

British Industrial Plants Beginning to Feel Pinch of Suez-Spawmed Oil Shortage

LONDON, Nov. 29 (AP)—Britain felt more fully tonight the crippling effects of the closing of the Suez Canal and the stoppage of oil from Middle East pipelines on the Mediterranean. Oil and its by-products—the life blood of industry and transport—became harder to get, and there are hints a gallon of gasoline might cost over 70 cents by Christmas against today's quotation of 56-58 cents.

First industry to feel the pinch was the automobile makers. Ford Motor Co. put 9,000 employees on a four-day week beginning next Monday, explaining rationing is the reason—it has brought adrop in the demand for cars.

The makers of Rolls-Royces cut out overtime because of the gasoline scarcity. The manufacturers

of Jaguars announced earlier some of their workers would have to go on an abbreviated work week. Other car makers intimated they will have to cut down production.

Although official gasoline rationing does not begin until Dec. 17, filling stations are limiting customers to one or two gallons each. There have been long lines before pumps that were operating. Police had to be called out at one filling station.

The driver of a big gasoline truck reported a line of nearly

100 cars followed him, hoping by keeping on his tail to spot a filling station with plenty of gas. Many garages and stations shut down for a few days, or stayed open only a few hours. They took these measures to make sure they could honor ration coupons when they become effective.

The ration for a private motorist will allow him 200 miles of travel a month.

Sir Norman Kipping, director general of the Federation of British Industries, told manufacturers today there may have to be big-

ger cuts in oil consumption. "If foreign competitors take advantage of our plight things may be hard for British industry," he said.

The first tankers to sail to Britain around the Cape of Good Hope since the closing of the canal are now unloading oil from Kuwait. More are expected over the week-end. But even this will not halt expected price increases. A spokesman for the oil companies said: "It must be expected that prices will go up substantially. The freight charges alone would necessitate an increase."

The route around Africa takes several days more than the Suez way.

Minister of Transportation I. G. Watkinson appealed to employers to stagger working hours to avoid "crush hours" on buses and subways. He said gasoline rationing would switch about 50,000 to public transport in the London area.

The government expects to lose about 17 million dollars a month in tax revenue when rationing starts.

Slavs Add Soldiers to U.N. Force

By DAVID MASON
PORT SAID, Egypt, Nov. 29 (AP)—Three Red-starred ships carrying 721 solemn-faced Yugoslav soldiers for the U.N. police force tied up in this British- and French-held port today. This strong addition to the U.N.'s peace-enforcing establishment arrived as both sides complained of truce violations.

Egyptian Brig. Gen. Amin Helmy charged two British-made Venom jet fighters strafed administrative trucks and anti-aircraft guns east of Ismailia in the Suez Canal zone, and that two French-made Mystere jets flew over the area later. He demanded and got an immediate investigation by U.N. observers. No mention was made of casualties.

Helmy told reporters at Abu Suwar, U.N. Assembly base west of Ismailia, that regardless of whether the planes were manned by Israelis, British or French "all are enemies of ours."

A British-French headquarters spokesman here said a protest was made to the U.N. when an Egyptian patrol—one officer and two or three men—wandered around the British right flank at El Cap and then withdrew. No shots were fired.

Buffer Positions

Scandinavian troops of the U.N. command, which were scheduled to take up buffer positions on the cease-fire line today, postponed their occupation of the area at least until tomorrow.

The three small Yugoslav ships flying the U.N. flag which put in with troops, trucks and scout cars, ran into an immediate unloading snag. Only a handful of Egyptian dockers turned up to unload the ships. The British, who had turned the job over to a civilian contractor, said they would put soldiers to work if no more Egyptians showed up. At least 200 dockers were needed.

Dragging Feet

There was no explanation of why the Egyptians refused to work the Yugoslav ships. But Egyptian civilians have been dragging their feet when it came to working for the British and French. The Yugoslav soldiers are to remain aboard their ships until the unloading is done. Then they are to proceed through the cease-fire line to the Egyptian side at El Ballah, U.N. administrative headquarters.

British soldiers on the pier greeted the Yugoslavs with friendly waves but the new arrivals peered from their ships without waving back.

Ex-Partisan Fighter

Col. Nikola Radosevic, a former Partisan fighter, who commanded the Yugoslav contingent, received Lt. Gen. Sir Hugh Stockwell, the British commander, and Maj. Gen. E.L.M. Burns, the U.N. commander, aboard ship.

This was the first U.N. force to arrive in Egypt by sea. A smaller Yugoslav unit which arrived by air is already at El Ballah on the Egyptian side.

The only U.N. troops on the British-French side so far are about 400 Norwegians and Danes who are camped in a park on the beach at Port Said. They have not taken up patrol duties.

U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold has said he expects to have more than 4,000 troops in Egypt within two weeks.

Dairy Chief Slates Talk

PORTLAND, Nov. 29 (AP)—Milton Hull, president of the National Dairy Council, will address the annual meeting of the Oregon Dairy Council here Dec. 4.

Delegates also will hear talks on the special school milk program by Mrs. Laura Wells, director of the Oregon school lunch program, and John Flynn of the food distribution division, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Case Continued in Accident Involving Ex-Oregon Solon

KLAMATH FALLS, Nov. 29 (AP)—The mother of a 12-year-old girl has been granted a continuance in her trial of \$100,000 damage suit against former State Rep. Henry Sernon of Klamath Falls.

Mrs. Mildred Hoffman, of Malin, claims that she and her daughter, Judy, were seriously injured when they were involved in an auto collision with Sernon in October, 1954.

Mrs. Hoffman's attorneys asked the continuance to amend their complaint so that additional injuries could be listed.

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