

The United States has frozen all assets of the Egyptian Government - in this country. Also - all assets of the Suez Canal Company. Meaning - that nothing belonging, either to Egypt or the Company, can be withdrawn, without a license from the Treasury Department in Washington.

This freezing of assets - temporary. A measure of precaution - while the crisis over the Suez Canal is in an acute stage.

At the same time, Secretary of State ~~John Foster~~ Dulles is off to London - on an urgent mission. Sent by President Eisenhower - to ~~participate~~ a conference of the Western Big Three. Representing the United States - in discussions with Britain and France.

The word in Washington is that Secretary Dulles is being sent - to exert a moderating influence. Urging - that the British and the French refrain from precipitate action against Egypt.

Today, both London and Paris continued in a mood of

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high indignation. The British government - ordering warships to the entrance of the Suez Canal. From both sides - the Mediterranean and the Red Sea. Egypt retorting - by banning all warships from the Canal ports, and threatening - to "fight back" if there is an attempt to employ force, *(Egypt repeating that the Canal will be kept open.)* The British Government, in addition, ordered all British merchant vessels, which might use the Suez Canal, to take aboard extra supplies of fuel. Ready to detour around the southern tip of Africa, if necessary. "In view of the uncertainty of the situation," says London.

In Paris today, the French National Assembly voted a ten minute suspension of business - as a gesture. To show "solidarity" behind an "energetic" Western reply to the Egyptian seizure of the Canal.

But what about Moscow - which has been backing Egypt with a barrage of propaganda?

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Khrushchev, today - held forth on the Suez Canal crisis. His tone - mild and cautious. Khrushchev urging - a "common sense" handling of the problem raised by the Egyptian seizure of the canal properties. (He warned - that a mishandling of the dispute might bring the danger of war. But said he trusted in the "common sense, experience and political soberness of the statesmen of Britain and France."

The Secretary of the Russian Communist Party repeated the Moscow line - that the Egyptians were quite right, in nationalizing - the Suez Canal, expropriating the Suez Canal Company. But - ~~contended himself with~~ advising against "rashness and haste.")

In London, the tenor of the Khrushchev remarks are taken to support the belief - that Soviet Russia is anxious for an "international solution". The great powers - joining in working out a settlement. Moscow, of course, to play a hand in the game.

One angle is - that Soviet Russia uses the Suez Canal. Interested - in keeping it in operation.

BURMA

News from Burma - vague and undecided. The government at Rangoon - playing down the Chinese Red invasion. Reports, earlier in the day, picture a considerable force of Communists - pushing across ^{the} Burmese northern frontier. In what seemed - a planned occupation. Arousing fears - that Burma might become a second Korea. The next victim - on the Communist list.

All of which was - ironical. Burma - being one of the "neutralist" nations. Refusing - to become a member of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization. Preferring - not to take sides against either East or West. So here was Burma, with all its neutralism - invaded by Red China.

That's the background for the latest from Rangoon. Stating - the invasion stories are exaggerated. The government merely ~~stating~~ ^{reporting} that "some Chinese troops" have established outposts in the northern state of Wa. The Rangoon dispatch adding - the border between Burma and China is ~~poorly~~ poorly defined. A source - of endless friction in the past. So, maybe, the Chinese are occupying some disputed area. The Burmese

believing - it's more than a mere case of blundering across an uncertain border.

In any event, the Rangoon government admits - it is "seriously concerned." And - is taking up the Chinese incursion - with the government at Peking.

The state of Wa - is head-hunting country. Primitive savage tribes. - (going on head-hunting raids at plowing time each year. A barbaric superstition - connected with ruining the crops. A sinister country to invade - unless the Chinese Reds want to lose their heads. If you wanted to make - a grim jest.)

(In Washington, Senator Mike Mansfield, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, urges Burma - to appeal to the Security Council of the U.N. Also - the Senator thought there should be a prompt meeting of SEATO. Even though - Burma is not a member of that organization.)

TIBET

From Tibet - a tale of savage doings. When a peace conference was held - between Chinese Reds and the leaders of the Khamba tribe. Which tribe, in a wild, mountainous area - has been in revolt against the domination of the Communists. The Reds - using warplanes to bomb Khamba villages.

But negotiations were opened for a peaceful end of the revolt - and Red envoys, with several hundred Chinese soldiers, proceeded to a meeting place with Khamba leaders.

Negotiations were going on when, suddenly, a swarm of tribal warriors - assailed the peace conference, in a surprise attack. Overwhelming the Chinese - and killing them all.

This comes, in a brief dispatch, from the Tibetan capital of Lhasa. Adding - that Communist military forces with armored cars are laying siege to six Khamba strongholds. And the tribe vows - they'll fight to the last man.

NEPAL

In the city of Katmandu, capital of the Himalayan kingdom of Nepal - a new organization has been formed.

Called - The Nepal-United States-Friendship Association.

Its purpose - to strengthen the ties of good-will between the Nepalese and the American people. The dispatch from Katmandu says - members of the Association include the most distinguished personalities in the secluded land. The Secretary, Manindraraaj Shreshtha - paying high tribute to the United States.

Now - why should Nepal, the hermit kingdom at the foot of the Himalayas, be so enthusiastic about this country of ours?

Well, I can tell you. The reason is - U.S.O.M. The United States Operations Mission, a technical aid group sent out by the State Department in Washington.

I saw a good deal of the technical aid mission, when I was out in Katmandu - as one of the representatives of President Eisenhower at the Coronation of King Mahendra. Having long talks - with Paul Rose, head of the Mission - a soft spoken, strong minded agricultural expert from

Independence, Virginia. In far off Nepal - with his wife and four little daughters, all of whom made a fine impression on the King and his people. The Mission - giving the Nepalese technical aid in questions of agriculture, education, geology, sanitation, and so on.

The staff, top flight - including a first rate geologist, whom I told you about in a broadcast from there. And - Herman Holliday, the one time Negro basketball star on the Harlem Globetrotters - now in charge of the Rapti Valley Development; where they are bringing under cultivation a large area of sheer wilderness - eighty-thousand acres of elephant grass, which stands twelve feet high, in which live - wild elephants, rhinos, and huge tigers.

In over -all charge of the Mission - from Delhi, Howard Houston, whom we left at New Delhi. He goes up to Nepal frequently, to look things over.

I've never seen a finer crowd. Illustrating the fact - that our State Department may have weak spots, but it has its own strong points. Like the U.S.O.M. out there at the foot of the Himalayas. Where - a Nepal-United States-Friendship Association has been formed.

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From the Alps - news of tragic irony. Telling of a mountain climbing expedition, you might ask - what are the Alps beside the Himalayas? The answer is - that two mountaineers were killed, scaling a peak only eleven thousand feet high. One of them - prominent in the conquest of Mt. Everest three years ago. And Everest is - more than twenty-nine thousand feet high.

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Bernese Oberland. Both - killed in a fall.

Tom Bourdillon, after twenty-nine thousand foot
Mt. Everest - now falling victim to a mere eleven thousand foot
pigmy.

Mrs. "Bobo" Rockefeller's lawyer says he's considering
- legal action. Following the incident of yesterday in which
he, and Mrs. Rockefeller and two others were arrested in
Arkansas. "Bobo" having gone to the Winthrop Rockefeller
Estate there - demanding to see her son, seven-year old
Winthrop Paul Rockefeller. There was an argument - followed
by arrests for disturbing the peace. Mrs. Rockefeller claims
that police used violence - and there may be a lawsuit.

KEFAUVER

Kefauver - out of the race! Today, the Senator from Tennessee withdrew from the presidential competition. Throwing his support - to Adlai Stevenson. Kefauver stepping out - in favor of the rival with whom he fought such bitter battles in the primaries.

Hitherto, he had said - he'd be in it until the end. So it was a surprise, when he called a hasty news conference, today, and said he was asking his own supporters to ~~be~~ give their backing to Stevenson.

In doing so, he took a sideswipe at Governor Harriman of New York. Remarking - that only he, himself, and Stevenson ~~and he~~ had been willing to go into the primaries. With Harriman - staying out of the primaries.

The Senator had garnered one hundred and sixty-seven and a half convention votes, and the question is - how many of these can he deliver to Stevenson? The Harriman forces ~~will~~ will make a fight - seeking to win as many of the Kefauver ballots as possible.

If all the Kefauver strength should go to Stevenson, he would need only eighty-two and a half more - for nomination on the first ballot. It would make him - virtually unbeatable.

There's been talk of the Tennessee Senator - for second place on the Stevenson ticket. Which may or may not - be the case. Kefauver, today - giving no indication. He said: "That would be a bridge I ~~would~~ would have to cross - if and when I get there."

He added - he had not discussed his decision with Stevenson, and has made "no deals". Having made up his mind - at only two o'clock this afternoon.

Add KEEFAUVER

Tonight, Adlai Stevenson is jubilant - praising Keefauver in glowing terms. While Harriman says - he'll keep fighting until the end. "Until the last ballot is counted," says the New York Governor.

STEVENSON

Here's a medical report concerning abdominal surgery - and it has a bearing on the presidential race. But - whom does it concern? No, you guessed wrong. A medical report on Adlai Stevenson - about his operation of two years ago.

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The physician - Dr. Leander Riba of Chicago. Who treated Stevenson for kidney stones, and performed the operation in May, Nineteen Fifty-Four.

Last week, Adlai dropped in at the doctor's office, for a medical examination, routine. And since then the Doctor has been collating the X-ray pictures, the blood tests. Now - sending Adlai the result. Satisfactory - Stevenson having made a first class recovery from the operation.

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Harold Stassen says - he's ready to accept any "punishment" the Republican Party leaders may inflict on him. At the National Press Club in Washington today, he repeated his contention - that Governor Herter of Massachusetts would make a stronger candidate than Vice-President Nixon. As a running mate - for President Eisenhower. He said - he expected, what he called, a "barrage of high level criticism." Which certainly has descended on him. And he challenged the hostile G.O.P. leaders in these words: "Punish me, if you wish."

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So to what Siberia will Stassen be sent? Which salt mine? That question was placed promptly before G.O.P. National Chairman Leonard Hall, chief of the pro-Nixon forces. His reply - given in an interview with United Press Fox Movietone News.

"There will be no punishment for Harold Stassen", said the Chairman. Adding - that he has "no quarrel" with Stassen. And wants - "an open convention."

So there'll be no Siberia for Harold - and no salt

mine. Although - a lot of people believe he won't go back to his official job as White House expert on disarmament. From which - he has been given a leave-of-absence by President Eisenhower.

And now Henry, before you take off for the evening - -

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