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EDITORIAL

Compulsory insurance for car drivers?

IT is high time Police authorities stamped out fast driving in Tripoli's main streets. Too often, the inevitable accident leaves a third party, usually a pedestrian, badly injured.

A speed limit exists in Tripoli and should be implemented rigorously. Young men in fast cars drive too furiously for their own good and the safety of others.

What is worse, the innocent third party, sometimes scarred or maimed for life, is sometimes unable to seek and obtain just compensation from those who commit what is tantamount to criminal negligence.

A move has been made this week to introduce compulsory car insurance whereby those injured parties can receive some compensation from drivers who would otherwise have been unable to pay for their carelessness.

The move was made by Major Youssef Jubairi, Director-general of the Central Administration at the Ministry of the Interior and Local Government who told *Al-Thawra* he had suggested the incorporation of compulsory car insurance within the traffic law.

Now the authorities should begin a road safety campaign, not only to remind drivers of road discipline, but also to educate pedestrians, young and old, of the need to be careful. After all, it is not always the car driver who is directly responsible for an accident. Too often, drivers are forced to take violent evasive action to avoid hitting a jaywalker. Or a child with a ball!

NO ALCOHOL

A new heavy setback for alcohol drinkers. Their last hopes, fed by recent rumours that resumption of the sale of spirits was being considered, have now faded.

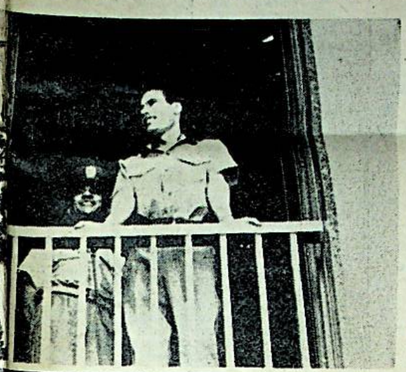
Questioned at the women's rally in Tripoli last week if it was true that alcohol «with all its evil» would be permitted again, Colonel Gaddafi bluntly answered «no alcohol,» which indicated a firm determination that the ban, imposed since the Revolution, is still to stay.

Also, cabarets have no chance in Libya when Colonel Gaddafi ruled out all possibility of «white slaves» to be exhibited and traded upon as in the past, although the Government will go on encouraging theatrical other stage performances as well as artistic exhibitions.

MINERAL RESOURCES

Libya has, apart from oil, several other mineral resources, such as gypsum, iron, edible salt, potassium, the existence of which has been confirmed by scientific surveys.

It is known that the Revolutionary Government has ordered that all mineral details must be passed to the Government by those prospesting in Libya. No time must be wasted in giving this attention, an alternative to oil, as Libya should not depend on this single source.



ANTI-COUP DEMONSTRATION

People from Zawia staged a huge march in Tripoli on Thursday in support of the Revolution and in denunciation of the foiled reactionary plot.

They headed for the Cabinet's headquarters, submitted a number of recommendations expressing their support and attachment to the Revolution and listened to an off-cuff speech by Colonel Mu'ammar Gaddafi.

«The September 1 Revolution,» he said, «is becoming more popular day by day and is stronger than manoeuvres, reactionary plots and all enemies because it is pure and has asserted its popularity in all circumstances equally to friends and foes.

«Our Revolution has affirmed its identity far remote from a coup d'etat and will strike with an iron fist at the people's enemies endeavouring to impede the revolutionary march towards freedom, socialism and unity,» he said.

«The rule characterised by police and dictatorship has gone for good, the people have become masters of themselves with no more domination or restriction, the RCC will be the executive instrument of the people's will and we shall never be lenient towards enemies of the people.»

Coup details on Pape 6.

Top-level unity talks scheduled for Tripoli

GADDAFI PHONES LEADERS

LIBYA played her part in a week of intense activity in the Middle East surrounding the UAR's acceptance of the American peace plan when Premier Colonel Mu'ammar Gaddafi telephoned President Nasser, Syria's head of State Dr Noureddin Atassi and Iraq's President Ahmed Hassan el Bakr.

The *Libyan News Agency* reported yesterday that the phone calls concerned consultations in the next few days towards evaluation of the Arab situation «in a bid to face the present stage and to overcome the uncertainties of the present situation.»

Following the calls, top-level Arab delegations are expected to arrive in Tripoli in a bid to maintain unity in the Arab ranks, cohesion of the battle fronts and to continue implementation of the Libyan plan on Palestine.

Major Ma'moun Awad Abu Zeid, a member of Sudan's RCC flew in on Friday for talks.

To date, Egypt, Sudan and Jordan have accepted the plan, which involves a three month cease fire. Earlier this week informed sources said that the Jordanian answer, like the Egyptian, insisted on complete Israeli withdrawal from all Arab occupied lands including the Golem Heights, Jerusalem, the West Bank of Jordan, Gaza and Sinai.

Syria, Iraq, and Algeria have stated they do not accept the American proposals.

On Thursday Libya's Minister of Unity and Foreign Affairs Mr Salah Buisir in Beirut en route for an official visit to Turkey was reported to have said that every attitude towards the American initiative needed interpretation except the delay of Israel in replying which needed no interpretation.

Commenting on Israel's delay Mr Buisir said that Israel had hoped that Arabs would adopt different attitudes so that she could benefit from other sides, such at the United States.

«We are sure that the Arab cause is adopting the right course, either through peace or war,» he said.

Mr Buisir left Tripoli on Tuesday for Ankara via Cairo for his visit to Turkey at the invitation of the Turkish Foreign Minister.

Mr. Buisir said that from Ankara he would proceed on a similar visit to Niger, where he is to attend Niger's independence festivities, and from there for Algeria at the invitation of his Algerian opposite number.

He expected that both visits to Niger and Algeria would last three days.

In Cairo on Wednesday, Mr. Buisir held a meeting with the UAR's Foreign Minister, Mr. Mahmoud Riad, to discuss the latest developments in the Middle East and bilateral relations bteween the two states.

The Minister met President Cevdet Sunay for 30 minutes yesterday. He also gave a press conference in which he denied the existence of Soviet influence in Libya, referred to the law restoring Italian property to Libyans and mentioned the US proposals.

Regarding Libya's attitude to the US plan, Mr Buisir said the *matter was left entirely to front-line countries because they were chiefly concerned.*

Trade and Malta

MALTESE businessmen have received top-level assurance that outstanding Libyan trade debts will be paid in full. «We have also been assured that business can be run on the most efficient lines now,» said a spokesman for Maltese Overseas Trading Co. delegation currently on a «fact finding» visit to the Republic.

The debts, some of which are well over a year old, were for a wide range of goods which have been delivered, and sold. Determining if and when these debts would be met was one of the briefs of the two man delegation.

Mr John M. Calleja, General Manager of the Trading Company, and Mr Peter Cassar Torreggiani, the secretary, were also examining the future, were also of Maltese-Libyan trade.

«We feel we now have the whole picture,» commented Mr Calleja following a series of meetings with Government officials and private businessmen.

Precisely how the Trading Company can boost Maltese exports to Libya will be discussed when the delegation returns to Valletta, but a permanent trade office in Tripoli is one of the possibilites.

MOTCOL, as the Trading Company is known, started active business in February this year, and can offer everything from a nail to a tanker, explained Mr Torreggiani.

Regarding the sources of the mission, he commented: «All our objectives have been reached.» Added Mr Calleja: «We have the information we wanted, and have had a number of substantial inquiries, which we hope will turn into orders.»

The first immediate follow-up to the delegations visit is likely to be a Maltese Trade promotion week, organised at the time of the Maltese National Day in September. At that time Maltese businessmen and industrialists would visit, and there would be an exhibition of Maltese products.

«We have been assured that if Maltese goods are competitive, they will be welcome,» said Mr Calleja, who is formerly Chief Executive for the Sales and Commercial Division of Malta Drydocks.

Mr Torreggiani, who also represents the Malta Millers Association, added that excess capacity at Malta's seven mills is to be offered to Libya.

Left to right are Mr Ives de Barro (Embassy staff), Mr Calleja and Mr Torreggiani.

No violence, Premier tells Italy's President

COLONEL Mu'ammar Gaddafi, Premier, has replied to the Italian President's cable regarding treatment of the Italian community in Libya, it was announced on Thursday.

In his reply, Colonel Gaddafi asserted that no violent actions had been committed neither against the Italian Embassy nor Italians.

«We are keen to restore our usurped right, which cannot be prevented by treaties or agreements. Treaties and agreements which do not observe our rights are neither considered. We are also keen to protect sanctuaries and harmless people and to respect women, as we derive our ethics from our Arabism and religion,» Colonel Gaddafi said.

In his cable, the Italian President condemned the events against the Libyan Embassy in Italy and promised they would not be repeated.

PROFESSOR SPEAKS

Earlier in the week the *Libyan News Agency* carried a report of a statement by Professor Cuardo Corgi, a member of the Italian Committee for the support of Palestine.

In his statement, Professor Corgi said that any protest against the Libyan Revolutionary Government's decision to ban Italians from owning property in the Republic could only be interpreted as a Fascist colonial attitude.

Professor Corgi's statement wa made orginally in an interview with the Italian News Agency *Udista*.

The professor, who is a former secretary of the Christian Democratic Party in an Italian province, said: «Our solidarity with liberal Libyan youth who took over the rule of their country is quite frank and obvious.»

He continued: «Our country should demolish all that links us with the old colonial fence and should build new relations with those countries which were under colonialism.

«I am convinced that all progressive people in our country are sincerely expressing solidarity with the decision of the Libyan Revolution to take over Italian properties.»

He added that Algeria adopted the same course of action which was welcomed by progressive people in Italy and France.

«It is time that progressive Italians should prove that Italy and Libya should be linked with ties of real friendship and mutual respect, ignoring all former wrong attitudes reminding us of past colonialism.»

Last Saturday, the Minister of Unity and Foreign Affairs, Mr. Salah Buisir, summoned the Italian Ambassador to Libya, Sig Giovanni Ludovico Borromeo, to his office.

Mr. Taher Burshan, Counsellor at the Ministry, was present during the meeting which lasted 30 minutes.

People's court formed

The RCC issued a decree on Wednesday setting up the people's court.

The court comprises Major Bashir Wawadi, RCC member, Chairman: Lieutenant Abdul Salam Abu Galla, from the Armed Forces; Sheikh Mahmoud Subhi, Islamic University Rector; Mr. Abdul Aziz el-Najjar, from the Supreme Court; Captain Hassan Abdul Rahim, from the police force.

The week's weather

Libya's weather is likely to get hotter. This is due to a trough moving east from Algeria. Currently there is high pressure north of the Republic, bringing daytime winds from the south east at 10 knots and night winds from the north east at 15 knots.

This wind pattern is likely to continue.

TRIPOLI

	max	min
Sunday	86	74
Monday	85	74
Tuesday	85	72
Wednesday	88	68
Thursday	90	70
Friday	88	70
Saturday	90	70

BENGHAZI

	max	min
Sunday	88	72
Monday	88	75
Tuesday	93	—
Wednesday	95	70
Thursday	—	75
Friday	95	75
Saturday	93	73

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EVERY THURSDAY

TRIPOLI DEP. 17.15 PARIS ARR. 19.15

SAME DAY CONNECTIONS

AMSTERDAM	ARR.	22.15
BRUSSELS	ARR.	22.30
LONDON	ARR.	21.20

* NEXT DAY CONNECTIONS FROM PARIS:

NON STOP FLIGHTS:

BOSTON	ARR.	12.40
CHICAGO	ARR.	15.35
DETROIT	ARR.	14.15
LOS ANGELES	ARR.	18.50
MONTREAL	ARR.	13.35
NEW YORK	ARR.	13.15
PHILADELPHIA	ARR.	16.20
WASHINGTON	ARR.	14.05

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DALLAS	ARR.	17.21
DENVER	ARR.	18.20

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Plotters aimed to bomb oilfields

PLANES would have been used to blow up oil wells if the RCC did not surrender to the Sebha coup plotters, it was learned this week. They intended to destroy the country's economy if it became obvious the coup would fail.

This was one of a series of new facts relating to the second coup plot which was uncovered by the RCC when they found a cache of arms including pistols with silencers in the Fezzan.

As Libya's Press gave the fresh details, hundreds of people marched through the streets of villages and towns in the Republic expressing support for the September 1 Revolution.

The plot was discovered two months ago, before the evucation of US Forces from Okba Ibn Nafa (formerly Wheelus). A group of men who profitted under the former régime, who were said to be still co-operating with colonialist forces, tried to attract some retired Police officers and capitalists in order to carry out their plot.

A list of names of the plotters was also carried by the Arabic Press. They were said to be:

Sgt Gheith Shteiwi (formerly in the Police but transferred to the Armed Forces); L/Cpl Ganab Murraje' (Armed Forces); Shteiwi Hasan (former Police corporal transferred to the Army); Abu Bakr Abbas (jeweller); Mabrouk Othman el Seid (contractor and brother of Mohammed Othman el Seid); Colonel Abdallah Halloum (Army, retired); Colonel Mohammed Mahdi Qadi (South Security Police Force, retired); Lt. Colonel Abdallah Abu Bakr (former superintendent of the two governorates in the south); Captain Saedi Mohammed Seif el Nasser (Director of Retirement Office, Sebha); Saleh Ghazal (contractor from Benghazi); and Lt. Colonel Omar Abdul Rahim (head of the passport office in Sebha after the Revolution).

AMBASSADOR'S ROLE

Gheith Abdul Majid Seif el Nasser, former Ambassador to Chad, was said to have played a big role in linking the conspirators with reactionary elements abroad. He contacted retired officers in the Police and Army, it is alleged.

A group of capitalists paid amounts of money to assist the conspirators. Abu Bakr Abbas Qadi was said to have received £L20,000 for the implementation of the plot.

A sergeant in the Free Unitary Officers' Movement, was responsible for the discovery of the plot. He reported the plans to the Military Intelligence and then kept in touch with the conspirators and recorded what happened at their meetings.

The plot included the occupation of the Police and Army centres in Sebha and the takeover of Sebha airport. Smuggled arms and ammunition were stored on the farm of Seif Nasser, it was said.

The secret pass word was Tahrir Sinai (liberation of Sinai). Some 50 soldiers and officers were supposed to proceed to the garrison at Sebha and occupy it. Lt. Colonel Abdul Rahim was then required to invite Army officers to give up their weapons or be slain.

After the occupation of the garrison, the police centres and the airport, arms were to be distributed to the public to face forces coming from Benghazi and Tripoli. Lt. Colonel Rahim was to lead a force to Tripoli with Mohammed Mahdi heading another force to Benghazi.

Five thousand mercenaries were to have been used, it was alleged, coming in planes from Chad. It was said that mercenary forces in Chad included three American experts in economic, political and military fields, from the CIA.

The Tripoli force was planned to be divided into two groups, one heading for the broadcasting station and the second, led by Sa'di Seif el Nasser, to the RCC.

At the broadcasting station the first announcement was said to have been: «We have abolished socialism which retarded your ambitions. This is for the sake of your freedom and the freedom of your sons, so you are requested to give us your full support RCC members should give themselves up without any resistance.»

Actually, the plotters proposed to kill officers immediately, it was claimed. They then planned to cut the main roads leading to major towns in order to give themselves an opportunity to implement their plot which aimed at secession of Sebha.

LIBYAN AUTOMOBILE AND TOURING CLUB

Notice

The Libyan Automobile and Touring Club announces that, as from July 1, 1970, it welcomes participants and offers, as a preliminary step for activities, the following services to those travelling abroad with their cars:

1. **ARAB CUSTOMS TRANSIT CARNET, VALID FOR THE ENTRY OF ARAB COUNTRIES.**
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3. **INTERNATIONAL DRIVING LICENCE.**
4. **INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION PERMIT.**

A membership card of the Libyan Automobile and Touring Club enables bearers to have the assistance of clubs in the countries he is going to visit, for facilitating the trip and for granting reduction in the cost of fuel and for securing any help he needs. He also may have accommodation of tourist villages run by the clubs or at centres run by the clubs.

CLUB OFFICES

TRIPOLI: Club Headquarters, Tatanaki Building, Sharia Istiklal, third floor.

BENGHAZI: Office of the Tourism Control Section, Sharia Omar El Mukhtar.

OFFICIAL WORKING HOURS: Saturday through Wednesday: morning 9-13 hours; afternoon 17-19 hours. Thursday: 8.30-14.30 hours.

Ben Warren leaving international centre

DIRECTOR of the Tripoli International Language Centre Mr. Ben Warren, is leaving today (Sunday) to take up a new post in Paris. Mr. Warren, 26, came to Libya in January 1968 and has seen the scope and size of the Institute grow under his directorship.

«I suppose we must have had three-and-a-half-thousand students through our hands in the last two years,» he told the *Libyan Mail*. «It's been most satisfying.»

The new director of the centre is Mr. John Shackleton, 23. Does International House, head office of the world wide International Language Centres, have a policy

Mr. Warren

of picking young men. «Not at all,» said Mr. Warren.

«The policy is to promote teachers to directors, and I started as a teacher, and Mr. Shackleton is a teacher in Tripoli at present.»

Mr. Warren's eventual destination is Spain, home country of his wife Carmen Rodriguez.

During his time in Tripoli, the Centre has expanded, and he supervised the introduction of modernised equipment, and pioneered new systems of language teaching. Mr. Warren is particularly proud of the readers/writers courses. «We have also done a lot of work for the Government,» he said.

This has also been an opportunity for sight-seeing, and the Warrens visited much of the Middle East while based in Libya.

New diplomats at Bulgarian embassy

MR Peter Ivanov, first secretary of the Bulgarian *Embassy*, is leaving shortly. Replacing him will be not one, but two diplomats.

He explained this week: «The job has been split into two. There will be a new diplomatic and consular officer, and a press officer.»

The press officer is Mr. Zdravko Velev, an Arabist, and Mr. Ivanov was this week introducing him to contacts for his new job.

In mid-September Mr. Ivanov will be returning to Sofia, where he will take a post at the Foreign office.

He has spent three-and-a-half years in Tripoli, and prior to this was in Accra, Stockholm and London. Most of his work in Libya has concerned the Bulgarian community, which currently number some 1,000.

«They are in all parts of the Republic, working on housing projects,» he said. «There are five tenders, in Zawia, Homs, Sebha, Ubari and Benghazi. I've visited all of those places.»

Mr. Ivanov commented: «I shall miss my friends in Libya. It is in the nature of a diplomat's job that he should stay for only a small amount of time at each place.»

Pictured are Mr. Velev (left) and Mr. Ivanov.

Swiss to improve exports to Libya

THREE alpine cantons of central Switzerland declared their independence in August 1291. The anniversary of that event was celebrated in Tripoli yesterday (Saturday) when the Swiss Chargé d'Affaires, Mr. Christian Gander, was host at a reception to mark the event.

On the occasion, Mr. Gander spoke of Switzerland's foreign trade and relations with Libya.

«The density of the population, the poverty of the subsoil and the smallness of the country all compel Switzerland to develop trade with other countries,» he said.

«Very few countries have a foreign trade as highly developed as Switzerland. The value of imports and exports — two billion and 1.8 billion Libyan pounds in 1969 — is particularly striking for such a small country.»

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He continued: «The volume of Libyan-Swiss trade has developed satisfactorily during the last few years. The export of Libyan crude oil to Switzerland has risen from £L6.5 million during the first six months of 1969 to £L10 million in the first half of 1970, while imports from Switzerland dropped from £L2.5 million during the first six months to £L1.6 million in the same period of 1970.

«Swiss exports to Libya of watches and pharmaceuticals have shown a considerable increase over the exports in the same period last year.»

Mr. Gander explained that the drop in Swiss exports to Libya was due to fall in the amount of construction material and equipment.

«However, Switzerland is aware of the Libyan Arab Republic's endeavour to develop more and more its infrastructure, agriculture and industry,» he continued. «Within the scope of a respective continuous co-operation, Switzerland hopes to strengthen still further the existing ties between the two countries.»

Jalloud back from Cairo

Major Abdulsalam Jalloud, Libya's Deputy Premier, returned from Cairo on Tuesday having represented the Republic at the UAR celebrations marking the July 23 Revolution.

While in Cairo, Major Jalloud met Egyptian President Gamal Abdul Nasser.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

CONCERN over reports that Italy is selling arms to Israel was expressed this week by a spokesman for the Ministry of Unity and Foreign Affairs in an interview with Al-Thawra, the official Government newspaper.

«The Libyan Government looks with great worry at these reports,» the spokesman told *Al-Thawra*. The spokesman referred to reports in an Italian paper. «What the paper stated in its issue of July 12 is considered as an unfriendly action from Italy which simultaneously alleges that it exerts efforts to solve the Middle East crisis and submits proposals for peace, including one for halting the supply of arms to the area.»

The spokesman added: «It is a matter of apparent contradictions which need urgent and honest explanation from the Italian Government as our policy regarding the Palestinian cause does not allow our friends to be contradicting our firm stand regarding plots woven against the heroic Palestinian people and against the Arab nation.»

The Italian paper concerned — *Lionetta* — was said to have expressed astonishment because the Italian Government did not deny the news and had not since issued a statement.

Lionetta said that the arms were delivered by ships which sailed under the protection of the Italian Navy.

The independent weekly Al-Youm proposed this week that the churches at Algeria Square and Omar Mukhtar Street should be transformed into public libraries and museums.

Al-Youm suggested that the church in Algeria Square should house historical manuscripts, documents and photographs showing the struggle of the Libyan people against the Italian invasion. The same could be applied to the church at Misurata, the paper said. Al-Youm said that the Misurata church «was built over the bodies of the Mattous family, numbering 38 persons who were burned by Italians who established the church on their wreckage.

«These churches do not represent the Christian religion because the Holy Christ does not accept to have his churches built over the bones of innocent children and people. They were built for non-religious purposes and the justice of Christianity is away from them.»

Al-Youm said the crosses and bell towers should be removed and the buildings left as they are to remind future generations of the colonialist regime.

Al-Thawra criticised the «strange prenomenon» in Tripoli where pavements have been transformed into markets by pedlars. The paper called on the Municipality Police to put an end to it.

It called for a study of the problem to recommend a solution. *Al-Thawra* also published pictures of street pedlars.

Al-Raied reported that the Council of Ministers have decided to regard the two beach resorts at Lido and 7 kms. and their facilities as public ultities.

In a memorandum to the Council of Ministers, Major Abdul Salam Jalloud, deputy Premier, made it clear that Tripoli was suffering a lack of resorts and that owners of private beaches were exploiting the people.

The memorandum asked that financial help should be provided to the Municipality in order to pay compensation to owners of the Lido and 7 kms. beaches.

Al-Raied also drew the attention of the authorities concerned at the PTT Corporation that cables and letters were being delivered late.

CROSS MY PALM with silver and I'll tell your fortune, says tarot card holding Frank Jones, one of the most popular counsellors at Oil Company School day camp at Gargaresh. Day camp comes to an end this year on August 7.

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Each of its four engines has approximately twice the power of the largest commercial jet engine in use today. Yet inside the plane it's even quieter than in current jetliners.

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