

Egyptian Attack Threatens Peace

The pyramids may last for another 2,000 years but it's doubtful that the word of the Egyptian government could last 20 days.

Never before in history has a victor, in this case Israel, been as patient with an enemy, which rearmend within weeks of its total defeat, again spits hatred and threatens renewed war in the Middle East.

Egypt's sinking of an Israeli destroyer on Saturday is the latest and most serious blow to a peaceful settlement. The ship Elath lost 15 dead, 48 wounded and 38 unaccounted for, after being hit and sunk with a Soviet-supplied Egyptian missile.

Just as Egypt has so often used the United States to wrestle continued financial and military support while using its oil as bait, so Egypt will undoubtedly and once again use the United Nations as its propaganda soap box to the world.

It has become standard procedure to blame Israel for attacks, while Egypt periodically fires across the Suez Canal with arms and United Nations support from Russia.

Britain has indicated it will reestablish diplomatic relations with Egypt, apparently to persuade them to reopen the Suez to British shipping. A sagging British economy is forcing that once great power into compromise with an unpredictable and irrational United Arab Republic.

Those 20 non-aligned UN countries who have been trying to effect a peaceful settlement in the Middle East and were trying to have the great powers meet next week on the issue might as well pack their bags and head home.

With the victory gained in six days by Israel it now seems unfortunate that the war might not have continued another three days with the complete occupation of all Egyptian territory and subsequent downfall of the Nasser regime.

Egypt may soon have a new and rude reawakening. Israel will not wait long for Egypt to bargain for peace while they continue to attack Israeli outposts and shipping. Without the oil it bargains with, Egypt would be exposed by most nations as a fraud to peace.

As the Jerusalem Post said about the recent attack on the Elath, "it has hardened the feeling that there is no real hope of achieving a peaceful solution in the area with the present Arab regimes."

Bulletin Board

The MSC Bridge Committee will start beginners and advanced bridge at 7:30 p.m. in the Art Room of the Memorial Student Center. Play starts at 8 p.m.

The Entomology Faculty-Student Wives Banquet will be held at the Chicken Shack at 6:45 p.m. in the Banquet Room. For reservations, call 846-2150.

The Pre-Medical Pre-Dental Society will have Dean Gene Powell, Dr. Robert White, and Dr. Sam Kolman of the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston as guest speakers in Room 113 of the Biological Sciences Building.

Dean Clarence Zener of the College of Science will present a mathematics colloquium concerning "Recent Contributions to Geometric Programming" at 4 p.m. in Room 207 of the Academic Building.

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— Sound Off —

Editor,

The Battalion:

The respectability and worth of a community is often measured by the sales personnel in various retail stores and the efficiency of its public workers. An outsider considering moving to the Bryan-College Station area would have to attempt but one telephone call and his decision would be easily made for him.

In the past few months, our radio stations have openly advertised the efficiency of our Police Department. It is a shame that other public servants can't operate equally as well.

Our telephone system is greatly lacking in both facilities and competent workers. The incompetency that is met is a handicap to business, an aggravating and unnecessary circumstance in personal life, and a danger to public safety.

To further emphasize these accusations, I will state facts. In my business, I alone spend \$30.00 to \$40.00 on long distance calls per week, and I am required to record time and charges. Complete records include the initial three minute rate before the call is placed. Each time I

place a call and ask for this information, the operator becomes indignant and perturbed that she has to call Houston.

On one specific long distance call, I requested the initial three minute rate and the operator told me she would have to call Houston. I told her fine—do so, and she politely asked me to hold the line. I proceeded to hold the dead line to my ear for 22 consecutive minutes I can't help but think that she had no intention of getting my charges and merely left me for an easier task.

Very recently, I received the culminating blow to my already overloaded disgust for our telephone system. I was attempting to place a personal call at 8:00 p.m. After waiting ten or fifteen minutes (this is not an outlandish exaggeration) for the operator to answer the phone, she did. Repeating myself twice on each pertinent fact, she finally had it all down correctly. Then with the innocence of a five-year-old child, she stated there would be a delay of approximately thirty minutes in placing my call due to heavy traffic. Why, if they were so pressed for time, didn't she inform me of her hardship at the

outset? I tried this same call several more times throughout the night, and each time I received the same treatment; i.e., the long delay in answering, the repetitive stating of information, then the information about the delay.

The danger to public safety is the telephone company's greatest crime. The unnecessary and antagonizing delay in contacting an operator could easily mean the destruction of human life and property. The majority of parents instruct their small children to dial "0" in case of an emergency and request the necessary facilities.

The utter disregard that the telephone company possesses for their public responsibility is an apparent indication of their complacency. This feeling of overpowering security needs to be quelled and kept out of the community.

Very truly yours,
Richard M. Owen, Jr.
900 Park Place
College Station

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rex Bailey, local manager of the Southwestern States Telephone Co., was contacted to see if he had any objections to the publication of this letter in *The Battalion*. He strongly objected to the reference of complacency by the telephone company. He cited the construction of a Direct Distance Dialing system and the addition of a Centrex system on the A&M campus to be completed next September to contradict Mr. Owen's last statement. A telephone company official will contact Mr. Owen soon, according to Bailey.

Lecture To Be Presented In Architectural Building

An Engineering Lecture on opportunities in urban systems will be presented Wednesday in the Architecture Auditorium.

John P. Eberhard, National Bureau of Standards official, will address the Texas A&M engineering faculty, students and the public at 3:30 p.m., announced Engineering Dean Fred J. Benson.

The director of the bureau's Institute for Applied Technology has had extensive experience as an industrial consultant, practicing architect, MIT lecturer, president of a prefabricated building manufacturing firm and corporate research director.

Eberhard studied architectural design at the University of Illinois and received his M.S. in industrial management at MIT on an Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship.

He was research director for the Sheraton Corporation of America, with application of new technologies in his field. The registered architect and National Council Certificate holder became

consultant to Dr. J. Herbert Holomon, assistant secretary for science and technology, in 1963 and has remained with the U. S. Department of Commerce.

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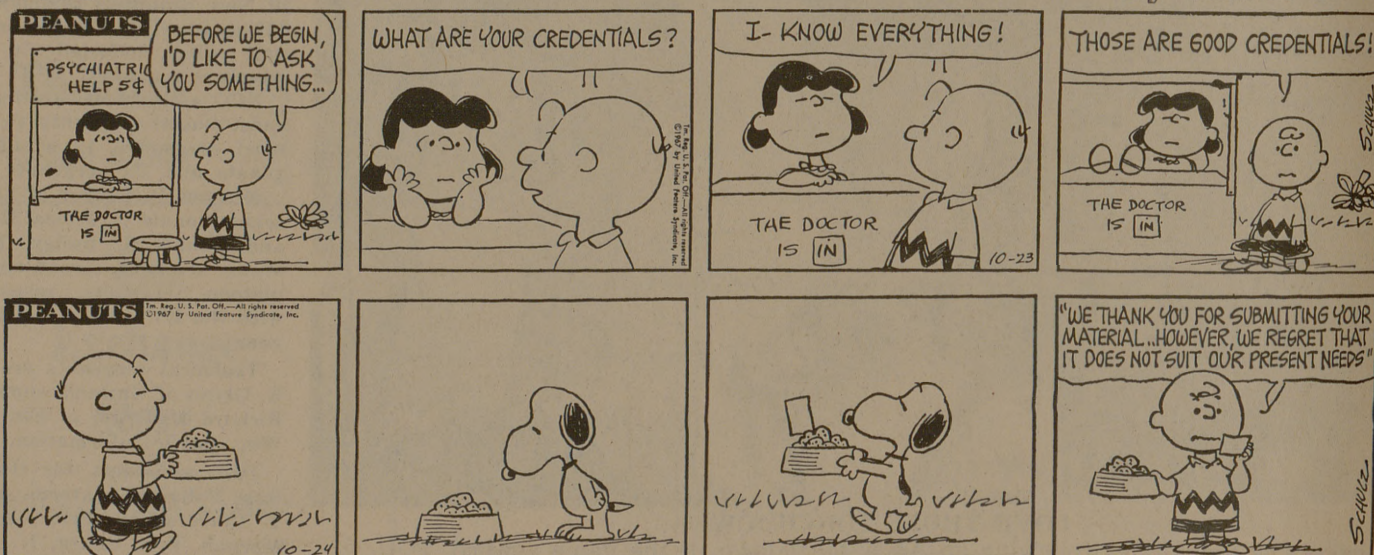
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