

Armistice Adequate if Enforced

AMMAN, Jordan, (Reuters)—Premier Fawzi El Mulki said today that Jordan's government is not formally opposed to talks with Israel aimed at modifying or suspending the present armistice agreement between the two countries.

In an interview, he said the Jordanian government has informed other Arab states that they agree with her rejection of such talks. A formal reply to this effect will be made to the United Nations Committee for the Arab League political committee meets to draft a unanimous note on the subject.

Israel demanded direct talks through the United Nations under an article of the armistice agreement which refers to discussions aimed at the alteration or suspension of the armistice.

Israel pressed for such talks after the Kibya village massacre Oct. 14 when more than 60 Arabs were killed during an Israeli border raid. The Israelis blame inadequate armistice machinery for the incident and have called for talks to revise the armistice.

The Security Council censured Israel for the attack despite Israeli contentions that the attack was made by local militia after a series of Jordan provocations.

El Mulki insisted that the present armistice agreement is adequate if the Israelis will enforce it.

"The premeditated Kibya attack did not result from a faulty armistice," El Mulki declared. "It was a carefully planned attack by Israeli armed forces against a village of sleeping Arab civilians. Israel has been condemned by the Security Council for this attack, and now she has the audacity to demand direct talks to revise an armistice which she deliberately violated."

IWA Local Scores Policy Of BCHS

PORT ALBERNI, B.C. (CP)—Local 1-85 of the International Brotherhood of America (CIO-CL) here is protesting the case of a member who was in hospital for a year but who was killed for the last six months because he was not able to pay British Columbia hospital insurance premiums on time.

Financial secretary Jack Moore said the man has been billed for \$392 for a period in hospital.

The man was paid up on premiums for six months in advance when he entered hospital, Mr. Moore said. When he returned to work almost a year later, arrears in hospital insurance premiums were deducted from his first pay and remitted to BCHS.

"The hospital insurance administration has refused to pay the hospital bill for the time this IWA member was in hospital after his six-month advance payment was used up."

"However, they accepted the arrears payment even though they knew that under the law they could not cover him for that period."

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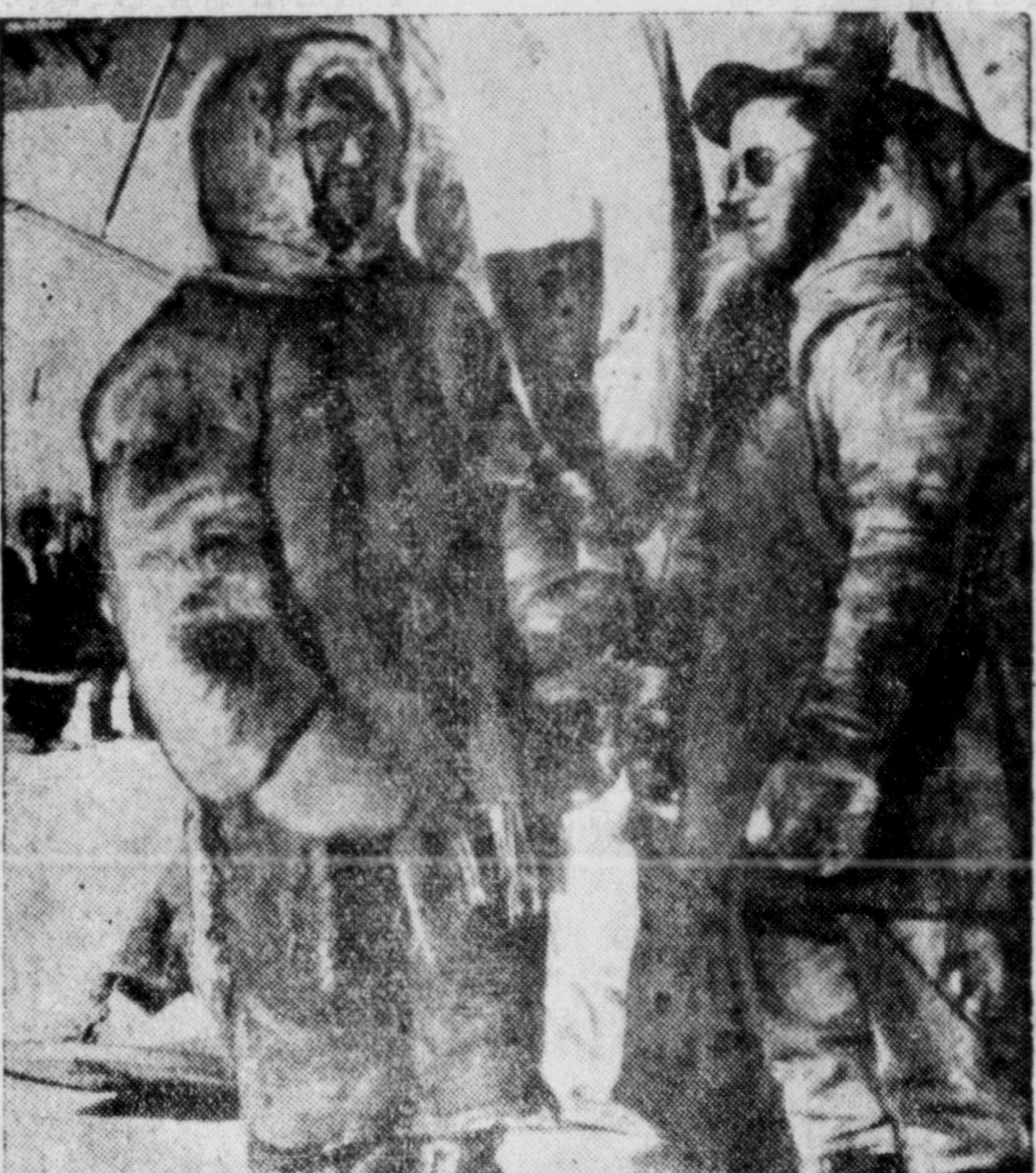
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Near-Broke Utah Prospector Hacks Away To Hit \$60 Million Jackpot

By ARTHUR EDSON
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Uranium Industry Association says some people in its business are raking in money so fast the stodgy old world, millionaire, doesn't quite fit any more.

The uranium boom, it says, is producing uraniumaires. The association cites the case of Charlie Steen, a Utah prospector so poor he couldn't afford a \$95 geiger counter. Yet he kept hacking away until he hit a \$60,000,000 jackpot—and then promptly hit another worth twice that.

"Charlie Steen is not alone," the association says. "Others have graduated from hamburger to sirloin—their wives from kitchen sink to ranch mink, and their children from a paper route to a Cadillac gadabout."

Before anyone could say "multirunumaire," your reporter had grabbed his prospector's lamp, jumped into a taxi gadabout and was off for a talk with the association's president, Maurice B. Mumford. Mumford is no uraniumaire.

"Prospected all over the place," he said moodily, "and all I ever found was autumite, which the Atomic Energy Com-

mission lists as tertiary ore I disagree with them, of course, but that's another story.

"Yes there are an awful lot of heartbreaks in this business." But there's the other side, too. Mumford guesses some 19 uraniumaires have been produced. He figures another 500 have come up with somewhat modest stakes. And there are 11,000 claimholders and 20,000 prospectors.

But before buying your own geiger counter and setting out for the Colorado River basin, where 50 per cent of uranium have been found, a word of caution.

"The geiger counter isn't very good," Mumford said. "It catches only 20 of the beta rays and only one per cent of the gamma rays. What you need is scintillation type equipment."

"Which costs money." "If you can't to me and said, 'Mumford, I have a thousand dollars—let's get some stuff and go prospecting.' I'd turn you down because the odds are 500 to 1 against you. But if you had \$50,000, so you could get all the best equipment, I'd say you had a pretty fair chance of cashing in."

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Homeless Waif Rises To Stardom

LONDON (Reuters)—A little fellow with sad eyes and a rubber mouth is being hailed as a second Charlie Chaplin.

Norman Wisdom, 33, has been a vaudeville and television headliner here for the last few years, but the critics broke out in a new burst of praise for his first movie, "Trouble in Store."

Wisdom, once a homeless waif who had to join the army to be sure of a meal, takes the part of a luckless salesman in a big store, a Chaplinesque role he exploits to the full for slapstick and pathos.

The critics commented: "A little genius... potentially the greatest living comic of the screen... the comedian the screen has been looking for since Chaplin and Harold Lloyd stopped being funny."

Wisdom, five foot four and 112 pounds, hit the big-time in vaudeville five years ago. Since then he has become Britain's most popular TV comedian and now is starring at \$5,000 a week in a Christmas ice show, "Sinbad on Ice."

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Back in 1948, he mattered only to his bride, Janet, a 20-year-old dancer. With assets of only a couple of pounds, they were living in one room.

A few months ago, the Queen toured television studios and asked him: "Why don't we see more of you on television? I could go on looking at you forever."

His ambition is to play "the Hunch-back of Notre Dame."

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