

Permanent Alternative For Suez Canal Planned, Even If West Wins Fight

By JOHN SCALI
WASHINGTON (AP) — Top U. S. officials are reported determined to find a permanent alternative to the Suez Canal, win, lose or draw in the current bitter struggle over its control.

In their view, Western countries have relied far too heavily on the Suez shortcut even though it was recognized as a fragile line of communications ever since Britain left Egypt in 1953.

New oil pipelines must now be seriously considered, they say, along with bigger and faster tankers to haul critically needed oil from the Middle East without using the canal.

These alternatives may involve the spending of big sums of money by oil companies and private shippers which have a heavy financial stake in this Middle East commerce.

The Eisenhower administration appears willing, they say, to encourage such spending on national security grounds. It would be dangerous, in their view, ever again to be caught in the position where interruption of Suez traffic could threaten almost immediate economic disaster for European allies.

The need for devising a lasting alternative to the canal, it was emphasized, will be present even if the dispute with Egypt over control of the waterway is settled to the West's satisfaction. The West cannot take the risk that Egypt might someday renege on any pledges to keep the route open, they said.

In line with administration views, some shippers already are building tankers as big as 100,000 tons. The trend toward such big vessels will continue, it is felt, even though such supertankers cannot pass through the narrow canal. Owners believe it would be just as cheap to send them around Africa as to split up this huge oil cargo among three or four vessels which

would pay canal toll charges to undertake the shorter route.

Nixon Hopeful Hiss Incident Not To Be Issue

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Vice President Nixon Tuesday hopes the Alger Hiss case will not become an issue in the election campaign this year.

Nixon couched his statement with words of praise for Adlai E. Stevenson and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt in a news conference just after his plane landed here on his first campaign visit.

Nixon told reporters Stevenson made "a forthright, direct statement" Monday in saying he had "never doubted the verdict" that convicted Hiss of perjury.

Nixon added, "I'm glad that Mr. Stevenson agrees with us (the Republicans) rather than with Mr. Truman."

Truman has refused to comment on Stevenson's statement, but did say recently that he does not consider Hiss a Communist spy.

Nixon denied he had called Mrs. Helen Gahagan Douglas a Communist in their campaign for senator in 1950.

When a reporter said Mrs. Roosevelt had accused Nixon of such namecalling, Nixon replied: "I was rather surprised that Mrs. Roosevelt made such a statement. She was misinformed. I did not call Mrs. Douglas a Communist. I questioned her judgment, but not her loyalty."

"One thing that has impressed me is the amount of good will Mrs. Roosevelt has created in other countries, which I have visited."

MANY NEW BILLS SEEN

SALEM (AP) — Legislators and state departments have requested Sam Haley, legislative counsel, to draft 285 bills for the 1957 Legislature. Haley said Thursday.

There were only 130 requests at the same time two years ago. Haley explained that a large part of the increase is caused by the fact that departments were ordered to get their requests to Haley by Sept. 1, which is several weeks earlier than before.

Rose Testifies Rock 'n' Roll Forced On Public

NEW YORK (AP) — Songwriter-showman Billy Rose declared Tuesday that Broadcast Music, Inc., an organization founded by radio broadcasters, is "responsible for rock 'n' roll and other musical monstrosities which are muddying up the airways."

Other songwriters have complained that the TV-radio networks, through BMI, control tunes heard on records as well as on the air. BMI officials have denied it. Testimony on the subject is being taken by the antitrust subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee.

Rose asserted in a prepared statement to the subcommittee that its investigation is "the first important breath of fresh air in this whole foul mess."

He said BMI was publishing 74 per cent of the top songs and added that "not only are most of the BMI songs junk, but in many cases they are obscene junk, pretty much on a level with dirty comic magazines."

Rose added: "It's the current climate on radio and TV which makes Elvis Presley and his animal posturing possible."

He said it used to be people like Al Jolson, Nora Bayes and Eddie Cantor who were the big salesmen of song. Now, he said, "it's a set of untalented twitches and twisters whose appeal is largely to the zoot-suiter and the juvenile department."

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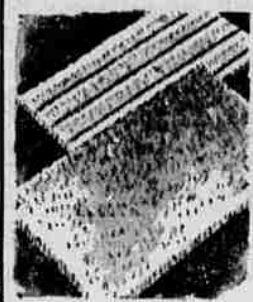


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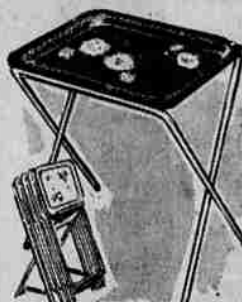
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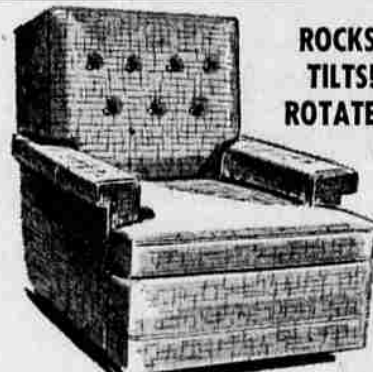


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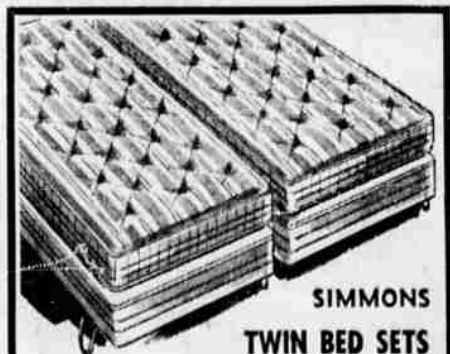


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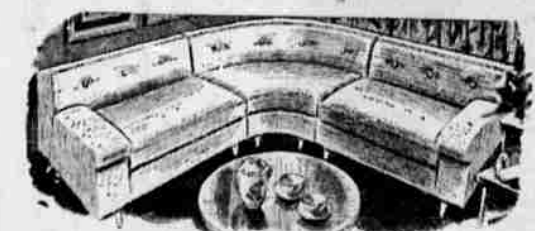


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