

U.S. Said To Have Advance Information On Suez Attack

Washington — (AP) — The United States had advance intelligence information on the Israeli-British-French attack

against Egypt, administration officials disclosed today.

This information was available in Washington at a time when those three nations were either dodging questions or giving "misleading" answers when U. S. officials sought to stall or prevent any Middle East warfare.

Details of what the United States knew in advance about the Israeli-British-French attack may be brought out in the forthcoming Senate investigation of the administration's policy in the Middle East crisis.

Officials said the Senate hearings are sure to bring out details of a long string of warnings to the three nations by Mr. Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles against the attack on Egypt. Some of these warnings were sounded many weeks prior to the Egyptian action which began Oct. 29.

There is no evidence the United States was advised officially by Israel, Britain or France of their impending action. The White House and State Department have said the first news of the main events were received via news agency reports. But these events did not come as a complete surprise despite the refusal of the three Allies to say anything about them in advance to the United States.

Annual Minstrel Show Set by Moose Lodge

The fifth annual Moose lodge minstrel show and groundhog dinner will be held at the lodge hall, 11 South Newtown st., Saturday, Feb. 2. Dinner will be served between 6 and 8 p.m., entertainment is planned between 8 and 10 p.m., and square dancing after 10:30 p.m.

Elza Keener is in charge of the entertainment program, which will include various acts from local talent. Theme for the minstrel show will be "Futura-ama."

Entertainment will include a fashion show given by Nick Parker of Penney's fashion department; the Bordon family of Medford; dance numbers by members of the Colleen Hope Dance studio; and other acts. Frank Cornin will call for square dancing. The Double Hill and The Hilltopper Square Dance clubs will serve as hosts.

The United Press is informed that a top secret report prepared by intelligence agencies was delivered to the White House about 24 hours prior to the Israeli attack of Oct. 29. This report, dated Oct. 28, is said to have made these three main points:

1. Israel will not attack Jordan. Earlier intelligence estimates indicated that Israel would strike against Jordan.
 2. Israel instead will attack Egypt.
 3. France and Britain will attack in the Suez Canal area.
- This intelligence information was "acted upon" by the government's intelligence advisory committee which includes the State Department, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Army, Navy, Air Force,

Central Intelligence Agency, Atomic Energy Commission, and Federal Bureau of Investigation. This means all these agencies knew about the Allied plans as did the White House.

Fire Destroys Small Rogue River Building

Rogue River—Fire late yesterday afternoon destroyed a lubrication building at the Shell service station on Highway 99 here, according to state police.

The building was of wood construction with a concrete floor. The station is operated by Edward H. Lilly, 43, of Rogue River. The main station was damaged slightly, police said.

The fire started when a customer, E. F. Martin of Rogue River, attempted to obtain white gasoline from a barrel in the building, police said. Lilly was busy at the time, and instructed Martin to serve himself, they added.

When Martin started pumping the gasoline, flames came out the hose, according to police. Martin went to the main station for help but the fire had progressed too far to save the building when he returned.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

State Department Still Wants Visit by Tito Despite Protest

Washington—(AP)—The State Department still wants Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito to visit the United States despite protests from Congress and hints that Tito himself may be growing cool to the idea.

Diplomatic officials passed this word today, although the State Department still maintained an official silence on efforts to arrange the visit.

Tito, if he eventually does come to the United States, would be the first head of a Communist nation to do so. Reports that he might pay an official call on President Eisenhower have stirred outcries from Congress, Catholic groups and others.

Mr. Eisenhower showed concern at his news conference Wednesday over the growing objections to visits by foreign leaders who are not exactly close friends of the United States or who are unpopular with certain segments of the population.

The President emphasized that, in the interests of peace, "you have got to meet face to face the people with whom you disagree at times to determine whether or not there is a way of working out differences and reaching a better understanding."

He said the mere meeting with such a man "does not necessarily imply approval" of his policies. And the President deplored "any discourtesy" the U. S. people might show to such foreign visitors.

This was a reference to the snub New York City and state officials gave to visiting King Saud of Saudi Arabia when he reached this country Monday.

Ella Fitzgerald 'Resting Comfortably'

New York—(AP)—Negro blues singer Ella Fitzgerald was reported "resting comfortably" today in New York hospital.

Miss Fitzgerald underwent a 75-minute operation Wednesday for an "abscess in the region of the appendix." A hospital spokesman said the appendix was not removed.

ACCEPT INVITATIONS

New York — (AP) — Communist Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia are among 43 countries which have accepted invitations to participate in the United States World Trade Fair here this spring.

Rehearsals Start For Kiwanis Club's Ninth Annual Show

Rehearsals for the 1957 Kiwanis Kapers got into full swing at the high school last night under the supervision of Randy LaFerr, professional director, who arrived here earlier this week.

Medford Kiwanis club's theatrical production, "Guys 'N' Disguise," will be presented Feb. 20, 21, 22 and 23 at Medford High school auditorium. It will be the ninth annual Kapers for the service organization.

There will be rehearsals nightly for the next three weeks for the various groups in the Kapers cast. Afternoon practices for some groups are scheduled for three days per week.

The proceeds from the show will be used for Kiwanis youth, welfare and philanthropic projects in the community.

LaFerr, from Pasadena, Calif., has a varied background in show business. He has headed his own theatrical firm, Lassen productions, since 1949. The director got his early training in vaudeville as a member of a song and dance team. He later graduated to revues and musical comedy.

Serving in the Pacific with the Fifth Air Force during World War II, LaFerr kept his hand in show business by assisting

Zellerbach's Choice As Envoy Confirmed

Washington — (AP) — The Senate Wednesday confirmed James D. Zellerbach, San Francisco, as ambassador to Italy over the opposition of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

The approval came by voice vote with McCarthy casting the only audible "no." He did not ask for a roll call.

Lanny Ross, former radio singing star, in writing and directing GI shows. He has been producing, writing and directing professional shows with non-professional talent since 1946.

His firm takes its name from Mt. Lassen, where LaFerr worked one year with the forestry service "to get away from it all."

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