

Nasser Leaves Compromise Door Ajar

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 CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Gamal Abdel Nasser gave an emphatic "no" Sunday to the British-proposed London conference on the Suez Canal. But he left the door open for negotiation by proposing another conference to guarantee freedom of the Canal.

Seated on the speaker's rostrum in parliament directly in front of the spot where King Farouk once sat, the President quietly pleaded Egypt's case for nationalization of the Canal to more than 300 newspapermen from all parts of the world.

Unsmiling, Nasser read in clear English a 12-page statement comprising the Egyptian reply to the British conference invitation. Greece also has declined to attend.

Underplayed Statement
 Nasser read the statement undramatically, even underplaying his declaration that the London invitation is unacceptable to Egypt and his counter-offer of a conference for reaffirmation of the 1888 convention guaranteeing freedom of the Canal.

When he finished the statement, however, he pushed aside his prepared text, looked at the crowd and began an off-the-cuff comment on what he called the background to this statement.

Nasser stressed heavily the difference between the old Suez Canal Co. and the Suez Canal itself.

"The British press," Nasser said, "has grabbed the Canal." Nasser seized the Canal or that Nasser nationalized the Canal," he said. "But this is all untrue because Egypt always has owned the Canal. It is part of our territory. We nationalized the Canal company, which is an Egyptian company under Egyptian law."

Idea Ridiculed
 He ridiculed the idea that the old Canal company guaranteed freedom of navigation in the canal.

Nasser grew deadly serious on the subject of any British-French threat to use force against Egypt. "In war nobody knows who will win," he said. "Those who begin wars do not know where they will end. We are only a small country but we are determined to defend our rights to the last drop of our blood."

"If we lose this struggle it will mean that no small nations are free. It will mean that any time small nations act against the wishes of big nations there will be mobilization threats and economic pressure. This is not Egypt's case alone but the case of all small countries everywhere. We are struggling to help them keep their dignity, rights and sovereignty."

Rock-Tossing Duck Hunter Loses Case

DUNDEE, Ill. (AP) — Frank Cimino, 27, of Chicago, will tell you there's just no getting away with killing wild ducks out of season, not even if you're a policeman.

Police chief John Ashmore of Carpentersville answered a call Tuesday that a "hundred fisherman" along the Fox River was throwing stones at ducks.

The caller said the man had killed one duck, waded into the river and retrieved it and tucked it into his tackle box. He said the man had crippled another duck and was still throwing.

Ashmore came to investigate, but Cimino said, "You can't do anything to me. I'm a Chicago policeman."

Cimino had his day in court Saturday and admitted killing the duck, but said his aim was bad. "I was throwing rocks into the river to scare the carp away from my bait."

Dundee Justice of the Peace Harry Harvey fined Cimino \$200 and costs, and got the bird.

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