

# Tuesday January 3, 1950



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## Overview

### January 3, 1950 (Tuesday)

- Egyptian parliamentary election, 1950: Egypt held elections for its Chamber of Deputies, with the Wafdist Party winning a majority, taking 161 of 319 seats. The Saadist Party, led by former Prime Minister Ibrahim Abdel Hadi Pasha, lost in a landslide, going from control to winning only 24 seats. Mustafa el-Nahas became the new Premier on January 12, and would remain in power until January 27, 1952.
- **Born:** Victoria Principal, American TV actress and entrepreneur, at USAF base in Fukuoka, Japan

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## Integration

Since 1949 when the services became intergraded, they were experiencing problems in the assignment of colored troops to various countries in unit sized allotments.



The Army had barred black units in China, and the Navy would not station black mess men in Iceland. Individually, here and there was apparently no problem, but [Under Secretary of State James E. Webb](#) on [October 17th](#) had indicated that an entire unit of black, soldiers, sailors or Marines, was not welcomed in the following countries, which he listed specifically:

1. Iceland,
2. Greenland,
3. Canada,
4. Newfoundland,

5. Bermuda, and
6. British possessions in the Caribbean

Stating that because of attitudes in these countries, he was worried about the troops morale. As late as last month the State Department had objected to black units being stationed in Panama.



The Marine Corps feared the assignment of a black Marine by accident to a restricted area, because they transferred their people by MOS and rank, race not being a consideration.



Deputy chief of staff, personnel, [General Idwal H. Edwards](#) of the Air Force worried that the restrictions would become public knowledge and reflect badly on the service.



Today, the [Navy's Secretary Francis P Matthews](#), asked the [Secretary of Defense Louis A. Johnson](#), what they should do with the "thousands" of blacks already in four of the six countries listed. If they were to withdraw them, he feared adverse publicity, like General Edwards. [\[note\]](#) Obviously the "problem" to everyone else, was not seen as a problem to the Navy.

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