

WAR

L.T.-Deleo. Friday, Nov. 2, 1956.

The invasion of Suez - about to begin. So indicated by the British and the French - who, today, warned all merchant shipping away from the approaches to the Canal.

The British radio at Cyprus gave warning to the Arabs, announcing: "Our warships will disembark tanks and guns on Egyptian soil."

A spokesman for the French Foreign Ministry says - Britain and France have decided to press ahead with an invasion, in spite of the appeal from the General Assembly of the U N which, last night, voted a resolution by an overwhelming majority - calling for a cease-fire.

Today, the statement was - that the Egyptian Air Force has been virtually destroyed by the several days of round-the-clock air attacks. More than a hundred Egyptian planes put out of action - including jet fighters and jet bombers of Russian manufacture.

Today, bombers knocked out the transmitters *pr*

the Cairo radio - seven miles outside the city. Egypt claiming - that a hundred people were killed. They also say - two British jets made a low level run of downtown Cairo today. One - hit by anti-aircraft fire, and crashing. The Egyptians claim - they shot down fourteen British and French planes, today.

Egyptian Premier Nasser announces that the evacuation of the Sinai Peninsula has been completed. Military units - withdrawn ^{for} ~~from~~ defense of the Canal. Nasser - still breathing fire. And - ~~showing~~ a last ditch defense against the invasion.

The Israelis ~~announce~~ announce - the conquest of the Gaza strip. Egyptian forces in the city of Gaza - surrendering today. They say they've captured about a hundred Egyptian tanks and five hundred artillery ~~pieces~~ pieces. Egyptian casualties - heavy. Israeli losses - extremely light.

The Israelis declare - that their military objectives in the campaign have been "practically achieved". ^{Also that they are} ~~And they're~~ now twelve to fifteen miles

from the Canal; with three armored columns driving toward
the waterway.

So that seems to be the military situation - as the
British-French invasion of Suez appears about to begin.

Here's the latest -- a report originating in Jordan.
That - British troops have joined the Israelis in the Sinai
desert.

ARABS

And there's a report at the U N that Jordan and Syria have decided to declare war on Israel -- and send their troops into action soon. This is from Arab sources ~~at~~ at the world organization -- which do not say whether Jordan and Syria will include Britain and France in a declaration of war.

Dulles

The Secretary of State is going to confer with Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary General of the U N on ways to "follow up" the vote in the General Assembly last night. Calling on Britain, France and Israel - to stop ~~the~~ hostilities. Which they show - no sign of doing. So, what "follow up" ~~can~~ could there be? ~~Talking to~~ ~~newspaper~~ Secretary Dulles ^{doesn't} ~~did not~~ say. ~~But indicated~~ ~~they'd have to do something.~~

One surmise is - possibly a U N police force to be established - when the fighting stops. Military forces of the world organization to keep the peace in the Near East. The proposal, made by Canada. American support - indicated. Britain also gives approval to that U N police force idea.

Today, Secretary Dulles had a talk with President Eisenhower in Washington, and says the President is gratified by the overwhelming action in the U N. last night. When the American proposal for a ~~xxxx~~ cease fire was adopted by a vote of sixty-four to five. Only New Zealand and Australia.

supporting the belligerent countries - Britain, France and Israel. Secretary Dulles calling the vote - "obviously the sentiment of the world community."

In Washington, today, the State Department announced an immediate halt- of all military shipments to Israel. Actually, the order says - "both Israel and Egypt." But, we've not been making any military shipments to Egypt! While Israel has been getting supplies that consist mostly of electronics equipment and spare parts.

BRITAIN U S

From Washington, more details - to show how Britain kept the United States in the dark about the attack on Egypt. The United Press ~~has~~^{has} information - from which the following picture is reconstructed.

During the days before the British-French ultimatum to Cairo, Secretary of State ~~John Foster~~ Dulles became alarmed - at signs of trouble building up in the Middle East. So the U S Ambassadors in London and Paris were instructed - try to find out what's going on. ~~But when~~^{But when} they contacted the British and French foreign offices ~~but~~^{they} were not given any hint that an attack on Egypt was being prepared.

Then, Secretary Dulles got a message from British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd who said - he was planning to see Dulles in advance of the regular meeting of the U N General Assembly, to be held - November ~~Twelfth~~^{Twelfth}. The purpose of that regular meeting - to discuss a "peaceful" solution of the Suez crisis. So, naturally, the Secretary of State took this as a

Tonight the U.N. General Assembly is taking
Britain and France were to hold a meeting with Egypt
in Geneva, October Twenty-Ninth. For another try at a
settlement of the Suez controversy.

That was the situation, when the news came - that the
British and French would use force.

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American diplomats and their families - on their way
from Budapest to Austria, and, tonight, the State
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HUNGARY

Tonight the U N General Assembly is taking up the threat of New Soviet moves in Hungary. Which country, today, made a second appeal to the U N - asking for help in maintaining its independence.

While reports continue - of new Soviet forces entering Hungary. Russian military units - taking over airports and railroad centers. Creating - a new and ominous threat.

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HUNGARY REDS

Here's a wild story:- In war torn Budapest - a huge engineering operation. Bulldozers and other excavation machinery - digging down into a vast underground bunker. Where, it is believed, at least one hundred members of the Red Secret Police have taken refuge. Hiding - with perhaps, as many as two hundred hostages. Anti-Communist prisoners - whom they are holding.

In downtown Budapest there's a great square. On one side - an opera house. On the other - the headquarters of the Communist party. That is the wreckage, of what was Red headquarters.

When the revolution swept the city, there was a hunt - for the hated secret police. Many of them - cornered and killed. Many of them including top leaders - holding out at Communist headquarters. So, on Tuesday, the Nationalists brought up cannon, shelling the two-story building. Reducing it to a mass of rubble.

But, when they searched the wreckage, they

found - nothing more than eleven bodies of members of the Red Secret Police, although it was known - that a large number had been in the building, which had been surrounded - with no possibility of escape. So, now, the assumption is - that, during the bombardment, they descended into the huge underground bunker. Which the Reds are known to have constructed - along the lines of the bunker in which Hitler died at Berlin. It is known - that the bunker was well supplied with provisions. And has - an air conditioning system, which is still working. The Nationalists have refrained from turning off the air conditioning because of the belief that anti-Communist hostages are with the Reds far below. Sounds are heard - rapping and scratching. Tell-tale signs of life.

But the secret entrance to the underground refuge - was obliterated in the wreckage of the building. So now - a digging operation has been going on - for two days, with Hungarian engineers - cutting their way to that subterranean refuge.

NETWORKS

The White House today announced - that Vice President Nixon will answer the radio-television address of Adlai Stevenson, last night. He'll do it tonight on CBS Radio-TV. Time - paid for. A spot - previously scheduled. Although, earlier today, Republican Chairman Leonard Hall had asked the networks - for free time.

On Wednesday, President Eisenhower made his report to the country - on the flare-up of war in the Middle East. Fifteen minutes of time - free. Since it was the President - on a non-political topic. Whereupon Stevenson said - he should have the same opportunity, so he could reply - to the President's report. The Stevenson request sounded political - and the networks put the matter up to the Federal Communications Commission to get a ruling.

But the F.C.C. did not issue a ruling - whereupon the networks went ahead and granted the Stevenson request. So the Democratic nominee made an appearance, last night - on the same kind of time the President had.

All of which was followed by a Republican demand for similar free time to answer Stevenson. But now the White House has decided - the reply will be made on paid time. Nixon to make the reply tonight, over CBS.

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MINE

Tonight, the fear is - that Canada has had its worst mine disaster. One hundred and eleven coal diggers, trapped at Spring Hill, Nova Scotia - where a violent explosion poured coal gas fumes and dust into shafts, far underground. Fifteen lives lost in the blast. The possible death list - one hundred and twenty six. The worst ever - in Canada.

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WEATHER

The first blizzard of the season - that's the news from the Rocky Mountain and Prairie States. Snowstorms howling across wide areas. Drifts - blocking highways and trapping motorists. Ranchers on horseback - out hunting for workers lost in the blizzard.

Fifteen inches of snow in the Colorado Rockies - and the storm is moving eastward.

EGLIN FIELD

I've had another memorable experience today -- flying in an Air Force jet. To describe one's first flight in a military jet would take far more time than I have on this news broadcast. Just to tell of the outfit you wear, suit, crash helmet, oxygen mask, Mae West, parachute, and above all the complicated ejector seat, that would take a couple of minutes.

My pilot, ~~was along the~~^a jet instructor, Lieutenant Colonel Max Wolfson, from Buffalo, a veteran of the Air war in the Pacific. Once that jet burner catapults you into the air, you are in for the smoothest ride you've ever had. And what a wonderful way to look down on Eglin, our largest U S Air Force base!

This air proving ground has a fabulous location. Some four-hundred-and-fifty-thousand acres of what once was a national forest. And beside it, the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, a perfect place for testing many kinds of weapons.

Although we may not always match the Russians man for man, or even plane for plane, we have to excel them in the quality of our air power. And that's the job of Major General Bobby Burns and his associates here at our Eglin Air Force base. I am told that this, more than any other Air Base, plays a number one role in testing weapons for the defense of the free world.

I wish all of you could have flown with me in that jet today. I wish you could all visit this our great air proving ground command. It would give you greater confidence in our American capacity to defend ourselves if the Communists ever get too rough. Henry - "Proof by test" is the motto here at Eglin where I had my first all-jet flight today.