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SUBSTITUTE UN

The Security Council of the United Nations, tonight, summoned an emergency session of the General Assembly - 5:00 PM tomorrow, to take up the question of the attack on Egypt. The motion was made by Yugoslavia, and carried by a vote of seven to two. A mere majority vote sufficing for the summons - no veto involved. The United States backed the call, as did Soviet Russia. Great Britain and France opposed. The British challenging the "legality" of the move. Australia and Belgium abstained from voting.

Following the British-French veto, in the Security Council, last night, the next logical step is - a meeting of the General Assembly, where there is no veto.

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At the U.N. tonight it was Yugoslavia that called
- for a session of the General Assembly of the United
Nations. The emergency meeting that now is scheduled
for tomorrow to consider the attack on Egypt. Action
in the Security Council was blocked by those British and
French vetoes last night. So the next logical step was
- the General Assembly, where there is no veto. And the
United States favored the Yugoslav proposal.

Today, one country after another denounced the
attack on Egypt. Soviet Russia, India, various nations
of Europe. The Canadian government suspended all arms
shipments to Israel - and, at Ottawa, Minister of
External Affairs, Lester Pearson, called the British-
French vetoes last night "deplorable."

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Perhaps the U.N. General Assembly might proclaim
that Britain, France and Israel - are aggressors.

But then - what?

All that - is for the future.

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SUEZ - INVASION

Egypt is under air attack, tonight. British and French bombers blasting targets - at Alexandria, and key points along the Suez Canal. The British Foreign Secretary denies that Cairo has been bombed.

The Egyptians report - little damage and few casualties. But, from British-French headquarters on Cyprus, the word is - that violent air assaults are in progress. Aiming - to knock out airfields, from which Egyptian planes might fly against invading forces.

The actual invasion - to begin within twenty-four hours, according to a communique. The landings along the coast - may have begun by now. Heavy bombing - as a preparation. The British and French - hurling their forces to seize the Suez Canal.

ISRAEL - COMMUNIQUE

Israel claims a major victory in the Sinai desert, and says - armored units drove within ten miles of the Suez canal. Which would put them inside the ten mile zone - sort of "neutralized" area, demanded by the British-French ultimatum. No indication of Israeli forces - remaining in that zone.

The big victory, however, is said to have been won in a sector between the frontier and a line - halfway to the Suez Canal. The communique states the Egyptians were - "engulfed". Meaning, of course, swift encirclement by a motorized army. ^{TP} Egypt says - attacks repelled!

^{Israeli} Tonight's ^{ir} dispatch states that part of the ^{ir} Israeli force is cutting around, northward. The objective being - the Gaza strip, along the Palestine coast.

Today, the Jerusalem-Israeli radio broadcast

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warnings to the people in the Gaza strip - that the whole area was about to be cut off by the Israeli advance. Which raises - a question! -

There are some three hundred thousand people in the Gaza strip - including myriads of Arab refugees from Palestine. People - who lost their homes. Their bitterness - one of the reasons for ^{Moslem world} Arab hostilities toward Israel. So now, what will happen - when and if the Israelis take over the Gaza strip, with all those refugees?

The war bulletins include an account of air action.

The Israeli Air Force - said to have shot down seven

Egyptian planes. Including - Russian-built MIGS. Egypt

^{however} reports the shooting down of Israeli planes. An Egyptian

warship was captured at Haifa, a Frigate - which

surrendered, when attacked by Israeli vessels and aircraft.

SHIP

The British Admiralty said today the cruiser Newfoundland has sunk an Egyptian frigate.

An Admiralty spokesman said the sinking occurred while the 8,800-ton cruiser was on "shipping protection duties in the Gulf of Suez" last night.

The Gulf is at the Red Sea end of the Suez Canal.

He said the British "encountered an Egyptian frigate which failed to answer a challenge or to stop when called upon to do so."

"She was therefore sunk and survivors were taken on board the Newfoundland.

It was the second Egyptian frigate lost in the new fighting. The other was disabled and captured by the Israelis in a small air-sea battle in the Eastern Mediterranean.

EISENHOWER - EDEN

President Eisenhower, today, exchanged urgent messages - with British Prime Minister Anthony Eden. The White House gives no details, but the report is that the President warned both Britain and France - not to play any tricks on the United States. Washington being quite certain - that the Israeli-British-French attack on Egypt was a deliberate scheme, concocted behind the back of your Uncle Sam. Tonight's United Press dispatch from Washington says - it figures as follows:-

Several days ago, our government became suspicious - that something secret was cooking. Some British-French action - against Egypt, concerning which, the United States was being kept in the dark. There was a break-down of diplomatic understanding - between Washington and London and Paris. The British and French Ambassadors - away from Washington.

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Then, information from U.S. Intelligence poured in suddenly. Saying that Israel was mobilizing on a large scale. Which produced an immediate suspicion - that Israel was going to attack, with a ^{so-called} "preventive war." The supposition was - that the goal was Jordan. Israel - intending to seize the Jordanian territory, which juts into Palestine.

Which supposition - may have been correct. The belief in Washington being - that Israel really did intend an attack on Jordan. But the British - persuaded the Israelis against this. Suggesting - not Jordan, but Egypt.

Britain and France - to attack in the Suez area, if the Israelis invaded Egypt, in the Sinai sector. The Israeli attack - an excuse for the British and French to seize the Suez Canal. And - bring about the downfall of Nasser, the Egyptian Premier.

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Israel, to get a pay-off in the end, which would include British-French support for an Israeli claim to the Palestinian territories of Jordan. At any rate, that's one surmise in Washington.

With The United States ^{*told*} ~~of course, told~~ nothing of these maneuvers, - ~~and~~, last week, Washington tried, repeatedly, to get information from Britain, France and Israel about what was going on. The answers - evasive, even deceptive.

Then, on Monday, Israel struck suddenly - at Egypt. Which brought to the foreground - the British-French-American pledge of nineteen fifty. The western big three having agreed - they'd oppose aggression in the Near East, no matter by whom. But the British now said the non-aggression pledge was no longer effective. Repudiated.

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And France made it clear - that, at the U.N., France would vote against condemning Israel as an aggressor.

So that made things clear - and Washington understood the power play that was going on. Timed - for the last week of our American presidential campaign.

When it might be assumed - that the administration would

be in ^{no} ~~opposition~~ to take action. Not ^{with political boiling} ~~in the boiling~~ _{pot}.

But President Eisenhower did act. Announcing - that we'll abide by the non-aggression pledge, which the Truman administration made in nineteen fifty. And, promptly, the United States asked the Security Council of the United Nations - to demand a cease-fire and the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Egypt.

But that was vetoed last night, by the British and

French. Soviet Russia - supporting the United States.

Which certainly created a ^{strange} ~~bad~~ split between the Western

allies. With Soviet Russia - on the American side.

So that's the diplomatic situation as of tonight -
with President Eisenhower still making moves in the hope
of restoring peace. The President - to make a report
this evening, to the American public. Explaining the
administration view - in the near eastern imbroglio.
The President, on CBS radio and television, at seven P.M.,
eastern standard time.

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ADD EISENHOWER - EDEN

President Eisenhower made a radio-TV report, this evening, to the American public - which millions of Americans heard. The address carried all over the world on radio Voice of America.

In a way, it's a pity - that people abroad could not see the President as he spoke. His expression - of patience, kindness, understanding and strength. That kind of strength - that has no bluster.

He said that Britain, France, and Israel are our friends and we will remain their friends - though we disapprove of what they're doing. We will not get embroiled in any way, and will only strive for peace. The President adding - that we will take the case before a General Assembly of the United Nations.

HUNGARY - RUSSIANS

The last of the Russians left Budapest, today.

Tanks and motorized infantry - clanking their way through streets of the city.

Still some shooting in Budapest, as nationalists hunt out members of the Red secret police. The hated Red policemen cornered, and wiped out, with bursts of gunfire.

~~The new Premier, anti-communist Zoltan Tildy,~~
~~states that Soviet soldiers will be out of all Hungary,~~
~~soon. Negotiations for their withdrawal now going on.~~
In accord
/ ~~Which corresponds~~ with Moscow declarations yesterday -
the surprise announcement that the Soviet government will
consider the withdrawal of Russian forces from various
puppet countries. ~~Hungary, independent, to be consulted.~~

CARDINAL

Today, Cardinal Mindszenty came back to Budapest - returning to the Arch-episcopal palace. Where he was arrested by the Reds - on the day after Christmas, nineteen forty-eight. Held a prisoner for six years.

The homecoming - quiet, without ceremony.

Cardinal Mindszenty merely holding - a news conference with reporters. Who say - the sixty-four year old prelate looked weary. But he told the newsmen, "Thank God, I am in good health, both physically and mentally - although I was very seriously ill while I was in prison."

They asked him - what illnesses...

"I had so many," he replied, "I couldn't even enumerate them." But then he repeated, "both physically and mentally, I am now perfectly alright."

The use of the word "mentally" was the more

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significant - because at his trial, the Cardinal had confessed - admitting charges of treason. And, at the time, it was thought - he looked broken in spirit. Possibly - on account of a Stalinist ordeal, which produced those notorious confessions.

Today, by the way, the new Titoist government of Hungary announced - that the charges were "null and void." Without - "legal basis." The accusations - on which Cardinal Mindszenty was given a sentence of life imprisonment..

Beside the prelate at the news interview stood a couple of young Hungarian soldiers - who helped in liberating him. They told the reporters - that the rescue was accidental, in a way. The doing of cadets and officers at a tank school in a town, sixty-five miles north of Budapest. Who were curious - about a "mysterious

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prisoner" held in an old castle in that neighborhood, for more than a year.

So, when the revolution swept on to success, they decided to investigate - find out who the "mysterious prisoner" was. And at the old castle, ^{they} were surprised to discover - Cardinal Archbishop Mindszenty, the Primate of Hungary.

During the years of imprisonment, he had been taken from one place to another. Finally, in secrecy, to the castle - where he was the prisoner of the Red Secret Police.

When he was rescued, he was guarded by only a few secret policemen - who intended to hold the Cardinal as a hostage for their own safety. They were told they wouldn't be harmed - and willingly surrendered.

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Today, there was talk in Budapest - that Cardinal Mindszenty might become a member of the new government of Hungary.

NEAR EAST - POLITICS

The President will make a campaign speech in Philadelphia, tomorrow night. Because of the crisis, he cancelled a trip to Texas, Oklahoma and Tennessee, which he was to have made today. Instead - he'll make that report on radio and television to the American people, tonight. Explaining - the stand of the U.S. government in the mid-eastern trouble.

He may make an electioneering address in Boston, Monday night - but that depends on how international events develop. Presidential Secretary, Jim Hagerty, says - the President is not considering any other campaign appearances. The flare-up of war - having curtailed his political activities, during the last week of the battle for ballots.

Washington, of course, is buzzing - trying to guess the effect of the outbreak of war on the voting, ^{next} Tuesday,

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of next week. The Republicans think it will be favorable because the people are likely to rally to the President in a time of such emergency. The Democrats, on the contrary, think that it all shows Adlai Stevenson is right in criticizing that Eisenhower foreign policy. Also, the President, by calling on the U.N. to condemn Israel - may lose Jewish votes.

~~However,~~ there is that report - that the President has ordered top administration officials to take no account of political considerations. Don't let politics influence the handling of the American part in the mid-eastern flare-up.

STEVENSON

Adlai Stevenson accuses President Eisenhower and Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, of being responsible, in part - for the outbreak of war. He says they must bear, what he calls, "a heavy responsibility."

Before a crowd of thirty-six hundred, in New York's garment center today, Stevenson said -- "By every consideration of law, moral and spiritual obligation and faith - this nation is bound to support the integrity of Israel."

BADOGGIO

The Italian Military leader who conquered Ethiopia for Mussolini, Marshal Badoglio, died in Italy in obscure retirement at the age of 85. It was Badoglio who signed Italy's unconditional surrender in World War 2.

UNITED FUND - DRIVE

I saw a check for a million-and-a-half dollars today. Here is the story: - I am in Detroit, taking part in the United Foundation Drive. Don Ahrens of General Motors tells me that since 1949, all - or nearly all - health and community agencies here have united, for one joint campaign each year. They call it the Detroit Torch Drive, - personified by a local beauty, Virginia Lamansky,, as Miss Torchy. The goal this year is \$15,300,000. Each year they go beyond their goal - it is that superbly organized. 150 separate community service agencies uniting. 70,000 volunteer workers giving their time, directed by expert, Walter Laidlaw - and staff.

Today I took part in a ceremony where my sponsor, United Motors - Delco, along with all of General Motors, gave a check for over a million and a half - the employees, and the company.

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This idea of just one annual drive for all agencies originated here in Detroit and has now been copied by some 800 other cities.

INDIANS

The squaws have lost out - in the tribe of the Senecas. They won't be allowed to vote - in the tribal council.

Such is the word from the Indian reservation in upper New York state, where a woman suffrage movement is on. Year after year, there ^{has} been a demand ^{for} votes for squaws. And this year, there was a supposition that the Seneca women might win the tribal franchise. But, not at all.

The braves took a vote, and the answer was ^{— ug!} _^ no!

In the tribal council they voted one-hundred-and-ten to ninety-four -- against feminism. ^{They} ^{that} ~~decreed~~ _^ a squaw's place is in the ~~home~~ ^{Henry} wigwam _^ — except that the Senecas don't live in wigwams any more.