

British Fleet, Troops Poised for Emergency Steps in Middle-East

Dulles Fends Off Queries In London

LONDON (AP)—Britain poised its land and sea forces today for emergency moves in the Middle East as U.S. Secretary of State Dulles flew into London for talks on the Suez Canal crisis.

Tight lipped, Dulles brushed aside all questions from airport reporters about the stand the United States might take in the crucial dispute with Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser.

He would say only that President Eisenhower had requested him to join personally in the talks, and "I hope they result in constructive action."

Robert Murphy, deputy under-secretary of state, has been representing the United States in the talks so far with the British and French foreign ministers.

In the Mediterranean, meanwhile, the British aircraft carrier Eagle and at least two destroyers joined the cruiser Jamaica at Cyprus, 230 miles north of the Suez.

In British waters, the carriers Bulwark and Ocean and other warships were placed on a standby basis for emergency sailing orders to the Mediterranean.

British troops both at home and in the Mediterranean area were readied for quick action in case of violence in the Suez.

Dulles hastened to London from Washington after three days of talks had failed to bring Big Three agreement on a plan for dealing with Nasser's seizure of the 103-mile shipping channel, vital to the West's trade.

In the talks so far, all three nations were reported to favor control of the canal by some kind of international body. But the United States appeared to differ with the French and British on how to organize the body and how to get Egypt to accept it.

The Times of London, which often reflects British official thinking, said in a blistering editorial:

"Anyone who thinks that victory for Nasser would not encourage other extremist demands against oil fields — and against strategic bases — should confine himself to tiddlywinks or blind man's bluff."

"The danger is that a large conference will end, as so often, in only a melancholy long with-drawing roar."

"If it is to meet the bill, it must be speedily summoned, present the strongest terms to Egypt and be ready from the start to use force if Nasser answers with hesitancy or with refusal."

"In all this Britain has to take the lead."

Dulles was expected to make clear what kind of American backing France and Britain can count on.

So far, the U.S. tendency has been to moderate European tempers and shy off from the use of force. The British and French papers have been sharply critical of this attitude.

The U.S. secretary of state also will be asked to help draft advice for shipowners of 16 nations due to meet in London tomorrow. The shipowners want to know whether they should use the canal or sail the thousands of extra miles around Africa. If they are permitted to continue using the Suez shortcut, they want to know to whom they should pay tolls.

The Suez Canal Co., which has operated the canal since it was opened in 1869, refused to recognize Egypt's nationalization and said shipowners must pay tolls to it at its offices in London or Paris. Egypt said all checks for payment of future tolls must be made out to the new nationalized company.

In Tokyo, the leading Japanese

business journal said Japanese shipowners are resigned to double tolls — once to the old Suez Company and once to Egypt — in order to continue using the canal. The journal said the shipowners had decided the double payment would still be cheaper than to sail the additional 4,000 or more miles around Africa.

The British Shipowners Trade Assn. advised its members to continue to pay canal tolls to the old company.

Egypt seemed to be taking a more conciliatory attitude to avoid an immediate showdown. Diplomats in Cairo thought Nasser was trying to soothe Western tempers. The Egyptian dictator-president promised freedom of shipping government apparently abandoned for the time being its insistence that canal tolls be paid only to Egyptian banks.

But an important Nasser aide who was asked what Egypt would do in case of Western military action replied, "Egypt will fight."

Red Germany to 'Soften' Justice

BERLIN (AP)—The chief of the East German Communist Party said Wednesday "cold-blooded bureaucracy" and abuses of justice have prompted the mass flight of refugees from East Germany to the West.

Party boss Walter Ulbricht called for improvement of conditions in the Soviet zone of Germany in a speech to his party's Central Committee. It was printed in the official Communist organ Neues Deutschland.

In line with the current campaign in the Soviet satellites in allay public unrest, Ulbricht said conditions should be bettered to attract "youths, member of the intelligentsia and skilled laborers" to East Germany.

Ulbricht also reported 80 East German Communists blacklisted by the party during the Stalin era have been cleared in a review of past injustices.

In Prague, the Czechoslovak Parliament gave the Communist government a unanimous vote of confidence.

Though the debate on government policy was a novelty in recent history of the satellite nation, the outcome was as expected.

The parliamentary debate and other new tokens of softening of iron rule in other Communist nations were viewed in Vienna as efforts to prevent more workers' bread-and-freedom uprisings such as occurred in Poznan, Poland, June 28.

Autoists May Lose Contact With Officers

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Those roadside conversations between motorists and policemen that usually begin, "Where's the fire, Buddy?" may some day be a thing of the past.

Police Chief William H. Parker predicts personal contact between officers and motorists will be eliminated in the future, with closed circuit television spotting and photographing traffic violations.

The photographs would be mailed to the offender and to the traffic court, he told a meeting at which Los Angeles received a national safety award.

RAIL CRASH HURTS 30
GOEPFINGEN, Germany (AP)—Thirty persons were injured, 12 seriously, when a local passenger train and a rail bus collided head-on on a single track line here Tuesday.

Radford Says Russ Power Overestimated

WASHINGTON (AP)—Adm. Arthur W. Radford has linked a forecast of new reductions in the size of U. S. armed forces with advice against "hysterical" over-estimates of Soviet military might.

These opinions of the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff were made public Tuesday by a Senate Armed Services subcommittee on air power more than a month after Radford's testimony June 21 and after screening by Pentagon censors.

Asked by Sen. Saltonstall (R-Mass) whether projected U. S. forces in the next four years would continue to deter a possible Communist attack, Radford said: "I think there will be a change. We are moving with our atomic weapons capability toward more powerful deterrents with smaller forces."

"In other words, a very small force can have a very great deterrent power, and I think we

have to explain that to our allies." Radford said this shift in weapons and forces should be gradual "and I think it will be more and more apparent by 1960... I think

we will begin to move more rapidly as these new weapons come into being."

Saltonstall also raised questions about estimates of Communist

D'Ewart Quits Interior Post

WASHINGTON (AP)—Out of his job as assistant secretary of the Interior, Wesley A. D'Ewart planned Wednesday "to take a pleasant trip to Montana and enjoy a nice rest on our ranch out there."

The former Republican congressman from Montana said he is sorry the Senate Interior Committee did not recommend that the Senate confirm him in the office he has held temporarily since Oct. 6. Without confirmation, he could not draw government pay following adjournment of Congress.

"I took a great deal of pride in my share of the achievements of

the Interior Department," he said in a statement released by Secretary of the Interior Seaton Tuesday.

In announcing D'Ewart's resignation, Seaton said that as assistant secretary for public land management D'Ewart "has performed an outstanding service."

Opponents told the Senate committee that D'Ewart had sponsored grazing legislation for the big ranchers as a member of Congress and that he shouldn't be entrusted with land management.

Jockey Willie Hartack owns a farm near Charles Town, W. Va.

Vatican Newspaper Comments on Suez
VATICAN CITY (AP)—A weekly newspaper published at the Vatican said Wednesday that "no country could remain indifferent" if the Suez Canal is used as "an instrument of Egyptian nationalism."

"Perhaps Soviet diplomacy, always ready to aggravate any division between non-Communist countries, is of a different opinion," the paper, L'Osservatore Della Domenica, added.

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