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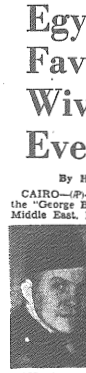
## Hal Boyle

## Egyptian Favors 4 Wives For Every Man

By HAL BOYLE

CAIRO—(AP)—Tewfik El Hakim is the "George Bernard Shaw" of the Middle East. He is a precise middle-aged man with a small mustache and French mannerisms picked up in Paris, where he was educated.



MR. BOYLE

He even wears a maroon beret instead of the conventional tall red tarboosh. He is perhaps the most disliked man in Egypt—by modern Egyptian women, because of his theory that every man should have four wives.

Modern Moslem women feel they are having a hard enough time getting rid of centuries-old Arab religious restrictions on their sex without Tewfik El Hakim and his campaign for polygamy. And what infuriates them more is that Hakim himself, while advocating four wives for every other man in the world, declines to take even one unto himself. He poses as a confirmed "woman hater."

"But I think every man who wants them is entitled to four wives," he says. "It is more comfortable for them and for him.

"Four wives can do so much more for a man than one. He needs one, for example, for companionship; another for cooking; still another to take out and show off in company and a fourth one for romance.

"No one woman can do all these things. An automobile can't march without four wheels and a man with only one wife is like a car with only one tire.

"I can see how it might be possible for a man to get along with as few as two wives—but that is the kind of a man who would start a long journey on a bicycle."

The most educated women here bridle at the very mention of Hakim's theory, but when I asked one spinster lady how she would like being married to a man with four wives, she merely replied, practically:

"Well, it would be better than nothing."

Hakim is one of the highest paid writers between Casablanca and Calcutta. He writes for "Akhbar Elyom," a weekly news magazine circulated throughout the Middle East. He and his publisher, Mustapha Amin Youssef, are engaged in a perennial financial debate.

"He gets 50 cents a word and we are glad he doesn't stutter," said Youssef. "He always suspects us of not counting the number of words in his articles correctly, but he is too lazy to do it himself.

"So now he takes his article into the cable office and pretends he is going to send it to London. After they have counted the words, he tells them he has changed his mind."

## Rename Vishinsky To Soviet Post

MOSCOW —(AP)—Andrei J. Vishinsky was reappointed deputy minister of foreign affairs today by decree of the council of ministers.

Other deputies in order of rank, reappointed by the council, were V. G. Dekanozov, Solomon A. Lozovsky and Maxim Litvinoff.

## Yanks In Burma-India Will Number Only 500

NEW DELHI.—(AP)—U. S. Undersecretary of War Kenneth C. Royall, who stopped here today en route to Cairo on a world tour, said American troops in the India-Burma Theater would be reduced to 500 by May 21. Those still here are engaged in turning over 500,000 tons of Army surplus to the Indian Government.

Royall is studying the disposition of Army supplies in theaters throughout the world.

## British Arrest Parading Policemen At New Delhi

NEW DELHI — (AP) — British troops arrested today a parading band of policemen demonstrating for the second day in protest against food and pay conditions. Tear gas was used against several demonstrators who attempted to escape over the rooftops.

The marching column, including about 80 men, was cordoned off as it drew near the Delhi gate.

## Pound Of Beans Cost A Pound In London

LONDON — (AP) — Fresh pineapples went on sale in a London store today at $20 each. String beans were offered at $5 a pound.

The pineapples came from the Azores. Prewar prices ranged from 60 cents to $4.

# *Iran Calls For Speedy Action*

'OPERATION ICEBERG'—A Naval task force, commanded by Rear Adm. John H. Cassady, has recently engaged in experimental operations off the coast of Greenland to determine Naval methods in the extreme cold. Admiral Cassady is pictured above on the bridge of the USS Midway during the maneuvers. The experiment revealed that necessity for heavy clothing reduced effectiveness of personnel in action. Planes had to be kept warm at all times if they were to be used. (Photo by Art Green, Acme staff photographer.)

## Soviet Call For Delay Is Opposed

### Further Harm To Interests Feared

NEW YORK — (AP) — Iran, which has protested to the United Nations the presence of Russian troops on its oil-rich territory, formally aligned itself with the United States today in opposing a Soviet request that the meeting of the eleven-nation Security Council be delayed sixteen days.

Such postponement—which would set back the opening meeting from next Monday to April 10—would "inevitably result in increased harm to the interests of Iran," Hussein Ala, Iranian Ambassador, said in a letter to Trygve Lie, UNO Secretary General.

The Iranian letter came several hours after President Truman lately declared that the scheduled meeting of the powerful Security Council would not be postponed and that the United States delegation would press for action on the Iranian case.

RUSSIAN STAND

But Andrei A. Gromyko, Russian Ambassador, replying to the President's statement, said Security Council action now on the Iranian dispute would merely complicate it. Russia had requested postponement of the meeting on the grounds that it needed more time to prepare its side of the case.

Unanimous agreement by the members of the Security Council is needed to postpone the meeting, and opposition to the delay already has been voiced by representatives of China, Australia and Great Britain. Iran is not a member of the Security Council.

Hussein Ala's letter, released here last night by UNO officials, said the Iranian Government hoped that consideration of its case against the Soviet Union "will not be delayed."

"At the conference in London decision was postponed upon the merits of the earlier dispute pending negotiation between the parties," the letter said and added:

"These negotiations have failed. Meanwhile, March 2, the date fixed by the Tripartite Treaty, has passed and the Soviet troops have not been withdrawn. The obligation of the Soviet Government to withdraw its forces from Iran is not a proper subject for negotiation under the charter of the United Nations or the constitution of Iran.

"The delays thus far permitted have intensified the critical conditions in my country caused by the failure of the Soviet Union to withdraw these troops. The state of affairs is very

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GENERALISSIMO STALIN

## Premier Sure Countries Do Not Want War

### Believes In UNO As An Instrument For Preservation Of Peace

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW — (AP) — Prime Minister Stalin today affirmed his confidence in the United Nations Organization as an instrument for preserving peace and security in the world and said he was convinced that neither nations nor their armies were seeking another war.

The Russian leader's assertion came in a written reply to three questions put to him by the Associated Press March 19. His reply was dated March 22.

The letter to Stalin began:

"In view of the many questions being asked in various parts of the world and the anxiety being expressed over keeping the peace, may I respectfully address several questions to you?"

UNO'S ROLE

Question—"What importance do you attach to the United Nation's Organization as a means of preserving world peace?"

Stalin's answer—"I attach great importance to the United Nations Organization as it is a serious instrument for preservation of peace and international security. The strength of this organization consists in that it is based on the principle of equality of states and not on the principles of the domination of one state over others. If the United Nations Organization succeeds in preserving in the future this principle of equality it will unquestionably play a great positive role in guaranteeing universal peace and security."

FEAR OF WAR

Question—"What in your opinion is responsible for the current fear of war felt by many people in many lands?"

Answer — "I am convinced that neither nations nor their armies are seeking another war. They desire peace and are endeavoring to secure peace. This means that 'the current fear of war' is not being caused by this side. I think that the 'present fear of war' is being brought about by actions of certain political groups engaged in the propaganda of a new war and by these means sowing seeds of discord and uncertainty."

WHAT TO DO

Question—"What should the Governments of the freedom loving countries do at the present time to preserve the peace and tranquility of the world?"

Answer — "It is necessary for public opinion and the ruling circles of all states to organize a wide counter-propaganda against these advocates of a new war and to secure the peace so that not a single action on the part of advocates of new wars passes without due rebuff on the part of the public and press. To expose warmongers without loss of time and give them no opportunity of abusing freedom of speech against the interests of peace."

## Ike's Request Changed

## One-Year Draft Extension Asked

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's advocacy of an indefinite draft law extension was modified today by Secretary of War Robert Patterson, who said Eisenhower now wants a one-year extension.

Patterson told the House Military Committee, before which he and Eisenhower testified yesterday, that he and the chief of staff now are agreed on a one-year continuance of the law, which expires May 15.

Patterson said he and Eisenhower were in full agreement that length of service under extension legislation should be limited to eighteen months, that fathers should not be inducted, and that all fathers now in uniform should be released by late Summer.

He is willing, Patterson said, to accept a limitation that the induction be held to men between 18 and 25, both inclusive.

Members of both Senate and House Military Committees appeared to share a general feeling that Selective Service should be kept alive beyond its May 15 expiration date. But there was no clear cut agreement on how long.

TESTIMONY

The two committees returned to the subject after long testimony—some of it in secret session—yesterday by:

1. Secretary of State Byrnes, who was reported by members to have told the Senate Committee that those charged with responsibility for the nation's security are alarmed lest there be enough new soldiers and sailors to replace those now entitled to come home.

2. Secretary of the Navy Forrestal, quoted as telling the Senators that the Navy could not hope to get the men it still needs if Selective Service dies.

3. Secretary of War Patterson, who asked both the House and Senate Committees to recommend a one-year extension.

4. Gen. Carl Spaatz, chief of the Army Air Forces, who was said to have warned the Senate group that "the possibilities of atomic warfare further accentuate the need for the maintenance of adequate air forces in being."

Summiffe up the testimony after thy closed Senate Committee session, Acting Chairman Austin, Republican, Vermont, gravely told reporters it was to this effect:

"That the international situation is such as to make more clear the necessity of extending the Selective Service Act."

One Senator who asked not to be identified by name said the idea that Russia would be interested in knowing whether the draft law stayed on the books came in for discussion.

Senator Bridges, Republican, New Hampshire, described the witnesses

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## Report Says Lease Blocked

WASHINGTON —(AP)— A Reconstruction Finance Corp. official said today that the Anti-Trust Division of the Justice Department has turned down Western Electric Co.'s proposal to lease the former Fairchild airplane plant at Burlington, N. C.

The official, who asked anonymity, said the lease of the wartime plant was disapproved on the ground that "Western Electric is a monopoly."

There was no immediate comment from Justice Department officials. Western Electric officials in Washington said they had not been notified.

## Result Of Wage Boosts

## OPA Chief Sees Some Price Jumps

NEW YORK — (AP) — Paul A. Porter, OPA administrator, said today there would be "some price increases" as the result of approved wage boosts but predicted that the new wage-price policy would have little or no effect upon rents or on "the average of food prices."

In a speech prepared for a luncheon of the Union for Democratic Action, Porter declared that "as far as the basic economics of our problem is concerned, we can continue to hold the average of prices to a slight increase during the coming year," and added:

"The new wage-price policy will add somewhat to the rate of creeping price increases. Let's not duck this reality. Approved wage increases will lead to some price increases which would not have occurred under the original wage-price policy. In the majority of American industries, however prospective earnings are so well above prewar levels that reasonable wage increases can be negotiated without raising prices.

RENTS NOT AFFECTED

"It is clear that the new wage-price policy will have no effect on the level of rents. It should have little effect on the average of food prices. And it will have little or no effect upon a variety of miscellaneous living costs."

Porter declared that "we are six months nearer the time when all-out civilian production will make most price controls unnecessary."

He continued:

"Although disputes between management and labor have seriously retarded production in some industries, the reconversion process is now nearly complete. It will require some months yet to build up well balanced inventories of parts and materials in all our factories.

"And it will take a while longer to fill the reservoirs at wholesale and retail to the point at which goods and services begin to flow to consumers in such volume as to satisfy the huge wartime accumulation of needs backd by record incomes and savings. But we are seven months near that goal."

Regarding the new wage-price policy, the OPA head declared it may affect the prices of apparel and textiles and added that "unless brought to a halt by firm Gov-

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## Tells Of Red Spy Work

MONTREAL —(AP)— Igor Gouzenko, the Government's key witness in the Soviet espionage case, testified today that the Communist Party in Canada was a part of the Moscow-directed spy network.

He said the Canadian-Soviet friendship organizations were used as a "screen for the purpose of preparing for future events which could be the grounds for war."

**Russia, Gouzenko said, was pursuing a "two-face policy" in which the friendship organizations "had nothing to do with creating friendly relations with Canada." He charged moreover, that Russian security police are operating in Canada and that some are in the Soviet Embassy.**

Gouzenko, 26-year-old former code clerk at the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa, who turned over to the Canadian Government the principal documents on which the current spy inquiry is based, was making his first public appearance since placing himself under police guard last Fall.

FEARED FOR LIFE

Having told authorities he feared for his life, Gouzenko was spirited into Police Court by six stalwart Royal Canadian Mounted Police plainclothesmen, who ranged themselves behind him throughout the two hours of his testimony at a morning session.

Gouzenko was the first witness against Fred Rose, Communist member of Parliament accused as an intermediary in the espionage operation. Rose's wife sat in the spectators' benches. It was a preliminary hearing to establish whether the Government has a sufficient case for trial.

The public was barred except for reporters.

After testifying about his work in the Soviet Embassy from the Summer of 1943 to last Sept. 5 in coding and decoding secret messages and documents sent to Moscow by Col. Nicolai Zabotin, Soviet military attache since recalled to Moscow, Gouzenko declared:

"All the documents I have read and seen have satisfied me that Russia created these friendship agencies as a screen for the purpose of preparing for future events which could be grounds for war."

## Hoover Flies To Rome

PARIS —(AP)— Herbert Hoover flew to Rome today with his fact-finding commission to study Italian food needs. He will return to Paris within a few days and continue his tour to other European countries.

## Peace Hopes Brighter

## Congressmen Hail Stalin's Statement

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Generalissimo Stalin's statements on preservation of the peace in an interview with AP Correspondent Eddy Gilmore at Moscow were generally hailed with hope by members of Congress today.

Senator Morse, Republican, Oregon, said that in view of what Stalin had to say to Gilmore about the role of UNO in international security, Russia now should not have "any objection to submitting all pending issues which are creating misunderstandings among members, to the United Nations Organization.

Chairman Connally, Democrat, Texas, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee asserted:

"I am highly gratified at the statement of Prime Minister Stalin.

"The views expressed are in entire harmony with the purposes of the United Nations Organization.

"I am glad to note that he renounces any militaristic ambitions. The UNO is our best hope for peace, and if the Soviet Union will support it and co-operate with other peace-loving nations we may hope for a long period of peace and international concord."

BLOOM'S REACTION

Said Chairman Bloom, Democrat, New York, House Foreign Affairs Committee:

"Stalin's words are reassuring. We'll never have war if Russia and all the nations follow the advice given. We all ought to hold special services and pray that Generalissimo Stalin will always remember and heed the answers he gave Mr. Gilmore."

House Republican Leader Joseph Martin of Massachusetts

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## Stalin Story

## Eddy Gilmore Scooped On His Own Yarn

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

AP Correspondent Eddy Gilmore was scooped today on his own story.

Gilmore's exchange of questions and answers with Prime Minister Stalin was broadcast by the Moscow radio before Gilmore could get his own story to Associated Press newspapers.

The news was broadcast from Moscow by the Government radio shortly after 11 A. M., Eastern Standard Time, and recorded in London. At 11:55 A. M. AP's New York office received this message from Gilmore by wireless.

"Filing soonest story and text letter from Stalin to the Associated Press answering three questions."

Gilmore's story began to arrive in New York at 12:08 P. M.

Gilmore has been in Moscow for the Associated Press since 1941.

As chief of the bureau there he succeeded Henry Cassidy, who also obtained a sensational interview with Stalin in October, 1942, in an exchange of letters calling for a second front.

Eddy Gilmore

## Gets 1,000 Letters On Subject

## Red-Haired Congressman Really Upset Over The Nylon Shortage

By VIRGINIA VAN DER VEER

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Here he is: The red-haired Congressman with your nylons at heart.

He's Rep. Gordon Canfield, New Jersey Republican, and he's upset.

Proclaimed Rep. Canfield in a perturbed press release:

"The plight of stockingless women is real and the fair sex of this atomic age who yearn for more yarn, be it nylon, silk, rayon or cotton, are aroused."

If you're from Missouri and want to be shown, Rep. Canfield has 1,000 letters from stocking-conscious constituents.

Canfield took his 1,000 problems to the Civilian Production Administration. He said he "reckoned he was just getting somewhere" when in came the complaint that went right up on top of the stack.

The feminine plaintiff sputtered angrily. She had stood in line a total of 25 hours in a few weeks, came out with nine pairs of nylons —and can't wear any of them.

ALL TOO SHORT

"All are six inches short," she wrote her Congressman. "It is impossible for a woman of average height to get justice."

This, decided Canfield, was beyond mere man. He called for help from the distaff side of the House. These were his answers:

Rep. Edith Norse Rogers, Republican, Massachusetts, reported sympathetically she had been able to get two pairs of nylons which had "disintegrated in no time."

Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas, Democrat, California, replied she, too, had "suffered" on the stocking front but had more important things on her mind.

Rep. Margaret Chase Smith, Republican, Maine, was terse. No women with nine pairs of nylons, she told Canfield, should complain.

Rep. Frances Bolton, Republican, Ohio, had a concrete idea. Why, she suggested, didn't Canfield set up a stocking exchange where the

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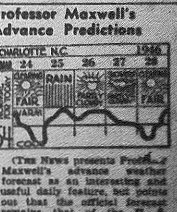
## WEATHER

**Official Weather Bureau Forecast**

Fair and slightly warmer today and tonight. Saturday increasing cloudiness and a little warmer.

Temperature at 2:30 today ..... 74
High and low last 24 hours 74-44
Sunset today ..... 6:36
Sunrise tomorrow ..... 6:23

**Professor Maxwell's Advance Predictions**




(The News presents Professor Maxwell's advance weather forecast as an interesting and useful daily feature, but points out that the official forecast remains that of the U. S. Weather Bureau.)