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### JORDAN NEEDS PEACE, REFUGEE SOLUTION

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AMMAN, Jordan—(By Airmail)
TO THE VISITOR, the city of Amman is
In an anomaly in the infant Hashemite
Kingdom of Jordan of which it is the capital.
Its gleaming stone buildings, its wellstocked shops, it sair of viger and enterprise
are all in sharp contrast to the barren hills
that surround it and to the dull and dispirited attitude of the poverty-stricken natives
who live in the nearby hills.
Amman sits in the middle of a high platesus. Aound it are some off the best farmlands of Jordan. To reach it from Jerusalem
requires a drive of about two and a half
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hours, on a modern road that twists around well-banked curves over several ranges of hills to cross the historic Jordan River near Jericho and then climb up and up and up alongside a fast-flowing mountain stream banked with a lush natural growth of elean-ders and through hills dotted with colorful popples and offerenments. May be a sleep to the my years go, most offerenments. Then Trans-Jordan became a modern state under

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the rule of the late King Abdullah. Amman's population, reached 60,000 six years ago. To-day it is a growing 180,000, and the city is, faced with all the problems posed by rapid growth-streets, water supply, housing, schools, health facilities, and the like.—
The city offers many contrasts. In seven 187, the contrast is the problems of the contrast in the contrast

In its crevices and caverns ...
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Our first stop in Amman was at the American legation, where Acking Minister David Pritidar gave us a briefing on American policy in the see us a briefing on American policy in the seven policy for the Printed Mining of The Policy Four Printed State of Mining of the Policy Four program in Jordan, told us of several possibilities he had uncovered in his several possibilities the had uncovered in his several possibilities of using Point Four side to first 30 days of using Point Four aid to bolster Jordan's limited economy and create

new productive wealth.

At the legation also was Seton Deardon from the British Embassy. He had been

called at the request of the American Christian Palestine Committee study group to talk off-the-record about British policy in Jordan since the assassination of King Abdullah, strongly pro-British and cool to Leb overtures of the Arab League.

That the Jordanian policy has been reoriented somewhat under the new King Talal was abundantly evident in the course of a 30-minute talk by Awny Bey Nashashibi, Unwas the most effective spokenman for the Arab 'viewpoint of the Israel issue that we had yet run seross. But if was an interesting

was the most effective spokesman for the Arab viewpoint of the Israel issue that we had yet run across. But if was an interesting coincidence that his "line", and even his precise language, dove-tailed neatly with that of Azam Pasha, secretary general of the Arab League, whom we had interviewed in Cairo.

Even so, Jordan and Britain are still on the best of terms. Britain contributes 6.5 million pounds a year to the support of the crack Arab League, whom we had interviewed in Cairo. The country Britain also contributes 1.5 million pounds to help keep Jordan's sagging economy from falling.

After lunch at the Philadelphia Hotel (the best food, by the way, since leaving Rome), the study group heard two other Arab leaders: Toulic Marar, former Under Secretary of Communications and now a contractor and eagineer; and Dr. Rock Aluzalia, professor of Arabic literature at Terra Santa College. And then it was back to derusalem along the same road we had traveled that morning and the same road we had traveled that morning and the same road we had traveled that morning and the same road we had traveled that morning and the same road we had traveled that morning and the same properties are majories economics.

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Jordan's problems are mainly economic. The country has few/natural resources. Much of its land is barreh, and irrigation would be a costly undertaking. Jordan could absorb some of the nearly 500,000 refugees within its borders, but at best it would be only a minor portion.

Jordan needs capital. It needs schools, hospitals, health services.

But mainly it needs a solution of the refugee problem and a firm peace with the new Jewish state of Israel. Not until both are obtained will it be able to reduce its heavy expenditure on its military forces (64 per expenditure on its mili

obtained will it be able to reduce its neavy expenditure on its military forces (64 per cent of the budget) and devote all of its attention to domestic problems.

### N. C. SENATORS ACCENT THE NEGATIVE

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A GROUP of Senators have been acting Irresponsibly this week, and North Carolina's Senators Hoey and Smith are right in there with them.

Monday the Senate voice 44-51 against permitting any money in a pending appropriations bill to be used for operation of the steel mills. Senator Hoey voted for this proposal: Senator Smith paired in favor of it. Senator Smith paired in favor of it. Senator Hoey voted for it; Senator Endey voted for it; Senator Smith paired in favor of it. This proposal failed because it lacked a required two-third voice. Wednesday the Senate voted 42-37 for Senator Bryd's bill which would liquidate the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Senators Smith and Hoey voted for it. Later in the day the Senate backtracked and sent the bill back to committee, where it will likethe bill back to committee, where it will like

the onli back to committee, where it will likely did.

All these proposals were negative, unconstructive, "cut off the nose to spite the face" structive, "cut off the nose to spite the face", with considerable justification, they resent the RFC, with no particular current justification. But instead of proposing an alternative to seizme or changes in RFC operation (as the initial bill provided), they want to étu off the Government's power tor un the mills, without providing for settlement of the dispute. And they want to just do away with the RFC, which is handling some rather worthwhile activities such as disaster loans, worthwhile activities such as disaster loans small business loans and tin and synthetic rubber programs. In that case too no alter native is provided.

Before the vote Monday President Tru man sent the Senators a letter. He said:

an emergency . . . If the Congress of to pass legislation indicating its belief

The Congress decides to pass legislation indicating its belief as to what ought not to be done in the steel case. If think it is incumbent upon the Congress to indicate by legislation at the same time its views as to what should be done. Of course the rebellious Senators were in o mood to heed the President. They like wise did not heed their respected colleague Senator Russell, of Georgia, who before voing against the appropriations amendment Monday told them:

ing against the appropriations amendment in gaginst the appropriations amendment in gaginst the appropriations amendment in a perfectly willing here and now to support remedial eligistion that will take the steel mills from the hands of the President and will provide a definite law for the steelenst of this controversy. I will support any fair legislation for this purpose, and the steel companies of the provide and the steel companies of the steel companies. "But no such legislation is brought forward to the steel companies of the steel companies of the steel companies. I and it certainly will not abset the confusion which now surrounds the seizure of these mills by Presidential action." It is Theresting to note the make-up of the negativist Senate bloc. On Monday's vote all but two Republicans were joined by eleven Southern Democrats, with Senators Russell, Johnston of South Carolina, Hill and Sparkman of Alabama on the other side. The line-up was about the same Tuesday, with the same four Southern Senators resulting the same four Southern Senators resulting the same four Southern Senators resulting the same four Southern Senators rewell we consider the proposed southern the same four Southern Senators rewell the same four Southern Senators rewell and Republican colleagues. Wednesday the Republicans were out in force again, but only picked up five Democratic colleagues, one from the Midwest one recreate colleagues.

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Hoey and Smith.
Those who had hoped North Carolina's

### PRISON PROBE NEEDED

THE principle of Western civilization of "where law ends tyranny begins", should 1.2. "where law ends tyranny begins", should apply with even greater forcefulness in the prisons that house those a ho broke the law in the first place. Yet it would be unfair to society itself if the current prison riots in the New Jersey and Michigan penfentiaries were treated in the "simple way", that is, to punish the instituctors and the participants and forget the whole thing.

We are glad to see that Governor Driscoll f New Jersey has called for a sweeping swestigation of the entire prison system in its state, that Governor Williams of Mich-tan has indicated willingness to probe the

just cause. Rather the grievances involve only the mechanics of prison operation, the handling of the prisoners' mail, the quality of the food, the alleged brutal punishment

of the food, the alleged brutal punishment for infractions within the walls. What the convicts have done in these institutions is a serious and dangerous thing. There has been loss of life, tremendous destruction of property, and the mental torment of the families of those prison employees held as hostages by the riobers. But thorough and honest investigation of the stated grievances will come anywhere hear the desired solution of improved prison operation, with a better chance of rehabilitation of the immates.



# People's Platform

### Jonas Replies

tors. The News:

METHING always turns up to take the joy
out of living. Here am I, having just concluded
public debates — one with a Congressman and
aliev after the experience, and along comes my
orite afternoon newspaper and destroys whatever
(confidence I had left. I refer to your editorial
appril 21, which dealt with remarks I made over
Friday'.

It is quite true that every Republican in Congress did not vote for all of the measures adopted by the 80th Congress. Some were party measures an some were not. But I do not believe many of these things could have been accomplished if the Republicans who controlled the 80th Congress had oppose

them. Then I must take mild exception to your observa-tion on my comment regarding recognition of Rus-sia, which occurred seven months after President has reveil; first inauguration. Perhaps, as you say, to be reveil; first inauguration. Perhaps, as you say, observe Russia at first-shand. But by the same token it provided the Communists with opportunities to get in their licks in our country, and there is evidence that they made more of their opportunities than we efiel of ours.

than the years after the Great War had ended,
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## Pennsylvania Action Could **Determine GOP Race Result**

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seen their herds from joining the ruh.

The Eisenhower primary showing behalf in the following the first head of the first head of the first head of the first will help the local Pennylvania candidates. Moreover, Gev. Fins wants to back as winner, and he will undoubtedly be impressed by such wants to back as winner, and he will undoubtedly be impressed by such the first head of the first wants to have a first head of the properties of the side of

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### Kissing Appetite Killed By Cigar-Smoking Woman By ROBERT C. RUARK

when she ordered a cigar with her after-dimer coffee.

She specified the brand and when the cigar came she bit off the end of it and when she firred it she hered the cigar. The control of the control o

### THEY'RE UNEASY

ic business at hand.

She was annoyed at an idea that such a dreadfully simple thing as boys wanting to kiss girls could get in the way or the right of the female to compete in all fields on the female to compete in all fields on democracy, she said, and I am as good as you are before the law and in the bill of human rights, and if I want to annote a cigar I will want to among a cigar I will be the said of the

been doing it for years.

But you dames are going to put
yourselves right out of business as
members of the human race, sezzi,
if you keep on smoking cigars and
running for office all the time and
shooting the Injuns and molding
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cute. And I would, not, even with
to kiss a girl who smokes cigars.
She is still mad, but about this
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to kiss a giri who smokes cigars. She is still mad, but about this time the floor show comes on and the singer is a dame who sings the frightfully sophisticated stiff, all of which says paps is burn. He is either coming home late or he is not coming home at all, or else he is not coming home at all, or else he is so dreadful dull he is plumb useless as a man around

### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

# Truman Urges Speeches Helpful To Ike

"CALL ME Madam" Perle Mesta, U. S. minister to Luxem-bourg, had an interesting experience with President Truman in regard to General Enembower.
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Behlynd he rash of prison riols are two things: 1.

Beh population of the United States has increased and with it our criminal population; 2, most prisons have remained weefully behind.

The New Jersey Peniteuriary at Trenton, where one of the first outbreaks occurred, dates back almost to the days of George Washington, Other julia almost as antiquated include the Maryland State Penitendary at Baltimore, built in 1805, and the Massachustet Penitendary at Baltimore, built of the State Penitendary at Baltimore, built of 1805, and the Massachustet Penitendary at Baltimore, built of 1805, and the Massachustet Penitendary at Baltimore, built of 1805, and the Massachustet Penitendary at Carleston,