took over the administration of Aden (75 square miles, 250,000 people) following a series of political assassinations last year.

Britain is trying to strengthen the federal government and broaden its political base so that it will have sufficient authority to take over at independence.

MORTGAGE SALE
There will be sold by Public Auction in front of the Court House in Charlottetown in Queens County, Prince Edward Island on Friday the 20th day of January A. D. 1967, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon all and singular the lands following that is to say: ALL THAT TRACT, PIECE AND PARCEL of land situate, lying and being in Charlottetown Royalty in Queen County in Prince Edward Island bounded and described as follows: COMMENCING on the east side of the Mt. Edward Road at the south side of a lane described in a Deed dated August 6, 1907, from Ralph E. Bernard and wife to Thomas P. Mitchell and Another; thence east along the south side of said lane for the distance of 464 feet to the west boundary of land owned by Owen MacRae; thence south along the Sware eastern ary for the distance of 75 feet; thence westwardly along the north boundary of lands owned by Louis Larsen and Mr. Webster for the distance of 190 feet; thence southwardly along the western boundary of the Webster Lot a distance of 138 feet to the north side of Pine Street; thence west along Pine Street for the distance of 95 feet to land owned by Frederick Sware; thence northwardly along the Sware eastern boundary for the distance of 136 feet and thence westwardly along the Sware northern boundary for the distance of 140 feet to the east side of the Mt. Edward Road and thence north along said Road to the place of commencement.

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For further particulars apply at the office of Palmer and Haslam, 106 Kent Street, Charlottetown.

Dated in Charlottetown in Queens County aforesaid this 5th day of December A. D. 1966.

Evangeline Savings and Mortgage Company Mortgages.

Hydrofoil Ship Queries Made

OTTAWA (CP)—It will take another two months to decide whether the navy's experimental hydrofoil program is to continue, Defence Minister Hellyer told the Commons.

The prototype was severely damaged by fire in the Sorel, Que., shipyard a few weeks ago. Repeating Robert McCleave (PC-Halifax), Mr. Hellyer said extent of the damage still is being assessed. It would take several more weeks to get a clear picture of what would be involved in continuing the project.

Centennial Train Whistle To Be Special

VANCOUVER (CP)—Sometime next month a confused moose is going to look up and see the Centennial Train come whistling patriotically down the line.

Inventor Robert E. Swanson of Vancouver has built a five-Lora instrument for the Centennial Train that will replace its normal sound with the opening notes of O Canada.

The train is scheduled to make its first run with the new sound sometime next month. Mr. Swanson, chief inspector of British Columbia railways, is the man who invented a whistle in 1940 that replaced the ungraceful honk of the first diesels.

"Someone in Ottawa though it would be a good idea to have the Centennial Train blow the first four notes of O Canada," he said.

Government officials sent inquiries to Canadian and U.S. manufacturers, but they all ended up back at Mr. Swanson's desk. He undertook the job for Airchime Manufacturing Co. Ltd. of Vancouver, a company which manufactures his melodic diesel horns.

After three months at the drawing board and in the workshop, the Vancouver inventor ended up with his five-horn instrument.

U.S. Business Boom Appears Losing Zip

By JACK LEFLER
NEW YORK (AP)—The American business boom has lost more of its zip. Statistics announced this week reflected the economy's slower pace.

Industrial production declined, the gain in personal income slowed, the cutback in auto production spread, auto sales dropped, steel output dipped, retail sales fell and wholesale prices declined.

However, government economists said this wasn't all bad news. The developments showed the economy was returning to a much more sustainable pace after a worrisome surge earlier this year.

The federal reserve board reported that industrial production declined 0.3 point to 158.3 per cent of the 1957-59 average from October's record level.

Steel production dropped last week to its lowest level since last January. Indications were that it will continue to fall next week and some mills expected no recovery for the rest of December.

Output declined 2.3 per cent to 2,363,000 tons from 2,436,000 tons the previous week. The commerce department reported retail sales in November dropped one per cent from the October level. Sales were estimated at \$25,413,000, down from October's \$25,980,000, which was slightly below the \$25,703,000,000 of September.

The department said the decline was due chiefly to lower auto sales which declined to \$4,806,000,000 from \$5,098,000,000 in October.

WHOLESALE DOWN
Wholesale prices declined in November to 105.9 per cent of the 1957-59 average, from 106.2 per cent in October which had brought the first drop in about two years.

The wholesale price index continued to decline early this month, falling to 105.7 per cent in the week ended Dec. 6. The latest decline involved farm products, processed food, meats and industrial goods.

While many food, vegetable and some meat prices rose, a relatively steep drop in the farm products index was brought by declines for steers, choice calves, hogs and some chickens and eggs.

Business inventories increased in October at a faster pace than in September, the commerce department reported. At a record \$132,200,000 at the end of October, inventories were up by \$1,340,000,000 compared with the \$820,000,000 rise in September and an average \$100,000,000 increase in the earlier months of the year.

MACAO HANDS OVER MEN
MACAO (AP)—Macao's Port over to Communist China seven Chinese accused by Peking of being agents for Nationalist China, leftist Chinese sources reported Tuesday. The seven escaped from Communist China in 1963. Their return was one of a series of demands made by Communist leaders after two days of Communist-instigated rioting early this month left eight dead, more than 100 injured and Macao's city hall in ruins.

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