

Politicians Put on Hot Spot by Eruption of Middle East Conflict

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Washington—(U.P.)—The presidential candidates were looking down the barrel of a loaded political problem today with the election almost upon them.

Violence in the Middle East, many thousands of miles from the American grass roots, has put politicians on a campaign hot spot.

Jewish and Arab armed forces were engaged in Egyptian soil today by instant reason of Monday's Israeli move against Egypt. That distant incident could spread and lead to World War III or in lesser impact, it could bear directly on the outcome of the U. S. presidential election by vitalizing suddenly urgent and angry issues.

Demands that the United States aid Israel in its years long armaments race with Arab neighbors has been a substantial subfactor in American politics.

Large Jewish Vote
From large urban areas in large states with large electoral vote quotas there has been demand for such aid. The Jewish population of the United States is large, an estimated 3.5 million, and strategically concentrated with approximately half the total living in New York. Its ties with the battling Israeli nation would

indicate an emotionally grateful payoff to any responsible words of action furthering the Israeli cause in the Middle East.

The United States is committed with France and Great Britain to act within or without the United Nations to oppose aggression in the Middle East. Through James C. Hagerty, his press secretary, Mr. Eisenhower

Few Rifle Shots Touched Off Battle

Jerusalem—(U.P.)—The battle which touched off the full scale push by Israeli troops into Egypt began Monday with a few rifle shots, an Israeli spokesman said Tuesday.

He said an Israeli patrol on the lookout for intruders from Egypt came across a group of shadowy figures moving quietly through the darkness in the Gaza Strip. The Israelis challenged the band, which immediately opened fire.

In the short, sharp clash that followed, two of the Fedayeen commandos fell wounded and two others surrendered. Bloodstains indicated that several other wounded Egyptians escaped.

The Israeli soldiers confiscated arms, including a German-made submachine gun, and a large amount of ammunition and explosives, the Israeli source said.

said Monday night after a White House policy huddle.

"We shall honor our pledge." The U. N. Security Council was being asked today by the United States to consider the Middle East situation and, specifically, to determine whether Israel was guilty of aggression. If the verdict is guilty, it will be Mr. Eisenhower's next move.

He is committed to constitutional processes in any use of U. S. Armed forces. There already is speculation here that the President may shortly summon a special session of Congress to authorize the use of force against Middle East aggression.

Political Dynamite
So far there is no indication that the administration hopes or intends to appease U. S. Jewish voters if Israel is formally charged with aggression and refuses to cease fire. How the millions of American Jews would react on election day to armed U. S. intervention in the Middle East, however, is a matter which will concern politicians of all parties.

The reaction could be a blockbuster, affecting not only the election but the delicate balance of minority relations in the United States. It already is being suggested that a firmer U. S. policy in the Middle East during the past four to six years would have prevented Monday's flash heard around the world shortly after 11 a. m. PST from Jerusalem:

"Israel has invaded Egypt!"

Talent High Slates Play November 16

Talent—"Brother Goose," a three-act play by William Davidson, will be presented by Talent High school at 8 p. m. Nov. 16 in the high school assembly room. It will be presented semi-arena style.

Playing leading roles are Robert Lucier, Dwane Pittman, Lois Gage and Carol Howard.

Others in the cast are Charman Tipsword, Patricia Neifert, Marie Schmelzer, Darlen Gage, Doris Bench, Kip Wall and Sharon Walker.

Mrs. Ruby Messenger is director of the play.



CRADLING DOLL IN ARMS, Mrs. Elena Dieczok (right), is greeted at New York airport by Lady Malcolm-Douglas Hamilton who helped prevent spiriting of Mrs. Dieczok's daughter, Tanya, 2½, to Soviet Russia. Mrs. Dieczok is flying to London to fight the efforts of her ex-husband, Alexei Chwastov, to take her to Moscow. (International)

CLIENT CLEARS OUT
Jersey City, N. J.—(U.P.)—Attorney Israel Mischel said Oliver Thomas, 33, gave him half of a \$20 bill Tuesday before they went to court and promised him the other half if Mischel won the case. Thomas was cleared of the charges against him but Mischel complained his client made a hasty exit with his half of the bill.

Washington—(U.P.)—The National Hells Canyon Association has asked the U. S. Court of Appeals for a rehearing on the Hells Canyon power case.

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