

By FRANK JENKINS
Ho! Hum! At a moment when we'd all rather talk about almost ANYTHING ELSE, we'll have to talk a little more about Suez.

At this present moment in history, the Suez issue is the most explosive powderkeg in the world. We can't ignore it.

Nasser beats his breast and howls that an attack on Egypt is an attack on the Arab world. Speaking at the Egyptian air force college near Cairo, he shouts that the plan of the United States, Britain and France to form an association of Suez canal users amounts to a declaration of war against Egypt.

Under such a plan, he says, working himself up to a frenzy, these maritime nations headed by the U.S., Britain and France would RUN THE CANAL — and the canal cuts through Egyptian soil. Therefore the association of maritime nations scheme would amount to an INVASION of Egyptian soil.

And so on.

All in all, he put on quite a show. If he were just another two-bit rabble rouser, we could laugh it off.

But — Back of him in the wings, as he was putting on his show, was RUSSIA — egging him on. That's what makes it serious.

The more one hears of this canal users association, the less an American who wants to stay out of fruitless foreign wars is inclined to think of it.

The idea is to move up a ship, staffed with its own pilot or pilots, and ask for permission to go through. Nasser will probably say NO, you can't furnish your own drivers to drive through OUR streets; if you're going to insist on going through OUR streets, WE will furnish the drivers.

What will happen then?

I wouldn't know.

But — Having forced another crisis, we'd have to deal with it. How? There would be two possible courses of action:

1. Back down humbly.
2. Get mad and shoot our way through.

Both courses are dangerous in the extreme. The first would BUILD UP NASSER as the bold and fearless leader of the Arab world, the knight in shining armor who has the courage to tell the wicked Western nations where to head in — which is exactly what Nasser wants.

The second would touch off the shooting.

The best course, I think, would be to ask courteously for permission to go through the canal using Egyptian pilots if available and offering militarily to provide our own pilots if such would be agreeable to the sovereign state of Egypt.

Then —

If Nasser refused permission, as he probably would —

We could say: "Very well, sir; in that event we will have to sail our ships around Africa." It would be rugged, of course, but it would be less rugged than getting dragged into another war.

And —

It would leave Nasser holding the bag. He would then have a canal on his hands and no custom. That, in time, would become embarrassing.

Chairman Tells KF Coon Aides

Robert P. Ellington Jr., chairman of the Coon for Congress Committee of Klamath Falls, has announced the appointment of the local residents to the committee.

They are Mrs. William Wales Jr., vice-chairman; Mrs. Loren Binney, secretary, and Robert S. Olson, treasurer. All are of Klamath Falls.

Ellington said that he "would welcome any others who would be willing to serve on the committee and help in the reelection of Sam Coon to a third term in Congress."

The local committee is one of several that have been organized throughout the 2nd Congressional District. It coordinates its work with that of the Klamath County Republican Central Committee.



GEORGE TSAKONAS, assistant manager at the Willard Hotel, grinned broadly Saturday morning for the 9 o'clock photographer.

Nasser Receives New Aid Offers From Reds

CAIRO, Egypt, (AP) — President Nasser received new expressions of Soviet support Saturday and rejected as a "declaration of war" the Western Big Three's latest proposal for operating the Suez Canal.

In a fiery speech at Bilbeis Air Force College, Nasser accused Britain and France of trying to wreck the operation of the canal. He declared triumphantly that their efforts had failed on this first day of Egypt's handling of canal traffic without the aid of foreign technicians.

FIRST TIME

For the first time in the 87-year-old history of the canal, foreigners were not guiding convoys. An all-Egyptian staff aided by Greek pilots directed a record peace-time convoy of 29 ships northbound out of Suez and a convoy of 13 ships heading south from Port Said. Nasser said nothing of 15 newly arrived Soviet pilots.

There were these developments in the sizzling Suez situation:

1. Two rival conferences were being organized on the canal. The

Western Big Three invited 15 nations to attend a conference Wednesday in London on the plan to set up a world body to regulate canal traffic. Egypt announced it was holding a conference to set up a negotiating body to find a peaceful solution to the problem.

2. The Soviet Union charged Britain and France intend to seize the canal and said military preparations by the two nations constitute an "act of aggression."

3. Egypt reported no difficulties at a late hour Saturday in operating the canal. Fifteen Russian marine pilots arrived in Port Said last night to help Egypt handle the canal traffic.

4. In Damascus, the Syrian News Agency said the Arab League's political committee will agree in Cairo Monday on a combined warning to other countries against joining the Western-proposed canal users' assn.

CONSIDERATION ASKED

U. S. Secretary of State Dulles, who is going to London for the Wednesday conference, had asked Nasser to reconsider his opposition to the Big Three plan to set up an organization which would use its own pilots to guide ships through the canal, collect fees and share the take with Egypt.

But in his speech yesterday Nasser spurned the plan as amounting to "not peace but war and aggression against the small countries."

Eugene Lawyer Found Innocent

EUGENE (AP) — Attorney Ernest Lundeen Friday was acquitted on a charge of embezzling funds of Moses Moody, an Oregon convict.

The circuit court jury deliberated the case an hour and 15 minutes before bringing in the innocent verdict.

Lundeen's mother, Mrs. Rufus Holman, burst into tears when she heard that her son had been freed of the charge.

A grand jury recently indicted Lundeen on two charges of mis-handling money. His trial on a charge of receiving stolen funds ended with a hung jury. A new trial will be held later.

The second count was of taking more than was due him from Moody, who had received an automobile accident insurance claim of \$2,000. Moody is serving a prison sentence for the holdup of a Eugene food market.

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No State Tax Easing Seen

PORTLAND (AP) — Unless budget requests can be trimmed sharply, there is no possibility of a decrease in state taxes, the Legislative Interim Tax Study Committee was told Friday.

State Sen. Rudie Wilhelm of Portland, chairman of the committee, said that budget requests from the various state departments for the 1957-58 biennium total 280 million dollars. That is 35 million dollars more than the committee had planned to seek in revenues and nearly 60 million dollars more than the budget for the current biennium, Wilhelm said.

Such a budget, which is expected to be trimmed before it goes to the Legislature, would cut up the surplus which has resulted from the 45 per cent income surtax imposed by the last Legislature. This surplus has been estimated at about 30 million dollars.

State Rep. Charles Tom of Rufus announced at the meeting that as a protest against the high budget request he was withdrawing his support from the proposed sales tax bill which the committee plans to submit to the 1957 session of the Legislature.

The sales tax still has, however, the support of the majority of the committee members.

The committee also said that it was confident that a special election could be held in the 1957 legislative session on the proposed 3 per cent general sales tax.

Approved a proposed bill that would: (1) repeal the 45 per cent income surtax; (2) restore personal and dependency exemptions of \$600 and (3) leave the payroll withholding tax at 2 per cent.

Proposed to drop consideration of a proposal to simplify the state income tax by setting it at a certain percentage of the taxpayer's federal return, but decided to study further a proposal that the federal figure (or adjusted gross income) be used in computing the state tax.

Spud Usage Plan Urged

WASHINGTON (AP) — Diversion of 15 to 20 per cent of lower grade Irish potatoes into starch, other byproduct uses and livestock feed was recommended Saturday by the National Potato Council as a step toward improving prices to growers.

The council has been meeting here the past two days with 40 members, representing the country's major potato growing sections, present.

W. B. Whitely, president of the council, said it was recommended unanimously that the department of agriculture be asked to put into effect a diversion program similar to one used last year.

The department spent a little over three million dollars in order to divert surpluses from last year's crop.

On last year's program, the department paid a subsidy of diversion payment of 50 cents a hundred pounds on marketable potatoes from Sept. 21 to Dec. 31, and somewhat lower rates during the remainder of the marketing season.

Some Potato Council members want the department to offer an initial diversion payment of \$1 this year, or twice last year's rate.

The council named a new executive secretary, manager, A. E. Mercken, of Washington, who has been with the Department of Agriculture. He will take over on Nov. 1.

Estes Kefauver To Appear Here Friday During Tour

Plans for a one-hour political rally at Klamath Falls Municipal Airport next Friday at 11 a.m. with Vice Presidential Candidate Estes Kefauver as the principal speaker, were announced Saturday by Hal Wiger, publicity chairman for the Klamath County Democratic Central Committee.

Senator Kefauver is limited to a one-hour stop here in a whirlwind aerial swing around the state.

U.S. Military Forces Told

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States, in this time of new crisis in the Middle East, has about the same number of military units and slightly less military manpower deployed in the European-Mediterranean area than it had four or five years ago.

But in the intervening years firepower available to those forces has been amplified thousands of times through the new availability of nuclear weapons, guided missiles and land and sea-based jet planes.

Defense Department spokesmen emphasized Saturday there has been no sudden build-up of American forces as a result of the dispute over Egypt's seizure of the Suez Canal. This is in line with proclaimed government policy against using the force of arms to keep the canal open.

Available information seems to support the Pentagon's insistence that there has been no designed augmentation of forces in Europe, the Mediterranean or Middle East since Egyptian President Nasser announced last July that Egypt was taking over the canal.

So far as can be determined (the precise current figures are military secrets) the over-all American military strength in Europe is about 320,000. These are the personnel of the Army, the Air Force and of Naval personnel working at shore establishments.

The Pentagon insists there has been no cut in combat forces in the European-Mediterranean-North African area.

Those forces could unleash firepower greater than all American forces in Europe in World War II. Available to the large, medium and small (fighter-type) planes of the Air Force and Navy are a variety of nuclear weapons which were not in stockpiles even two years ago.

Heavy Rain Hits Nation

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Heavy rain and thunderstorms lashed the northeastern part of the country Saturday.

The storms pelted a broad area from the Great Lakes region and Ohio Valley into the coastal plain from Pennsylvania through Virginia.

They followed overnight wind, lightning and rain storms which rocked sections of New England.

West Virginia and southwest Pennsylvania had the heaviest rainfall. Charleston, W. Va., had a 1.03 inches in six hours, bringing the 24-hour total well over 2 inches.

A heavy storm during the night socked Boston, Danbury, Conn. and other scattered localities in New England, causing flash floods, loss of power and thousands of dollars in damage.

A few thundershowers were also reported in the hot Southwest.

Fair weather prevailed over much of the nation.

Ore Vessel Goes Down Off Norway

BODOE, Norway (AP) — The American freighter Pelagia, heavily loaded with iron ore, sank Saturday night in a gale off this port above the Arctic Circle.

Its crew of 37 drifted helplessly in lifeboats on high seas under torrential rain, out of reach of rescue ships and planes.

Members of the crew are mostly Americans, hired at Norfolk, Va.

A British trawler reported sighting lights in the area where the 7,239-ton freighter went down off the rugged Norse coast. Two hours later, the trawler failed to report back, despite frantic efforts by coastal radio stations to renew contact.

LIGHTS SEEN

The Roerick coastal station near Bodo said another trawler, the Northern Crown, also reported seeing "lights bobbing on the sea" at midnight. The trawler said the lights might be from the Pelagia's lifeboats and it was heading for them.

Meanwhile, a fleet of rescue ships of several nations, coastal vessels, and Norwegian naval ships were battling bruising waves and winds of gale strength to reach the Pelagia's last reported position.

Search planes also were converging on the scene.

The Pelagia's final message at 6 p.m. Saturday night—1 p.m. EST—said it was sinking fast and that the crew was manning the lifeboats. A message three hours earlier said the ship had sprung a leak and was listing badly.

The ship, owned by the Eastern Seaways Corp., formerly was named the M. Vernon. Its home port was New York. It was bound from Narvik, Norway, for Baltimore with a load of Swedish iron ore.

The Pelagia captain is John Matandos, about 50, of Houston, Tex.

Two freighters—the British Navigator and the Dutch Delfshaven—and an unidentified German ship were believed to have reached the wreck scene.

The fast coastal packet Polarlys was heading for the scene at top speed. The coastal freighters Barcoy and Rutesund, the rescue cutter Ole O. Lian and three large fishing cutters from Vaeroy Harbor also were fighting their way through high seas.

A Norwegian air force Catalina flying boat from Stavanger and an American Skymaster from Prestwick, Scotland, were en route. However, low visibility was expected to reduce the planes' usefulness.

SIGNALS RECEIVED

S.O.S. signals from the Pelagia were received at the Roerick coastal radio station near Bodo about 3:30 p.m.—7:30 a.m. PST—yesterday. The crew abandoned their badly damaged ship about 2½ hours later.

The Bodo harbormaster said the Pelagia left Narvik for Baltimore Friday night with a cargo of about 10,000 tons of iron ore.

The Norwegian Rescue Service said it had no information on what caused the sinking. The ship was last heard from off Skomvaer lighthouse, about 80 miles from Bodo and 60 miles north of the Arctic Circle.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair Sunday and Monday. A few clouds and a little cooler Monday. High Sunday 80 to 85, Monday 76 to 82, Low Sunday night 58 to 59.

High yesterday 78
Low last night 56

State Polio Cases Down

PORTLAND (AP) — The incidence of paralytic polio in Oregon has dropped sharply compared with last year and the state Board of Health credits the decrease to Salk vaccine.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, said Friday that the polio rate for vaccinated persons was 3½ times better than the rate for those who have not received the shots.

He reported that only 30 of the 250,000 persons who have received even one shot of the vaccine have contracted polio. But there have been 490 cases in the past 17 months among the 1,340,000 Oregon residents who have not received shots.

There have been 44 cases of paralytic polio and one death in Oregon so far this year. Last year's total during the same period was 1132 cases and five deaths.

The board estimated that 350,000 persons have received their first shot of the Salk vaccine, 200,000 have received the second shot and 33,000 have had booster doses.

Fuller possible protection comes from all three shots received.

ceived over a 10-month period, the board said.

In other action the board authorized a 1957-58 budget request of \$2,120,000—an increase of \$354,000 over the amount authorized for the present two-year period—and approved applications for \$1,143,518 in federal Hill-Burton act funds for hospitals, public health centers and nursing home construction in 10 Oregon cities.

Recommendations for grants include:

Albany General Hospital, Albany, \$28,258 to assist construction of a 22-bed addition.

Good Samaritan Hospital, Corvallis, \$76,622 for a 21-bed addition with a new surgical unit, supplementing a previous grant of \$38,933.33 for a 36-bed nursing wing completed in May, 1953.

Keizer Memorial Hospital, North Bend, \$46,400 for a new surgical unit, supplementing a previous grant of \$45,000 for a 26-bed nursing wing completed in May.

Salem General Hospital, Salem, \$25,000 for remodeling of old building which was replaced by a new 60-bed hospital completed in June, 1954, under a grant of \$307,821.16.

Salem Memorial Hospital, Salem, \$178,641 for a new central services section; supplements a previous grant of \$89,466 for a new 42-bed wing completed June, 1954.

Southern Coos general hospital district, Bandon, \$105,000 for a new 22-bed hospital.

Harney County Hospital, Burns, \$46,505 for a new 20-bed nursing home, supplementing a previous grant of \$106,687.05 for a 31-bed hospital completed in 1949.

Benedictine Sisters of Mt. Angel, \$79,100 for a new 50-bed nursing home.

Mercy Home, North Bend, \$39,920 for an 82-bed nursing home, supplementing a previous grant of \$373,643 from last year's funds.

Lebanon Community Hospital, Lebanon, \$52,000 for a 22-bed nursing home addition; supplementing a previous grant of \$193,667 for a new 49-bed hospital completed in 1952.

Eugene — Lane county public health center, Eugene, \$65,220 for offices and other facilities in the proposed new Lane County Courthouse.