

Egypt Turns Down Bid, British Go Ahead With Suez Talks and Airlift

Nasser Seeks Broader Parley Of 45 Powers to Reaffirm Canal Shipping Freedom

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LONDON (UP)—Britain answered Egypt's refusal to attend the London Suez conference by increasing its flow of troops, planes and guns to the Middle East today.

Hagerty Will Stay Mum on Demos' Doings

No 'Big News' Out of White House Due This Week

WASHINGTON (UP)—James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, moved Monday to forestall all requests for comment "on anything that happens or is said in Chicago this week" at the Democratic national convention.

"And I don't expect to have anything to say on anything that happens or is said in Chicago this week."

Responding to newsmen's inquiries, Hagerty announced that Eisenhower will not hold a news conference this week.

He declined to say why, but the reason apparently is the Democratic convention.

Hagerty did not rule out the possibility of an Eisenhower news conference next week, but the chances for one then are remote.

The President plans to leave for the Republican national convention Aug. 22, which, being a Wednesday, is the day he normally would meet with newsmen.

tion's bases in Germany and were loaded aboard transport for shipment to Malta, Cyprus and Libya.

A huge two-way airlift flew thousands of troops to the Eastern Mediterranean and began bringing out more British women and children from the danger zone. Scores of planes were roaring off British bases for the long trip to the Middle East.

Britain, the United States and France were prepared to go ahead with the Thursday conference on internationalizing the Suez, and authoritative sources predicted the conference would give token approval of the Western plan.

Egyptian Rejection Forecast
But they said it would be by a narrow majority and that no satisfactory way had been found to impose the decision on Egypt. Immediate Egyptian rejection of any such plan was forecast.

Nearly all of the conference nations have committed themselves in advance. Britain and France insist that Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser cannot remain in "unfettered" control of the Suez.

India, Russia and such Asian neutrals as Ceylon and Indonesia insist no decision can be taken in nationalizing an Egyptian company. India and Russia were expected to argue Egypt's case at the conference table.

There were insistent rumors of India's roving Ambassador V. K. Krishna Menon would present a compromise plan in an effort to avoid a shooting war.

Warns Of 'Total War'
Nasser Sunday rejected the Big Three's plan to internationalize the Canal and warned Britain and France it would mean "total war" if they resort to force. He again said Egypt would defend the canal to the last drop of Egyptian blood.

He suggested a rival conference of all 45 nations that use the Suez and termed the London conference "incompetent." Both Britain and France immediately served notice they would not attend a Cairo conference. Some British diplomats said

Nasser's statements bore a "made in Moscow" tag. Russia last week suggested a conference similar to the one proposed by Nasser.

Twining Says Jet Power of Russ Shocking

WASHINGTON (UP)—Gen. Nathan F. Twining says "we should not ever downgrade" Russian ability to design and mass-produce top quality warplanes and other weapons.

The Air Force chief of staff told a Senate Armed Services subcommittee July 19 that Russia has "thousands more jet combat planes in operational units" than the U. S. Air Force and Navy combined.

A censored transcript of his testimony made public during the weekend quoted him also as believing the Russians are working on a long-range supersonic bomber "and will be able to make one someday."

He said that during his trip to Russia last month he and his group saw a light bomber which the Russians said was supersonic.

Lt. Gen. C. S. Irvine of the Air Force's materiel branch testified the plane they saw "looks better than anything we have in our inventory in the light bomber category," but added that "I am sure our B58 will be much better."

Twining said this country still holds an advantage in aerial "striking power" but told the subcommittee "I was quite shocked" by the speed with which the Russians have produced MIG fighter planes.

Four Lawyers Picked to Hear Sea Testimony

NEW CITY, N. Y. (UP)—Federal Judge Lawrence E. Walsh has selected four prominent lawyers to act as special masters in suits stemming from the Andrea Doria-Stockholm disaster.

The masters will have full power to hear pretrial testimony and pass on motions. They will not make judgments.

Walsh said the masters were picked to expedite proceedings. The move will also save court fees for the litigants because the masters have agreed to serve without pay.

Most of the suits have resulted from injuries and loss of life and cargo in the July 25 collision off Nantucket Island, Mass. The crash sent the Doria to the bottom and seriously damaged the Stockholm.

The four masters—announced at the judge's suburban home here and expected to be formally appointed in New York City today—are:

Simon H. Rifkind, former U.S. judge; Louis M. Loeb, president of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York; Benjamin A. Matthews, president of the New York County (Manhattan) Lawyers Assn.; and Mark W. MacLay, an admiralty law specialist. All are of New York City.

All suits will be heard in Federal Court, Southern District of New York, Sept. 19 was set as the opening date for a pretrial examination of the suits.

Testimony will be used later in the federal court trial that will try to fix blame in the collision that left 39 persons dead or unaccounted for.

Soap Box Derby Champion



AKRON, O.—Norman Westfall, 14, of Rochester, N. Y., displays a good luck charm he carried when winning the All-American Soap Box Derby Sunday over more than 150 other boys from every part of the country. He received a \$5,000 college scholarship as first prize winner. A boy from Rochester also won the event last year. (AP Wirephoto)

Peaceful Suez Policy Gets Biparty Backing

Dulles' Hand at Conference Is Bolstered

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON (UP)—President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles seemed assured today of considerable bipartisan support for their drive to settle the Suez Canal crisis peacefully.

Evidence of broad Democratic as well as Republican backing among congressional leaders developed after Eisenhower and Dulles had briefed nine Democrats and 13 Republicans yesterday on "the continuing gravity of the situation" and what the administration plans to do about it.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas said no commitments were asked or given, but added in reply to a question that politics stop at the water's edge when the security of our country is at stake.

Officials said results of the conference in the White House Cabinet Room should strengthen Dulles' hand when he enters a 22-nation conference in London this week on the future of the canal.

Dulles, who leaves here tomorrow, was winding up preparations today to seek agreement by a majority of the 22 countries on a proposal for placing operation of the canal under an international authority. Such agreement could provide a basis for later negotiation with Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser, who took sole control of the Canal July 26, and with Russia, India and other countries which side with Nasser.

Fresh hope for eventually achieving a negotiated settlement—instead of war—was found here in the manner in which Nasser yesterday turned down, as expected, Britain's invitation to Egypt to attend the London conference. The tone of his statement was relatively calm. Instead of slamm-

GE Develops Air Navigator

UTICA, N.Y. (UP)—The General Electric Co. has announced development of an electronic navigator for aircraft.

The company said Sunday that the 150-pound instrument would tell a pilot his position and the distance and the course to his destination.

The pilot would first register on the navigator the latitude and longitude of his point of departure and destination.

GE said the instrument was developed under Air Force contracts and would eliminate navigation problems for jet pilots.

Members attending said there was no discussion of the possibility of a special session of Congress, but Sen. Bridges (R-NH), chairman of the Senate GOP Policy Committee, said that "if things develop more seriously I could well conceive of there being a special session."

Back in Chicago, Johnson said he thought the Suez matter was "a grave crisis partially of our own making." He did not elaborate.

The statement said Eisenhower and Dulles, in discussing the situation, made clear that the United States will try at the London conference to help provide a peaceful and equitable solution "with the objective of safeguarding the interests of those dependent on the canal as well as recognizing the legitimate interests of Egypt."

The statement described them as "hopeful" but added that they stressed "the continuing gravity of the situation and the difficulty in achieving a constructive solution."

Formosa Mob Menaces GIs

Yank in Squabble With Chinese Officer

TAIPEI, Formosa (UP)—A mob of Chinese tried to attack four U.S. servicemen Sunday night after one American became involved in a street squabble with a Nationalist major.

The Americans were given refuge for more than three hours in a downtown police station across the street from President Chiang Kai-Shek's headquarters, then were whisked away in a riot car to safety.

Belgium Pays Final Tribute To Mine Dead

MARCINELLE, Belgium (UP)—Belgium paid a mournful final tribute Monday to the victims of the greatest mine disaster in the little nation's history.

A requiem mass for the six men—three Italians, two Belgians and a Pole—was Belgium's symbolic tribute to all those who have died since the fire broke out last Wednesday at the Bois de Caster mine. The dead may total 270 men, but so far only 11 bodies have been recovered. Five were claimed by their families for private services.

Two miles from the church, rescue workers still fought fire, smoke and withering heat in an effort to reach a gallery at 3,300 feet where officials hoped some men might be found alive.

It was a day of national mourning, with flags throughout the country draped in black.

River-Harbor Group Elects

OLYMPIA (UP)—The 1956 Northwest Rivers and Harbors Conference closed here Saturday with the election of W. L. Williams, president of the Portland Dock Commission as president.

Other officers named included: W. J. Murphy Jr., manager, Port of Grays Harbor, first vice president; Commissioner L. C. Sherwood, Port of Hood River, second vice president; John J. Winn Jr., manager, Port of Portland, secretary treasurer; and Otto Neth, Vancouver, Capt. Stan Allyn, Newport, Ore.; W. J. Weber, Seattle; Irvin Mann, Umatilla, Ore.; and N. R. Whitcomb, Willapa Harbor, trustees.

Scores of Nationalist military and civil police kept the mob at bay. Once they had to lock arms to keep the angry crowd from bursting into the station.

Witnesses said the trouble began when a pedicab carrying a U.S. seaman and his wife ran into the Chinese officer.

The U.S. Defense Command identified the American as Alfred D. Elsholz, seaman 2.C. of Grantsville, Utah. The command said he and his Chinese wife were on a downtown shopping trip.

Witnesses said three other American servicemen joined in the argument and Chinese bystanders became incensed.

The U.S. command said Elsholz suffered slight bruises on the arm and neck. The Chinese said the Nationalist officer, Maj. Yang Kuo-Chu, was cut on the lip. Both U.S. and Nationalist officials were investigating the incident.

20 FRENCH SOLDIERS SLAIN

ALGIERS (UP)—Twenty French soldiers were slain and another 40 disappeared or were wounded Sunday in the fourth major Nationalist rebel ambush in the same area within six days. The attacks, in which 47 troops have been

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killed, have all occurred in a small area within about 40 miles of this capital city.

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