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**THUNDERSTORM  
HITS JAMBOREE**

## Rain floods out 1,000 Boy Scouts

MORE than 1,000 Boy Scouts were rained out of their tents at the World Jamboree on Monday night when Birmingham experienced its worst storm of the year.

Thunder and lightning were accompanied by more than an inch of rain in less than an hour.

More than 34,000 Scouts from all over the world shivered as the rain dripped into their tents, and 1,000 were flooded out. Most found accommodation in the larger administration and storage tents, but some took advantage of shelter in city homes.

**Roads impassable**

As the boys were shepherded to bigger tents on higher ground, they passed many vehicles abandoned axle-deep in water on the flooded roads. Some of the roads were impassable for camp transport.

A Press conference at the camp was told later by Mr. Edward G. Wood, Press and Publicity Controller, that reports of a disaster were completely untrue.

"Camp life is going on normally and the first excursions of scouts were moving out as planned at 5.30 this morning," he said.

The Town Hall was thrown open to Scouts in the storm at the local railway station, and hundreds of offers of help were received from local residents and various organisations.

**Drying clothing**

The Mayor of Sutton Coldfield, Mrs. K. Smith, visited the camp yesterday with offers of drying facilities and other help.

Engines from the camp fire brigade assisted by apparatus from the local civil authorities

# BRITISH TROOPS PREPARE TO

## ATTACK REBELS IN OMAN

*Secret concentration at forward base*

### C.-in-C. IN LONDON



Gen. Sir Geoffrey Bourne Reporting to Chiefs of Staff

BRITISH ground forces are expected to start operations soon against the Oman rebels. An official spokesman at Bahrein said yesterday that concentration of the troops at a field base had been completed and they were now ready to move forward.

Meanwhile, the Commander-in-Chief of the British Middle East Land Forces, Gen. Sir Geoffrey Bourne, has flown from Bahrein to London for a conference of Chiefs of Staff on the situation in Oman.

The official at Bahrein said that nearly all the stores, petrol, rations and ammunition for the impending operation had been transported by the R.A.F. Although he refused to reveal where the base was, he said that, because of the difficult nature of the terrain, the air-lift was an admirable piece of work and reflected great credit on the R.A.F.

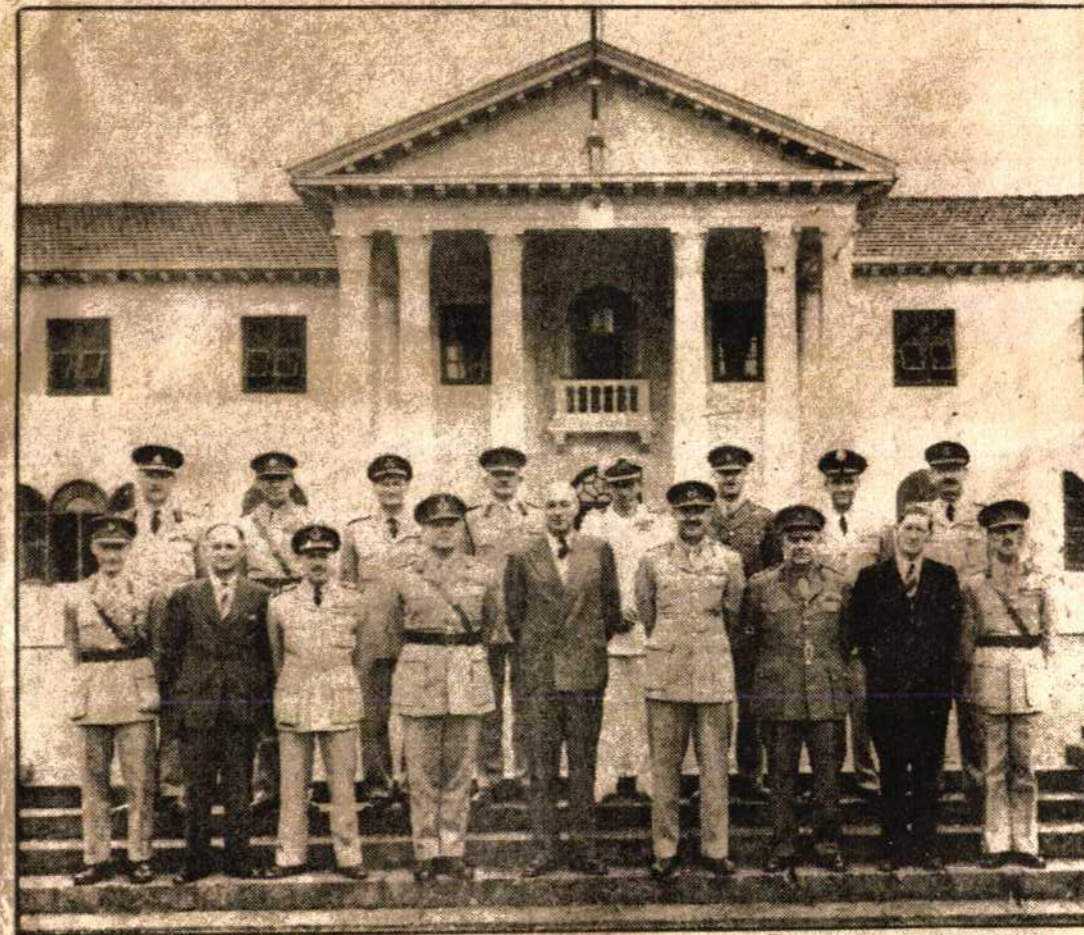
### Lorries fired on by Venoms

The British troops at the base include units of the 1st Bn. The Cameronians. With them are the British-officered Trucial Oman Scouts and also the Northern Frontier Regt. of the Sultan of Muscat's forces.

Although there has been a lull in air strikes against the rebel tribesmen, Venom fighters have continued to make patrols over the area, and two lorries near Tanuf were damaged by machine-gun fire, according to an official communique. The Royal Navy has also been busy, with three frigates patrolling the Muscat and Trucial Oman coasts on the look-out for gun-running dhows.

Capt. Stephen Beattie, V.C., Senior Royal Navy Officer in the Persian Gulf, said that, so far, no dhows had been found carrying illegal cargo. "Lots of dhows have been

Meeting the Governor



## America putting 60 warships into 'mothballs'

SIXTY warships of the United States Navy, including major units from the Atlantic and Pacific fleets, are to be taken out of active service within the next five months as an economy measure, it was announced yesterday in Washington.

AT the end of their four-day tour of Kenya, the 14 members of the Imperial Defence College party had luncheon with the Governor of Kenya, Sir Evelyn Baring, at Government House, before leaving Nairobi by plane for Entebbe yesterday. In the picture with the Governor and the party are Maj. Gen. N. P. H. Tapp, G.O.C. East Africa Command, and Brig. J. D'A. Dalton, Chief of Staff, G.H.Q. [Story in Page 9]

## 21 SOLDIERS KILLED IN

## Tripartite talks on Cyprus likely

BRITAIN has put out feelers to Greece and Turkey about the possibility of holding a further conference on the future of Cyprus.

It is understood in London that if talks are held the British Government has not ruled out participation by Archbishop Makarios, leader of the Cyprus movement for union with Greece.

The present official view, however, is that discussions are necessary on the international as well as the internal plane.

**Nato interested**

Diplomatic observers say that the proposed conference would not simply be a repetition of the conference between Britain, Greece and Turkey held in London in the summer of 1955.

In any case, the Secretary-General of Nato, M. Spaak, was now an interested party in the settlement of the Cyprus question.

The Cyprus problem was among the questions discussed in London last week by the Prime Minister, Mr. Macmillan, when the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles dined with him.

In Nicosia, lawyers for an 18-year-old Greek Cypriot, Nicos Sophocleous, sentenced to death last month for the murder of a Cypriot lawyer, appealed to the Governor Sir John Harding, for mercy.

**Appeal dismissed**

Earlier, the Cyprus Supreme Court dismissed an appeal by Sophocleous, the youngest Cypriot sentenced to death during the Cyprus emergency. The Governor, with his Executive Council, will now decide

were yesterday pumping water from the worst-affected parts of the camp. The big problem was mud. In places it was inches thick.

Arrangements were made for heated wards at the Good Hope Hospital being built in the district to be opened and used as drying-out rooms for bedding and kit.

Soaked bedding, clothing and equipment were also dried out by camp fires while trenches were dug around the tents in case of further rain.

One Scout leader in the Copenhagen sub-camp said the boys had found it a big experience and they appeared to have enjoyed themselves.

"Considering the amount of rain we had it is not nearly as bad as it could have been," he added. "The boys' spirit is tremendous."

Sub-camp chiefs in conference yesterday reported that everything was under control. One said: "Spirit is sky high."

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## £42,000,000 U.S. aid for Middle East CONGRESS APPROVES

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER reported to Congress that his Middle East policy had played an important part in improving peace prospects in the area. A resolution from the President, passed by Congress, authorised assistance, including the sending of troops if necessary, to Middle East nations asking for such aid to resist Communist aggression.

In a report on the first six months of the aid programme,

stopped and searched within cargoes have been removed

so we cannot say what was right at the bottom of the hold, but I believe our actions are acting as a deterrent," he said.

In Cairo, envoys to the nine-nation Arab League met yesterday at the league's headquarters to formulate a uniform plan for helping Oman in its "struggle against the British".

After the meeting an Arab League spokesman said the envoys discussed submitting the Oman case to the United Nations Security Council. They will report on their discussions to their Governments.

### SUPPORT BY YEMEN PROMISED

Mr. Abdel Rahman Abu Taleb, of the Yemen, said: "The Yemen has decided to support the Imam of Oman materially, morally and politically, as Oman's struggle is of the greatest importance to all Arabs."

"Events in Oman prove once more British savagery and cruelty," he added. All Arab League countries were represented at the meeting except Jordan, whose envoy was withdrawn from Cairo in June.

### Aims endorsed

"Ambassador Richard's mission proved notably successful in bringing home to the nations of the Middle East and to international Communism the meaning of the resolution," Mr. Eisenhower said.

"This is reflected in the fact that 13 of the countries visited have issued public statements endorsing the purposes and objectives of the resolution."

### British loan to Jordan

Britain is to make an interest-free loan of £1,130,000 towards Jordan's development plan, subject to Parliamentary approval, the Foreign Office announced yesterday.

This is the balance of the £2,250,000 which Britain agreed to lend Jordan under an agreement reached in 1955.

When the Anglo-Jordan Treaty was terminated on March 31, Britain's legal commitment to pay over this balance lapsed, but the Jordan Government asked in May for the remainder of the loan to be made available.

The statement said that of the £1,130,000, up to £500,000 would be provided in the current financial year, and the balance in 1958/59.

### London dockers strike

MORE than 2,270 dockers handling food cargoes came out on strike in the Port of London yesterday bringing work on 12 ships to a standstill.

The stoppage began when employers stood off a number of dockers who had refused to handle fruit and vegetable supplies for the strike-bound London markets.

Some of the older ships to be replaced

by vessels now being constructed or modernised, the Navy said. Among the warships scheduled for "mothballing" is the battleship Iowa. Removal of the Iowa from the fleet will leave only one active service.

### THE RIDDLE OF BULGANIN

The riddle of Marshal Bulganin, the Soviet Prime Minister, remains. Attempts to unravel it from Nairobi failed yesterday.

On Monday the East African Standard booked a radio-telephone call to the Kremlin in Moscow. It was timed for 3 p.m. yesterday.

Promptly, the Nairobi operator came on the line. "The call will be delayed. London is still trying to contact Moscow," the operator announced.

About half an hour later the office telephone rang again. The news was that the channel to Moscow was out of order.

The East African Standard has three short questions to ask the Kremlin.

It will try to get the answers today.

## FRANCE EXISTING ON 'ILLUSIONS'

### Economic warning by banker

FRANCE has been "living on illusions" for several years, the Governor of the Bank of France, M. Wilfrid Baumgartner, says in the bank's annual report. The country's economic progress had been remarkably big and discovery of natural resources justified great hopes but France had counted too much in advance on future riches.

### ANNIVERSARY OF HIROSHIMA A-BOMBING

About 20,000 people gathered at the Nakanoshima Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima, Japan, yesterday to observe the 12th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

At 8.5 a.m., the time the atomic bomb exploded over the city, 390,000 citizens observed one minute of silent prayer.

An official declaration of peace read by the mayor said that nuclear tests conducted today were sending out large doses of radioactivity into the air and steadily threatening human survival.

[Objections to atom devices — Page 2.]

### London dockers strike

Most of the supplies affected by the dockers' strike are refrigerated and in no danger of deterioration.

Dockers have refused to handle supplies for the London markets in support of some 4,500 porters who have been on strike for the past three weeks at Covent Garden and four other big distributing centres.

Other ships affected are eight

destroyers, 16 destroyer escorts, two submarines, two attack transports, three high-speed transports, five landing ships, two attack cargo ships, seven coastal mine-hunters and 14 minesweepers.

### Modern replacements

During the period in which the older ships are being laid up, the Navy has scheduled the addition of 23 new vessels and ten ships now under conversion to operate modern weapons and to meet modern tests.

The Navy first estimated that the net strength of the active fleet, after completion of the 60 de-activations and the addition of the new ships, would be about 950. Some naval officers said, however, that the fleet strength by next June might drop to 930 vessels.

The new mothballing programme excludes aircraft-carriers. The Navy is standing by its programme of operating at least 15 attack carriers and several carriers that have been adapted to handle planes and equipment specially designed for anti-submarine warfare.

### U.S. BARTER BILL PASSED

The U.S. Senate has approved a Bill raising by about £357,000,000 the Government's authority to barter or sell United States farm surpluses in foreign countries.

### Communist trade

The Bill, passed by the House of Representatives on July 9, permits barter deals — but not sales — with European Communist satellite countries, until now barred from the programme.

### Bey's property to be confiscated

A decree confiscating some of the property of the former Royal family of Tunisia was gazetted yesterday in the Tunisian Journal Officiel.

Details of the property were not disclosed but it is thought that the decree will include the former Bey's palace at Carthage, and surrounding villas belonging to his wife and children.

### Home is the sailor

Lionel Mabey, who was born on a ship entering Boston harbour 103 years ago and spent most of his life at sea, died at a New York sailors' home yesterday.

whether the youth is to die or be relieved

Sophocleous, a mechanic, had denied shooting the lawyer, John Pelagias, in a Limassol street last November. Mr. Pelagias published a weekly newspaper which supported the island's Constitution and was often critical of the Cypriot Church leadership.

### Smoking warning

London County Council, in a ten-point guide to health for school-leavers issued yesterday, told them to remember the danger of cigarette smoking. "Once the habit is formed it is difficult to break," it said.

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## CLASH

FRENCH paratroops, Foreign Legionnaires and infantry, backed by aircraft and artillery, were yesterday pursuing rebels who killed 21 soldiers in a clash about 44 miles south-east of Algiers.

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