

Aswan changed Egyptian life

Egypt — what an interesting part of the world.

Your columnist just returned from this unusual trip where one can stop on roads and walk where "business as usual" dates back to 3,500 B.C. and earlier.

Up to 270 B.C. the people were ruled by tribesmen with periodic battles for more power. Then powerful kings ruled during their lifetimes. The kings were regarded as gods by their followers.

In 270 B.C. the Greeks began to record history. In 1799 the Rosetta Stone was found by a French officer near the mouth of the Nile, a black slab of basalt. On it were three different types of script. Napoleon arrived with a learned group on his staff and realized that important messages were waiting for future time.

Napoleon ordered several copies made of this prize. To do this, the surface was covered with printer's ink, and paper copies were made with a roller.

Even though later the stone was captured by England, Napoleon had his copies which were studied in Paris. Egyptian and Greek were two of the languages on the stone and the code was broken, thus revealing the meaning of ancient Egyptian script and unfolding a great deal of ancient history.

ANCIENT KINGS BUILT the pyramids to assure themselves of a good

life in the hereafter. So for years kings built their personal pyramids and filled them with treasures.

Later the kings were buried there for their expected glorious life. The big one you saw when Frank Sinatra sang is 147 meters high. The base is 13 acres. It was made from 2.5 million stones and it took 100,000 laborers between 20 and 30 years to construct it.

Some of the stones weighed more than two tons. They were moved on sleds, with water poured in front of the sleds to ease the pull.

Only one inch of rain falls per year, compared to 30 inches in Michigan. The temperature often rises beyond 120 degrees, which explains why there are no gardens in Egypt.

On each side of the Nile there is a margin of green due to irrigation, and that is it. The Egyptians have made ditches since the construction of the big dam at Aswan, so now they are growing three crops of rice instead of one.

THE BIG DAM was built by Russia. As you may recall, the U.S. refused aid, the World Bank refused aid, and along came Russia to help.

I frequently listened to conversations when it was asked, "Will the Russians take over Egypt?" The answer was, "Never."

The Russians would have difficulty because Communism doesn't recognize

religion. But Egypt is a religious country.

Wherever a traveler may be in Egypt, a loud broadcast sounding like a drone can be heard four times a day, telling the people to pray. As they are devout Moslems, people stop and lie prone, saying their prayers.

For the most part, modern Egyptians live as they have since the beginning of recorded time, the women in their black garb, the children playing in scant cover, due to the heat.

But one can almost "hear" a rapid march of progress. After the king was overthrown in 1952 there has been free education through college for those who qualify intellectually.

Electricity is available from the big dam and even the most humble, mud

brick house has a "telie." This will bring the multitudes up by the boot straps quickly.

There is little industry. The Fiat car is assembled in Egypt. When you apply for an annual license, all fines must be paid beforehand (listen Michigan).

North of Cairo oranges, lemons and mangoes are grown. There seems to be an abundance of fish and chickens, but the beef is very tough.

Tourism is a growing industry. The national hotel chains are very busy building hotels in anticipation of a rush of tourists.

Bottled water is a must and, because of the heat, visitors can expect to be thirsty all the time. Many people settle for the very good beer.



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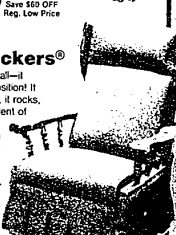
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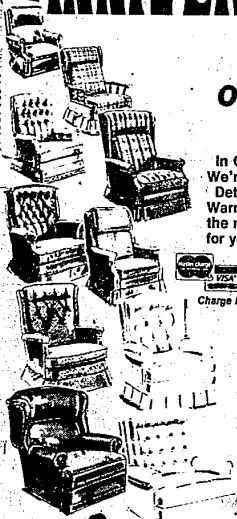
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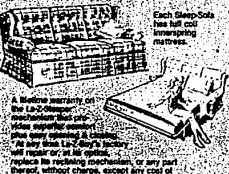


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