

Russia First Urged Internationalization Of Suez, Panama Canals in 1947 Article

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The Soviet foreign affairs weekly "New Times" printed a startling article on Jan. 10, 1947. It called for internationalization of the Panama and Suez Canals.

"The two canals," the publication said, "have become instruments in the struggle of the Anglo-Saxon bloc for a dominant role in the world."

It said the "urgent interests of all peoples" require internationalization of the canals.

A similar proposal for the Suez Canal had been mentioned earlier in a Soviet note to Turkey on Sept. 24, 1946. But the story in "New Times" was believed to be the first open proposal within the USSR for internationalization of the American controlled Panama Canal.

Today, almost 10 years after the original Russian proposal the Suez Canal has been seized by Egypt on the orders of President Gamal Abdel Nasser and the Soviet has cheered.

"We are interested in free navigation of the Suez," Nikita S. Khrushchev told a cheering crowd of more than 100,000 in Moscow on Tuesday. "The seizure appears to be completely legal."

In contrast to the critical situation in Suez, the Panama Canal has been held firmly in the control of the United States.

President Eisenhower, at his press conference on Wednesday, indicated there would be no effective demand for internationalizing the Panama Canal as a consequence of the Suez situation.

Different Conditions
"The conditions aren't the same," he said. And he pointed out that the Constantinople convention of 1888 recognized the expiration of the Suez Canal Company's concession in 1956 and declared that the Suez Canal will always be an international waterway, free for use to all nations of the world.

Egypt exercises sovereignty over the Suez Canal while the United States exercises sovereign rights in the Panama Canal in perpetuity, according to the agreement between the U.S. and Panama.

The nearest thing to a threat—and it was a very slight one—was a report from Panama that a Communist movement exists in the republic. The Panamanian Communists were reported highly disciplined and very well trained.

Panama became an independent state in November, 1903, when it revolted from Colombia and declared itself a sovereign republic. The United States, already making plans for the canal, was quick to recognize the new state. The two countries

have had warm relations ever since.

A treaty signed within a month after Panama became independent gave the United States the use, occupation and control of a strip of land 10 miles wide for the canal. The U.S. paid Panama \$10,000,000 in the agreement which gave the United States full sovereign power in the territory. The treaty was to extend indefinitely.

Amount Multiplied
Since the original agreement the United States has paid Pan-

ama many times the original treaty price in annuities. A year ago, on Aug. 23, 1955, a new treaty went into effect which raised the annual figure from \$430,000 to \$1,930,000. The Panama government had asked for \$5,000,000 a year but appeared content with the lesser figure.

At the same time, the United States returned to Panama about \$24,000,000 worth of real estate no longer used by the Canal Zone administration. This helped weld the already strong relations between the two countries.

Dulles Hopes London Conference on Suez Will Avert Violence

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today he is hopeful that the proposed 24-nation conference on the Suez Canal crisis will avert a solution which will avert the danger of "violence."

Dulles said he is counting on the London conference starting Aug. 16 to produce a Suez settlement which all nations, including Egypt, "will respect."

Dulles made the statement to reporters who greeted him at Washington National Airport on his return from talks with British and French foreign ministers in London. He will report to President Eisenhower this afternoon on his mission.

Dulles said the Big Three foreign ministers called for a 24-nation Suez conference because they did "not want to meet violence with violence."

Delivery Changes Announced for Mail
Ashland—Downtown business firms will receive their mail an hour and a half earlier than presently and patrons of one truck route will receive theirs on the same day it arrives at the post office, as of Aug. 6, according to Ashland Postmaster Parker Hess.

Hess explained that deliveries to business firms will include all mails coming in on the highway postal truck from the north.

The truck route patrons who have been receiving mail a day late include those on East Hays, lower Mountain ave., Ray Lane, lower Walker ave., Ray Lane, Parker, Lit Way, Homes, lower Normal, Highway 66, Clover Lane, lower Faith, and lower Tolman rd.

Military Funeral For Woolson To Be Conducted in Duluth

Duluth, Minn. — (U.P.) — The body of Albert Woolson, the last Union soldier, will lie in state today and Saturday before his funeral Monday with full military honors.

Woolson, 109, died in St. Luke's Hospital here Thursday at 10:45 a.m. (EDT) to pass the entire armies of Lincoln, Grant and Sherman into history. Death was attributed to lung congestion which brought on a coma into which he lapsed early Saturday.

Although Woolson's heart fought gallantly for life and rallied the old campaigner at times when the end seemed near, doctors knew he had no chance to survive.

Only Crosses Remain
With his death, all that was left of the Union army which fought to preserve the federal union were rows of white crosses and statues on battlefields like Gettysburg, Shiloh and Bull Run.

Fifth Army Headquarters in Chicago announced Woolson would be given full military honors at his funeral with Lt. Col. Augustine P. Donnelly, Fifth Army chaplain, officiating at the services.

Woolson, who joined the Union army at the age of 16, will be buried in Parkhill cemetery in this Lake Superior port.

The Fifth Army Band, a color guard, military pallbearers and a National Guard escort—109 men strong for each year of Woolson's life—will accompany the casket to the grave.

Air National Guard aircraft will fly overhead during the funeral procession and members of the sons of the Union Veterans Organization including a fife and drum corps from Akron, Ohio, will meet the casket at the cemetery gates.

Defense Officials Attending
Representatives of the Defense Department also were to attend services.

A firing party of eight men will fire a salvo in salute to Woolson at the grave as taps are played.

President Eisenhower expressed sorrow when informed of Woolson's death.

"By the death of Albert Woolson," the President said, "the American people have lost the last personal link with the Union army. His passing brings sorrow to the hearts of all of us who cherish the memory of the brave men on both sides of the war between the states."

Three Confederate soldiers outlived Woolson. They are John Salling, 110, Slant, Va., Walter W. Williams, 114, Franklin, Tex., and William A. Lundy, 108, Laurel Hill, Fla.

Police Sergeant at Grants Pass Resigns

Grants Pass—Sgt. C. R. Borgman, who has been assigned to Grants Pass during all of his 14 years' service with the Oregon State police, resigned Wednesday, the 11th anniversary of his appointment as sergeant.

He has announced that he has gone into partnership with his brother, Phil Borgman, and purchased the Western Auto stores franchise at The Dalles. They will take possession Monday.

Borgman said his resignation was submitted because he was facing transfer to the Medford area office, a transfer he did not want.

In addition to his state police service, Borgman served as a city policeman at Coos Bay for seven years, and at McCall, Ida., for three years.

banks. They said they would seek the reason for investment of nearly \$500,000 of county treasurer's funds in the Southmoor bank.

It was in this bank that a number of fraudulent checks involved in the scandal were cashed. The president of the bank, Edward A. Hintz, later resigned.

Typhoon Damages Homes in Shanghai

Tokyo—(U.P.)—Typhoon Wanda destroyed or damaged 10,000 houses in Shanghai and damaged 80 per cent of the vegetable crop. Radio Peiping reported today.

The season's greatest storm slammed inland Thursday after battering Okinawa and the Nationalist stronghold of Formosa.

Peiping said residents of Shanghai were forced to take shelter in schools and factory buildings when the storm hit. It said power lines were downed at more than 3,800 places and that some factory production was halted.

Peiping, which borrowed the designation "Wanda" from U.S. military forces, said the fast weakening typhoon was moving out into the Yellow Sea to die.

Washington — (U.P.) — The National Science Foundation reports that Russia graduated 126,000 science students last year, more than twice as many as this country. Some 59,000 science students were graduated from American universities.

Examinations Listed For Civil Service Jobs

The civil service commission has announced that librarians are needed to fill positions paying \$5,440 to \$7,570 a year in various federal agencies in Washington, D.C., and vicinity. To qualify, applicants must

pass a written test and must have had appropriate education and experience. Additional information and application forms may be obtained from Chester W. Silliman at the Medford post office.

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Dulles described as "dangerous" the international situation which arose when Egypt "suddenly and arbitrarily" seized the canal in a nationalization move.

Dulles voiced his hope for a peaceful settlement as:

1. Cairo dispatches indicated Egypt would not attend the London conference or submit to internationalization of the canal.
2. Britain and France rushed plans for an expeditionary force should diplomacy fail. In Paris, Premier Guy Mollet said France and her allies will "impose" their decisions on Egypt. He apparently referred to possible military measures.
3. Russia, through the official Communist newspaper Pravda, warned against Allied use of force. Pravda said "There is nothing to justify military measures."
4. Indications were many of the 24 nations invited to the Aug. 16 conference, including Russia, will attend. Norway was the first to accept.
5. In Washington, President Eisenhower discussed the Suez crisis for 45 minutes with Australian Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies. It was Mr. Eisenhower who ordered Dulles to London.

Dulles read a prepared statement to newsmen after he alighted from his plane and was greeted by high officials including the British and French ambassadors.

Illinois Scandal Draws Attention Of Federal Agents
Chicago — (U.P.) — The \$1,000,000 Illinois state auditor scandal today drew increased attention from federal tax agents and a congressional committee.

The far reaching state check scheme attributed to Orville Hodge, resigned auditor, also brought the resignation of John E. Sullivan, Sullivan was a top aide of Herbert C. Paschen, Democratic candidate for governor.

Sullivan quit as chief deputy in Paschen's Cook county treasurer's office following reports that Sullivan was closely connected with banks involved in the Hodge case.

Affairs Studied
Federal tax agents, meanwhile, began looking into the affairs of a group of Chicago politicians known as the West Side Bloc. A number of the men have been revealed as friends of the former auditor.

John B. Stoddard Jr., U.S. attorney at Springfield, Ill., said the agents will investigate the possibility that the politicians received some of the money Hodge is charged with embezzling from state funds. Stoddard indicated the money may have been paid either for favors or shakedowns.

"As the leads develop, and they're developing literally by the hundreds," Stoddard said, "anybody who was a close associate of Hodge will be run down. All are proper targets for a tax investigation."

Two investigators for the Senate Banking and Currency Committee announced they were interested in learning how county funds were deposited in local

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