

SUEZ

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The international conference of <sup>the</sup> the Suez Canal - will be held in mid-August. The time named - in an invitation issued in London tonight.

The Western Big Three, Britain, France and the United States, call on twenty-three other Maritime Nations to attend, including - Soviet Russia. Word from Moscow is - that the Soviets will accept.

But it's a question whether Egypt will attend - Egypt having denounced proposals to internationalize the Canal. And that's one big point in tonight's invitation. The western Big Three stating - that the purpose of the world conference will be - to put the Suez Canal under international control. And they warn Egypt - that "steps" will be taken to enforce decisions arrived at by the conference.

Meanwhile, until the big palaver is held, Britain assumes the responsibility of keeping the waterway open. Britain - the traditional guardian of the Suez Canal. If Egyptian Premier Nasser interferes with Maritime transport

through the Canal - Britain will take forceful action.

Today, the London government advised British citizens to leave Egypt, if possible. There being some fifty-seven hundred Britons in the land of the Nile right now. Americans in Egypt - instructed to keep in close touch with the U.S. Embassy.

The United States will not cut off economic aid for Egypt. No automatic halt - because of the Suez Canal crisis.

( Today, John B. Hollister, the Foreign Aid Chief, held a news conference and said - that on June First, there was about thirty-eight million dollars' worth of American economic assistance - headed for the land of the Nile. And he added: "I'm not stopping the pipeline." )

This ties in with Washington reports that the U S government will not employ harsh measures against Egypt. Hoping to promote a compromise. U S diplomacy may still have some influence in Cairo, and the intention is - to have Premier Nasser agree ■■ to an international conference on the Suez Canal.

Here's warning against - fantastic danger. In this age of ultra-modern weapons, an atomic war might be launched - by accident. Push button war - and somebody might push the wrong button.

At New Orleans, the Air Force Association, which was founded by General Jimmy Doolittle - is holding a Tenth Anniversary meeting. And considering - the guided missile program. Which draws the ~~WAR~~ warning from National Director T. E. Walkowicz. Who says: "War by accident - so possible it's frightening."

But what kind of mistake, what human error - could cause a global conflict? The National Director of the Air Force Association gives a possible example. Saying - that an electrical storm of sun spots could give a wrong impression - through radar. Disturbances of radar - seeming to indicate that enemy guided missiles were coming. Which might incite - retaliation against an imaginary attack. Guided missiles - launched immediately. War by accident - pushing the wrong button.

## MARINES

At the trial on Parris Island, South Carolina, today, evidence was given by the toughest leatherneck of them all. Marine Lieutenant General Lewis Pullmer, called "chesty". Who roared - that training methods of Sergeant Matthew McKeon were the only kind that would win battles. He called the drowning of six ~~men~~ recruits on that night march - a deplorable accident.

"Chesty" Pullmer, in a bullfrog voice, quoted Napoleon: "Without discipline, an Army becomes a mob", shouted the toughest Marine.

He applauded night marches. Roaring - the American people are so used to electric lights, they can't see at night.

The defendant, Sergeant McKeon, listened with an expression of awe, and exclaimed: "I'd follow that old man to hell." Which was praise of a kind to be appreciated by Lieutenant General Lewis "Chesty" Pullmer.

## SCIENTISTS

Last year, our American schools graduated fifty nine thousand students in science. During that same period, Soviet Russia turned out - one hundred and twenty six thousand. The Reds training - more than twice as many as we did.

The figures are given out by the National Science Foundation in Washington, and underscore the Communist ambition - to out-do this country in science. And they may succeed - unless more American youths go in for scientific studies.

## SOUTH POLE

Around the first of next year, a station for scientific research will be established - at the South Pole. So announced - by the Navy today. A settlement of scientists and Navy personnel - established at the southernmost end of this earth. In connection - with international geophysical year.

The Navy says - this new "operation deep freeze" will begin with a parachute expedition. Navy "seabees" - descending at the South Pole. Five hundred tons of equipment and building material - also coming down by parachute. Then, on a ten thousand foot plateau, they'll begin construction work. Which will include - the preparation of a ~~km~~ flying field. Next, parties of scientists will establish themselves at the South Pole - to make studies and observations. They should be at work, says the Navy - by next January.

The "officer in charge" - Admiral Byrd. Whose well known record in Polar ~~Antarctic~~ exploration - entitles him to the honor. When human beings, for the first time - will dwell at the South Pole.

## SHIPWRECK

Today, ~~statements~~ statements were made - by four crew members of the liner Stockholm. Who say - that the first few lifeboats from the sinking Andrea Doria contained personnel of the liner, for the most part. Not sailors, so much as ~~the~~ kitchen men, and such. Then, the lifeboats from the stricken vessel - brought a larger proportion of passengers. Which stories accord - with criticism of the behavior of the crew of the Doria. Criticism, from some passengers - while there was praise for the crew from others.



## POLITICS

Tonight, Governor Averell Harriman of New York presides over a big dinner at Albany. Two thousand influential Democrats - gathered in the huge Washington Avenue armory. A pre-convention rally - to promote the Harriman cause. Kefauver may have withdrawn in favor of Stevenson, but the Harriman people still express - high hope.

At the big hoopla in Albany, tonight, the candidate is hurling a two-fold attack. At the Republicans, naturally - ~~at~~ at Adlai Stevenson, Harriman - declaring, once more, against the Stevenson policy of "moderation". Which the Governor calls - "the counsels of defeat."

The Harriman strategy is - to win favor among the Kefauver delegates, released by the Senator's withdrawal. Kefauver went over to Stevenson - but some of his delegates, apparently have turned to Harriman.

The United Press, today ~~gives~~ gives figures to show that Stevenson has picked up fifty-nine of the Kefauver votes.

Harriman - getting twenty-one-and-a half of them. Eighty-seven remain - Kefauver votes held by delegates, who are undecided. Stevenson and Harriman - competing for them.

According to the U P, the Democratic Convention will open - with Stevenson having - four-hundred-and-eighty-five-and-a-half votes. Harriman - one-hundred-and-sixty-six-and-a-half. A big margin for Adlai, but Averell says - he's not at all discouraged. Six-hundred-and-eighty-six-and-a-half votes are needed for the nomination.

In South Carolina - a graphic symptom of the Democratic discord. A slate of ten negro delegates - chosen to go to Chicago. Where they'll oppose the seating of the regular Democratic delegates from their state.

In March, the South Carolina State Convention selected - an all-white delegation. But now, there's action by a group called "progressive Democrats". Which will send a negro delegation to Chicago - claiming to represent South Carolina.

( Meanwhile, the Democrats come forward with an official slogan. Today - ~~MR~~ unveiling - the cover for their convention program. On which the slogan reads: "The party for you - not just a few."

The proceeds from the sale of the program will be used in behalf of the delegates. For items - like transportation and entertainment. )

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Today, we have the first member of the Eisenhower cabinet speaking up - in the Nixon question. The first to declare himself - since Harold Stassen started his drive against the renomination of the ~~Vice~~ Vice President. Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks, declares: "I am for Dick Nixon." Secretary Weeks gives high praise to Governor Herter of Massachusetts - the Stassen choice. But - comes out for Nixon.

And the Congressional Republicans- take a fling at Stassen. The Senate and the House G O P campaign committees predicting - that the Vice President will be nominated. And reproving Stassen for what they call "Irresponsible actions."

Nevertheless, Harold Stassen continues his campaign - opening an "Eisenhower-Herter" headquarters in Washington. Situated in a former toy shop - next door to the "Citizens for Eisenhower" headquarters.

At a news conference today, Stassen repeated - that he believed Governor Herter would be nominated as the

President's running mate. But he also remarked - that  
Governor Langley of Washington might be a possibility.

## VETERAN

Today was a marker - in the book of history. At least - so far as the human element is concerned. Closing a chapter - of our civil war. The one remaining survivor of the Grand Army of the Republic - dying today.

At the battle of Shiloh - there was a northern soldier named Woolson, who was wounded - and lost a leg. He had a sixteen year old boy who decided - he'd take his father's place. So young Albert Woolson enlisted - and became a drummer boy. Serving - with a Minnesota artillery unit in Tennessee.

He put on the uniform of the "boys-in-blue" ninety-three years ago. Albert Woolson - dying today, at the age of one hundred and nine. Succumbing in a Duluth hospital - *from* sheer old age. He had ~~■~~ been gradually failing for days. An example of what General MacArthur said on one memorable occasion:

"Old soldiers never die,  
They simply fade away."

There are three former confederate soldiers left - *all*

well passed the hundred year mark.

MONACO

There was a radio broadcast from the principality of Monaco, today - and seldom has a voice on the air been heard with such enthusiasm. Prince Ranier - at the microphone. Announcing to his royal subjects - that Princess Grace expects a baby in February.

The Monagasques, as all the world knows - pay no taxes. The gambling casino on Monte Carlo - footing the bill. But, if Prince Ranier leaves no heir, France will get possession of the principality. And - the French tax collector will arrive.

Recently, rumors got around - that an heir was expected. But Prince Ranier stated that, when and if that was true - he, himself, would make an announcement on the radio. Which he did - today. A Prince or Princess expected - and down with taxes.



DANCER

Officials in Pennsylvania will try to recover seven-hundred-and-fifteen dollars - from "TNT from Gay Paree". A blonde - who does an exotic dancing act in Philadelphia night clubs. And also - doubles as a stenographer. At least - that's the claim. Although - there's doubt.

This occurs in the case of two former members of the Delaware ~~Delaware~~ River joint toll bridge commission. Who were ousted - on ~~an~~ various charges. One - that they made illegal and unauthorized expenditures.

TNT from Pay Paree - on the payroll. The Pennsylvania attorney General, today, announcing - nobody ever saw her on the job. Or - ever saw any work she did.

To which - the nightclub dancer gives a snappy retort. "I did my typing at home," she says.

*Henry,* The Delaware River Commission has begun legal action to get money back from the two ousted commissioners - and will try to recover the seven hundred and fifteen bucks from "TNT from Gay Paree," *money that maybe went for gay*