

Britain Has 5,000 Troops, Warships Near Suez Canal in Event Egypt Starts Trouble

London — (U.P.) — Britain has 5,000 troops on Cyprus—an hour by air from Egypt—to spearhead any attempt to recapture the Suez Canal Zone, and heavy naval and military reinforcements are standing by.

Within a few hours after the government decided on a "precautionary" buildup in the Eastern Mediterranean, three aircraft carriers and a cruiser had been alerted for early departure to an unknown destination.

Simultaneously, the imperial general staff completed plans for the emergency processing of 20,000 reservists, in addition to the three divisions already under arms in Britain.

One destroyer is already at Cyprus, and Britain's entire Mediterranean fleet—an aircraft carrier, four cruisers, seven destroyers, four submarines and a swarm of auxiliary craft—is "on maneuvers" nearby.

A British cruiser and a destroyer are in the Red Sea, a few miles from the eastern end of the canal.

To match these preparations, Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser is reported massing the destroyers and submarines he recently obtained from the Russians at the approaches to the canal from east and west.

Destroyers Unavailable
Three destroyers he had obtained from Britain in recent

years are currently under British control, and it is unlikely that they will be available to Egypt if the West decides to assure the freedom of Suez by force.

Under present circumstances, it is only in the air that Nasser could give British forces much of a fight if they sought to re-occupy the canal zone.

British land-based air units in the Mediterranean are equipped with obsolescent Meteor jets, which probably would prove no match for Nasser's Russian-made Mig's.

Carrier planes of more recent make are already on hand to reinforce the Meteors, however, and in case of action it is likely that up-to-the-minute jets would be flown from Britain.

Paratroopers Ready
If Britain decides to take the zone, the first troops to move probably would be the red-banded Independent Parachute Brigade, currently being used to hunt down anti-British guerrillas on Cyprus.

Transports with a capacity of 50 paratroopers each probably would fly the brigade to a designated airfield in the zone, with orders to seize and hold it while reinforcements poured in by plane to secure the "airhead."

British authorities scoffed at speculation that the navy might

convoy shipping through the canal if Nasser tries to close it. They pointed out that warships in the 101-mile waterway would be "sitting ducks" for Egyptian shore batteries.

Smith Lauds State Police For 25 Years of Service

Salem — (U.P.) — The Oregon state police, observing their silver anniversary today, received happy birthday greetings and congratulations "for their efficient operation over the past 25 years" from Gov. Elmo Smith.

"The Oregon state police have earned the respect of the people of Oregon," the Governor said. "They have attained a reputation, which is well deserved, as one of the nation's best law enforcement agencies. Citizens of Oregon are proud of them and of their record."

To celebrate the event, the 18 remaining original members of the department and three 25-year office employees will be guests at a dinner here tonight.

The original members of the department still on active duty are:

Capt. Max L. Alford, Salem; Sgt. Clifford P. Boxx, Washington county; Deputy Superintendent Lee M. Brown, Salem; Sgt. Gerald P. Cochran, Milwaukie; Capt. Alonzo G. Dunn, Baker; Capt. Wayne M. Guardane, Milwaukie; Lt. Walter J. Hadfield, Milwaukie; Sgt. Henry K. Healey, Astoria; Capt. Ray G. Howard, Salem; Capt. Walter L. Lansing, Salem; Lt. Ernest E. Laros, Salem; Superintendent H. G. Mason; Lt. Farley E. Morgan, Salem; Lt. Paul E. Morgan, Medford; Capt. Paul Parson, Medford; Sgt. Robert N. Phillips, Salem; Sgt. Charles U'Ren, The Dalles; and Lt. Richard C. Williams, Milwaukie.

Eugene Firemen Ask Suspensions

Eugene — (U.P.) — Members of the Eugene fire department yesterday asked city officials to suspend them also if the city went through with the suspension of two firemen scheduled to be laid off without pay for 60 days.

The two firemen, Captain Fred O'Sullivan and Patrick Flynn, were to be suspended as the outgrowth of an investigation of fire department personnel and policies conducted recently by two civil service investigators.

The two men were accused of releasing interviews critical of the department without consulting the fire chief.

The petition, containing 49 names, stated:

"These men were not representing themselves solely but the firemen as a whole. Therefore, we take this action: That the undersigned also be given a like amount of suspension or the previous order be rescinded."

Copies were sent to the mayor, the city council, and the city manager.

Kefauver Scores Bull's Eye on Gizzard of His Political Enemy

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Correspondent
Washington — (U.P.) — Davy Crockett Kefauver pulled on his coonskin hat, grabbed his trusty rifle and shot his feuding enemy right through the gizzard.

His feuding enemy was former President Harry S. Truman. There was and still is a doubt about a chance of losing an open convention battle.

And so it seemed to stand as of Tuesday afternoon. Then shortly after 4 p.m. (EDT) Kefauver announced that he was withdrawing from the presidential race. He endorsed Stevenson for the Democratic nomination. The senator certainly did no such thing merely to land a probably fatal blow on Harriman's chances and on Mr. Truman's possible role as a 1956 convention manipulator.

A Stevenson-Kefauver ticket seems quite possible now although there would be some geographical objections to it. The lure of the vice presidential nomination well could have moved Kefauver to make a pre-convention move which comes close to assuring Stevenson's nomination.

The Retaliator Factor
The satisfaction of letting Mr. Truman have one where it should hurt, however, must have been a pretty sizable factor, too. Mr. Truman has been represented at times as being neutral between Stevenson and Harriman, but there has been no such double talk about his thoughts on Kefauver.

It cannot be said that Kefauver is even with the former President, but he's gaining on him. The senator scored first

to like Gov. Averell Harriman, of New York, the only 100 per cent Truman Fair Deal candidate in the race.

back there in March of 1952 when he entered the New Hampshire primary against Mr. Truman.

Wants No Risk
The word around was that Mr. Truman was strongly tempted to make a hard move at the convention to prevent Stevenson's nomination and to put Harriman at the head of the party's 1956 ticket. Whether he would do that, some of his old time associates believed, would depend largely upon his judgment of the chances for success. Mr. Truman would not want to take too much of a chance on losing an open convention battle.

There was much evidence, however, that of the three leading contestants for the Democratic nomination, Mr. Truman liked least Tennessee's Sen. Estes Kefauver.

Mr. Truman did not seem to care much, either, for Adlai E. Stevenson, his hand-picked 1952 nominee who gave the President a fast brush-off once the prize was won. Mr. Truman did seem

Copco Asks License For California Job
Washington — (U.P.) — California Oregon Power Co., Yreka, Calif., yesterday asked the Federal Power Commission for a license to build a \$17,900,000 power project in Shasta and Siskiyou counties, Calif.

The project, known as the Rinchel development, is one of six units contemplated for the development of the McCloud River basin.

The project would consist of a rock-fill dam and reservoir, a tunnel intake, powerhouse and other facilities on the McCloud river.

Pilot Learns Of Father's Birth
Springfield, Ore. — (U.P.) — There was no doubt in Fred Savage's mind this week that his wife had given birth to a baby girl.

Savage, an instructor at the McKenzie flying service here, was returning Sunday from a flying trip to Canada. As he circled to land, he saw the words "IT'S A GIRL" painted on the runway.

Friends of Savage painted the message there shortly before his arrival.

Hearings on Timber Consolidation Said 'Cheap Political Show'

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. Clare E. Hoffman (R-Mich.) announced his opposition yesterday to a proposal by the majority of the House Government Operations Committee for consolidation in the forest service of all government timber activities.

Hoffman charged that hearings which produced the recommendations were a "cheap political show" designed to help Democratic candidates and hurt Republicans in Washington and Oregon.

Favors Widespread Hearings
He said he is "firmly opposed" to the proposed consolidation of timber marketing and forest management for lands administered by the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

"If any such consolidation is to be seriously considered," he said, "it should be done only during and subsequent to widespread public hearings to hear the views and opinions of all interested groups—not just a few people in the Pacific Northwest."

The majority findings, and Hoffman's minority views, were based on 10 days of hearings by a house subcommittee and a senate interior subcommittee.

Hoffman said the hearings developed into an attempt to "assist in the reelection" of Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), to "advance the standing" of Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.). They also were aimed, he said, to "aid in the campaign to defeat" Reps. Harris Ellsworth, Russell V. Mack, and Sam Coon, all Northwest Republicans.

Contribution Told
Hoffman said that Neuberger, a member of the Senate subcommittee, attempted to pose "as the champion of the little man" and as an advocate of sale of timber in small lots.

But he said the hearings showed that Neuberger received a \$1,000 campaign contribution from a person "interested in" the L. & H. Timber company. The timber firm, Hoffman added, sought at one time to have a 75,000,000 board foot block of forest service timber put on the market at one time.

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