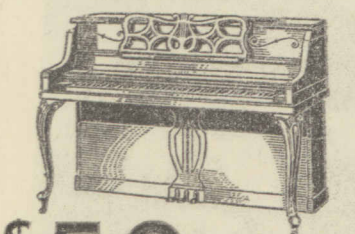


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IRAQ OIL LINE IS TARGET OF ARAB TERRORIST BANDS

**Puncture Pipes 120 Times
and Cause Huge Loss.**

BY HARRY LEVIN.
(Chicago Tribune Press Service.)

JERUSALEM, July 23.—(AP)—The Mosul-Haifa oil pipeline of the Iraq Petroleum company again was punctured by Arab terrorists in the Jordan valley and the escaping oil ignited. In the news from the Holy Land this item appears with monotonous repetition for the 120th time since the outbreak of Arab disturbances in April, 1936.

What are the effects of these acts of sabotage?

The thick sluggish liquid is pumped through the pipe line at the rate of 900 tons an hour. Before the signal of the puncture is given and the pumping stopped, a half hour's flow is wasted, or 450 tons. At the arbitrary value of 800 Palestine mills (\$4) a ton for pipe line oil fixed by the Iraq Petroleum company, that means a preliminary loss for each puncture of \$1,800. But it takes twelve hours on an average to repair the damage. A flow of 10,800 tons, valued at \$43,200, is thus held up.

Government Also Loses.

There is another party that loses by these acts in addition to the I. P. C. That is the Iraq government, which is paid 4 gold shillings (\$1.50) per ton as royalty. The total loss to it thus amounts to \$17,000.

Still a third party concerned with each act of sabotage is the Palestine government, which protects the portion of the line passing through its territory. Special police patrols along the line have proved insufficient to cope with the saboteurs, and the government now has counterambush squads that lie in wait for the terrorists near spots likely to be the scene of sabotage.

Terrorist Tells of Fires.

A solution to the mystery of how the oil caught fire was given by a terrorist who confessed that he had been a member of a gang that repeatedly punctured and ignited the pipe line at the notorious spot of el-Kaukab.

Originally, he explained, finding that the crude oil could not be ignited with ordinary matches, the terrorists satisfied themselves with puncturing the pipe with rifle shots and letting the oil flow out.

After some experiments they found that the oil could be ignited by means of several small blue flame stoves. These they dug into the earth, only the flames remaining above ground, at some distance from the target. It did not take long for the escaping jet of oil to strike the flames.

Technique Improved.

But this method had the drawback of costing about \$2, the value of the four stoves, each time a fire was started. And so a cheaper method has been evolved. Now the fire is applied first. Burning sacks are placed over the pipe, and the shots are fired through the burning mass.

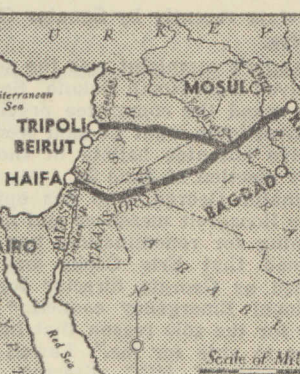
To repair the pipe a huge canvas bag and twenty smaller bags filled with earth are dragged over the source of the flame by a steel cable. About an hour later the bags are removed and a piece of metal is welded over the hole. In a few minutes the pumping is resumed.

King Opened Line.

King Ghazi I. of Iraq on Jan. 14, 1935, turned a lever in a building at Kirkuk, chief town of the Mosul oil fields, that sent the oil flowing 1,150 miles to the Mediterranean. About 4,000,000 tons pass through it annually. Construction of the pipe line cost \$50,000,000, and was the outcome of

Menaced by Arabs

(Story in adjoining column.)



Heavy black lines mark the route of the Mosul-Haifa oil pipelines from their source at Kirkuk, in the center of the Mosul oil fields in Iraq, to the Mediterranean Sea. Arab terrorists have punctured the lines 120 times since they were constructed in 1936, causing heavy losses to the owners and to the Iraq and Palestine governments.

seven years of united effort by British, French, and Dutch capital, with the cooperation of American oil interests.

The line runs from one of the most remarkable fields in the world across desert, river, and mountain to two seaports—Tripoli, in Lebanon, more than 500 miles, and Haifa, in Palestine, more than 600 miles from the source. It passes through five countries—Iraq, Syria, Lebanon Republic, Palestine, and Transjordan. Four historic rivers are crossed—Tigris, Euphrates, Orontes, and Jordan. It skirts the mountains of Lebanon and traverses the Holy Land from side to side.

LOYAL TROOPS RETAKE TOWN IN EAST SPAIN

HENDAYE, France (at the Spanish Front), July 23.—(AP)—Spanish government counterattacks today further slowed down the insurgent drive toward Valencia. Simultaneously new activity burst out on two other major fronts, in Extremadura in the southwest and Catalonia in the northeast.

Government forces recaptured the village of Tovarola, just west of Viver. This was a setback for Gen. Francisco Franco's push along the Teruel-Sagunto highway toward Valencia.

An insurgent report to Saragossa announced, however, that the advanced right wing of the rebel army, fanned out along the road from Teruel, had crossed into Valencia province nearly forty miles northwest of the provincial capital.

On the Extremadura, or southwestern front, dormant for months, insurgent cavalrymen were said to have dashed across a sparsely populated plain in an advance of twenty miles. The government's armies in northwestern Catalonia, near the French frontier, attacked insurgent positions around Sort and Tremp.

LOYALISTS O. K. ALIENS' OUSTER FROM CIVIL WAR

BARCELONA, July 23.—(U.P.)—The Spanish loyalist government announced tonight it has approved the plan of the international nonintervention committee to remove foreign "volunteers" from both loyalist and rebel armies.

It was learned that the plan was accepted with few reservations after a four hour cabinet meeting attended by Pablo de Azcarate, loyalist ambassador to Great Britain.

"The government dedicated the entire meeting to a discussion of the London committee's plan," a communiqué said, "approving a reply which will be sent immediately to the United Kingdom government."

BRITISH PROPOSE PEACE PLAN IN CZECH-NAZI ROW

**London Envoy Intervenes
in Lagging Negotiations.**

BY ALEX SMALL.
(Chicago Tribune Press Service.)

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, July 23.—Energetic British action to obtain a settlement of the Sudeten German (Nazi) problem in Czechoslovakia before it leads to war is under way here. Basil Cochrane Newton, British minister, called upon Premier Milan Hodza today for the second time in twenty-four hours.

The official press bureau said the visits simply were for the purpose of obtaining information on the progress of the new minority laws which the Czech government proposes to enact in an effort to satisfy the Sudeten German demand for self-rule. It was learned, however, that Newton sounded out the Czechoslovak government concerning a new British idea for settlement of the problem.

Linked to German Activity.

Newton's visits are linked by diplomatic circles here with the recent visit to London by Capt. Fritz Wiedemann, personal envoy of Reichsfuehrer Hitler, and with rumors of a favorable British reception of German suggestions for a pact of the big powers regarding Czechoslovakia.

The official statement issued here gave a guarded indication of the subjects discussed by Newton and Hodza. Acting apparently on information from German sources, the British foreign office had become alarmed at the slow progress of the Czech government in satisfying its discontented minorities. The British also feared an explosion if the Sudeten Germans were presented with a statute drafted by the Czech government as a free gift which they could take or refuse, but which would be enacted in any case.

The inevitable result of such a course, it is learned from Sudeten leaders, would be renewed violent agitation and complete disappearance of the small chances still remaining that the Sudeten Germans might some time become reconciled to continued existence in Czechoslovakia.

Nazis Will Pass on Laws.

As a result of Newton's visit Premier Hodza, in the official statement today, for the first time promised that the Sudeten German delegation which has been negotiating with the government will have ample chance to read over the proposed minority laws and present observations on

HOPES FOR PEACE RISE ON REASSURANCE OF GERMAN INTENTIONS

LONDON, July 23.—(AP)—Prospects for an early resumption of Anglo-German political negotiations were said here today to have been heightened by reassurances of Germany's peaceful intentions. Germany indicated a more conciliatory attitude toward the Czechoslovak minorities problem.

France called home Andre Francois-Poncet, its ambassador to Berlin, in the sudden spurt of diplomatic activity over Czechoslovakia. This gave rise to reports that Germany was seeking a four-power meeting among Germany, Italy, Britain, and France to work out a solution.

Official quarters in London denied, however, that "any new suggestion was under discussion" in the conversation Prime Minister Chamberlain had yesterday with Dr. Herbert von Dirksen, German ambassador. French quarters also disclaimed knowledge of such a proposal and quickly voiced objections to any conference on Czechoslovakia which excluded the Czechoslovak government and Soviet Russia. France has mutual assistance pacts with both Czechoslovakia and the Soviet union.

Another significant pronouncement from official quarters was that even if the Sudeten German party should assert that the government offer was completely unsatisfactory, contact between the two sides still would be maintained.

The British intervention has produced an entire change of tone in official announcements and has altered the course of negotiations on the minorities problem.

Within the past week the barely concealed intention of the government was to give the Sudeten German delegation a glimpse of the new laws and then shove them through parliament regardless of German protests. Now a conciliatory tone has been adopted.

BRITISH DEFENSE FORCE REPULSES MOCK SEA ATTACK

LONDON, July 23.—(AP)—Defenders of the east coasts of England and Scotland have repulsed an invading "enemy" fleet, an official admiralty announcement said today.

The maneuvers, with the fleet, air force and army participating, were the largest of their kind in the history of England.

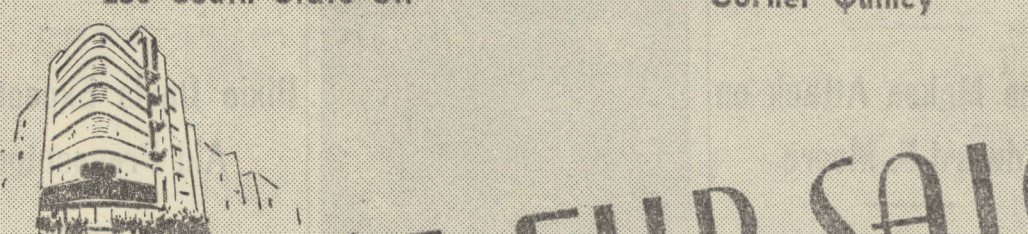
The official statement said defensive "red" warplanes maintained contact with advancing "blue" warships throughout Friday afternoon and, at 6:30 p. m. Friday, "the superior red battle fleet was in position to insure the destruction of the blue force."

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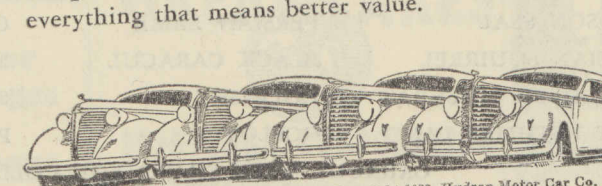
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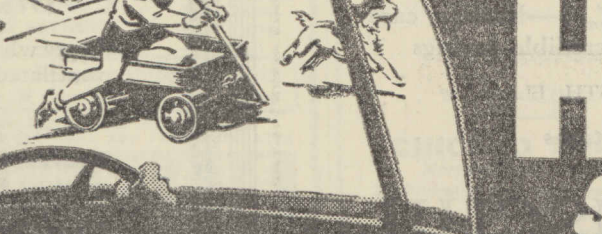
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