

The World

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that the protector might become aggressor in turn? Could Beneš, who permits himself to say that in 1940 he thought the Soviet Union was planning to use its alliance with Nazi Germany in order to "intervene in a mainly, or even exclusively, revolutionary sense at the moment when both sides were too exhausted to defend themselves against a social revolution," really take the treaty's assurance of "non-interference in . . . internal affairs" as a sufficient guarantee? It seems unlikely, but he was willing to go far, even to the point of introducing major socialist innovations at home, to achieve an enduring alliance with the Soviet Union, knowing that his country's ultimate fate depended on the intentions of its eastern neighbor. Stalin revealed these in 1948, and his ruthlessness makes one wonder whether it was in the realm of the possible for Dr. Beneš or any man to have charted a course that would have protected the freedom of Czechoslovakia. There are historical situations when patriotism and intelligence are not enough, and when virtue and success are incompatible.

Jet-Speed Politics

NORTH AFRICAN BACKGROUND: Edmond Stevens, the Rome-based correspondent of *The Christian Science Monitor*, knows North Africa at first hand and in depth, from Tangier all the way across the south Mediterranean shelf to Tripoli. In "North African Powder Keg" (Coward-McCann, \$3.75) he has written a valuable report on that important part of the map. The need for sitting still while writing kept him from returning to the area after a last long visit in early 1955, but he has evidently kept in close touch. His account is as current as a man could make it in the unequal race of rapid events against the sluggish machinery



of presses and binderies. He has brought his story up to the eve of August 20, a fateful day of butchery in Morocco and Algeria.

Stevens's book is nevertheless already far behind the times. The fact is that North Africa has been revolving too fast for any reporter to hang on except in tomorrow's headlines. Only in Algeria is the situation superficially the same as Stevens describes it, although vastly matured in potential. To the east the inner rifts of the independence movement have made ancient history out of the nationalist war on France and now promise a new war strictly among Tunisians. To the west the quick changes are even more incredible: El Glawi of Marrakesh has somersaulted into a prostrate position at the feet of his old enemy, Mohammed V; the French have not only restored a Sultan whom they deposed but are counting on him as their prime guarantor in Morocco; the Sultan, the *medina* terrorists, and even *Istiqlal* are being challenged in their nationalist credentials by the wilder patriotisms of the Riff mountaineers.

None of this is Stevens's fault, obviously. But his book has a weakness which he contributes all on his own. There are usually two sides to every argument, even in North Africa, where utter rejection of an opponent's position, down to the smallest particular, is a first rule of debate. An outside reporter diminishes his usefulness if he gets as red in the face as the principals in his story. Stevens thinks the French have been wrong. This reviewer agrees. But not 99 per cent wrong, which is about the ratio of space which "North African Powder Keg" gives to exposition of the anti-French case.

Stevens's record of France's mistakes is a competent guide to the years of wasted opportunity in North Africa. As such, it helps to explain the recent whirlwind of French reversals. But, because of almost exclusive concern with the sins of the colonizers, it provides little illumination of the self-made snares which lie ahead for the colonized now that they are beginning to be free.

—HAL LEHRMAN.

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DEFINITIONS

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- B. Fish-eating duck, expert diver but not very tasty.
- C. Nickname applied to Plato, Sophocles, Xenophon, in compliment to their literary style (2 wds.).
- D. Evening performance, movie, concert, theatre (2 wds.).
- E. U.S. slang for a ten-dollar bill.
- F. Incunabula.
- G. Angel of music of Islam.
- H. Frequent basis of privilege to subscribe for one unit of a bond issue (as recently by A.T.&T.; 2 wds.).
- I. German-born philanthropist, donor to many colleges and of great stadium where New York holds summer concerts.
- J. A certain short hymn expressing praise of God.
- K. Specially paved paths for pedestrians, of specific usefulness.
- L. Stupidity.

WORDS

158 83 76 190 145 1 135 209

179 184 5 208 92 86 131 192 103

150 63 2 19 182 191 112 101

93 110 51 106 151 152 75 181 84

126 185 98 159 198 91 174

37 85 176 81 96 36 72 172 48 56

203 180 41 64 58 24 59

169 49 165 149 204 154 60 120 109 28 7

160 15 45 104 132 175 21 69

87 153 113 122 183 77 105 201

3 144 88 44 127 202 146 95 70 170

29 116 52 161 108 143 94 129

DEFINITIONS

- M. Unprocessed condition (2 wds.).
- N. A tributary stream.
- O. Bible character whose name is given to a mass of unfused material in a blast furnace.
- P. Familiar way of referring to religious truth (2 wds.).
- Q. Famous Scott character, the half-crazed queen of the gypsies in "Guy Mannerling" (full name).
- R. Height.
- S. Manifest a readiness to resist (2 wds.).
- T. A debt.
- U. Venetian priest in Howells' "Foregone Conclusion."
- V. Famous Welsh poet of 14th cent. (preceded by "Dafydd ap").
- W. Gifts made as tokens of good luck.
- X. Age of Princess Margaret at her sister's Coronation (comp.).
- Y. Conspirator of ancient Rome, one of Ben Jonson's pet characters.

WORDS

100 47 89 97 22 26 17 115

207 119 139 138 125 155 65 167

25 80 193 66 39 16 114 82

195 62 99 31 136 20 166 107

14 134 79 130 46 186 141 32 206 38 30

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156 177 140 67 197 13 61 4 40

199 164 173 102 71 55 118 33 147

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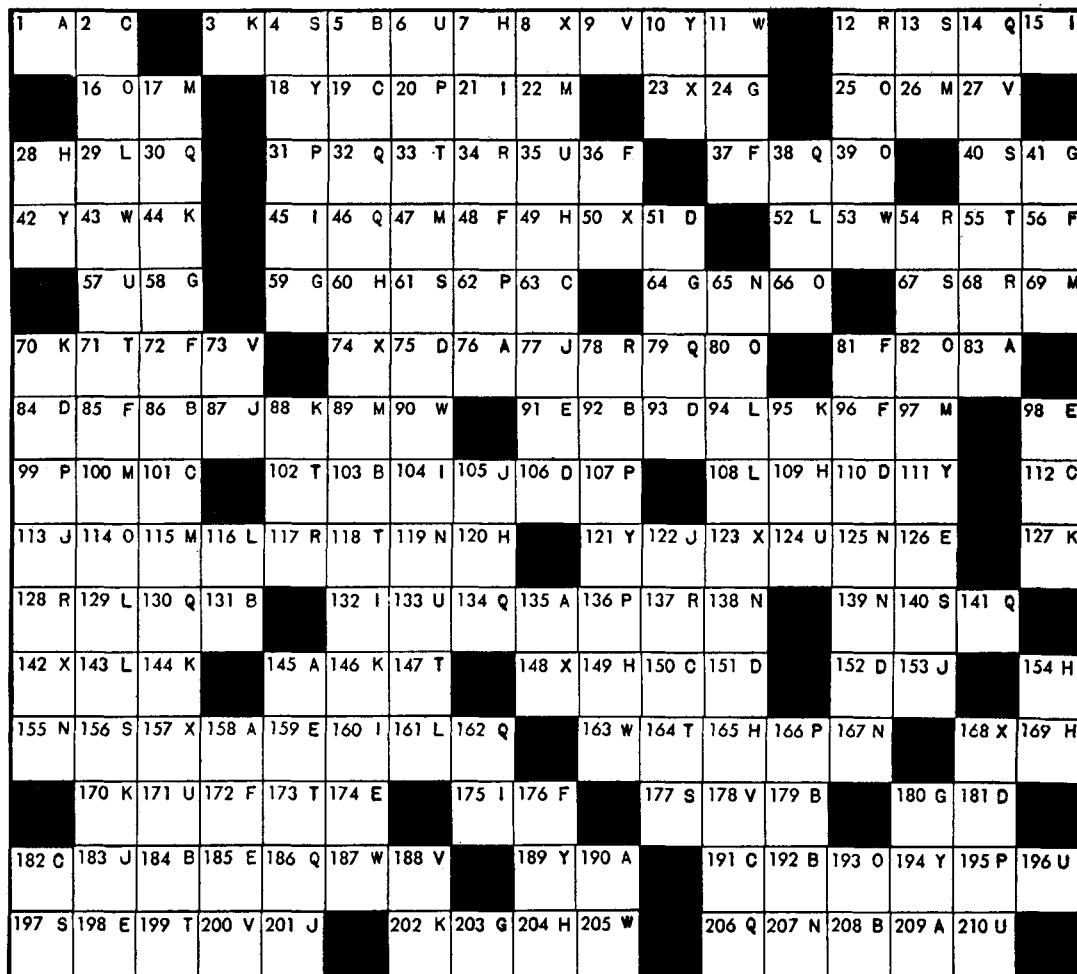
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DIRECTIONS

To solve this puzzle you must guess twenty-odd WORDS, the definitions of which are given in the column headed DEFINITIONS. Alongside each definition, there is a row of dashes—one for each letter in the required word. When you have guessed a word, write it on the dashes, and also write each letter in the correspondingly numbered square of the puzzle diagram. . . . When the squares are all filled in, you will find that you have completed a quotation from some published work. If read up and down, the letters in the diagram have no meaning. . . . Black squares indicate ends of words; if there is no black square at the right side of the diagram, the word carries over to the next line. . . . When all the WORDS are filled in, their initial letters spell the name of the author and the title of the piece from which the quotation has been taken. Of great help to the solver is this acrostic feature and the relative shapes of words in the diagram as they develop. Authority for spellings and definitions is Webster's New International Dictionary, Second Edition.



Solution of last week's Double-Crostic will be found on page 33 of this issue.