

WAR

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(Clyde Field)

Egyptian forces are withdrawing from the Sinai Peninsula - to concentrate for the defense of the Suez Canal. Against - that expected British-French invasion. So announced - by Egyptian Premier Nasser today.

The Israelis report ^{that} they ^{are} ^{now in} ~~in~~ possession of most of Sinai. Egyptian forces - in full retreat. Some of them - trapped. The Gaza strip - ~~was~~ completely isolated. The capture of the City of Gaza - expected at any time. The Israelis report the capture of huge quantities of equipment. Egyptian casualties, killed, wounded and captured - estimated at five thousand. The Israelis declaring - that their own losses are "less than one hundred killed."

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The British-French today continued the air war. Bombing Egypt - for the second day - military objectives ^{adjacent to} ~~at~~ Cairo, ^{and} Alexandria, ^{— also} ~~and~~ points along the Suez Canal - blasted.

The Egyptians declare - that ~~xxxx~~ bombs hit a ship in the canal - sinking it. Thereby - blocking the waterway. The British reply - that the ship, badly ~~xx~~ bombed, was towed by the Egyptians to a position across the canal - so it would sink there.

One dispatch from Cairo tells of a rumor - of Egyptian forces in battle with British-French troops. But this ~~xxxxx~~ could not be confirmed - and there's ~~xx~~ no indication that landings have taken place. Nothing but bombing by the British and French - thus far. With Naval forces - moving to positions at both ends of the Suez Canal.

How long this air war phase will continue - is a guess. Today, Headquarters at Cyprus declared - the attacks will continue until Egypt sees "reason". The Commander in Chief, British General Sir Charles Keighley said: "The length of the operation depends on how quickly Egypt accepts our terms."

Today, a French military spokesman would not reveal - whether or not landings for an invasion were imminent. "We cannot say," he declared. "whether there will or will not be landings tonight."

In Cairo, Nasser has ordered - total war. Vowing defiantly - that Egypt will never surrender. Today, he broke diplomatic relations with Britain and France. Not surprising - with all that bombing. **■** And Egyptians are summoning Arabs everywhere - to rally to their cause. Calling on Arab workers to blow up western oil installations. And to stop oil from reaching the British, French and Israelis. The more to the point - because of those vast Arabian oil fields.

At the U N tonight, the United States offered a resolution - recommending a cease-fire in the Near East. Israel - to withdraw from Egyptian territory. The British and French - to stop the bombing. Secretary Dulles - speaking for this country, admitted that merely to stop fighting was no solution of the great problems involved. These, he said, required a lot more - a comprehensive settlement. But, ~~xx~~ first things first, and the first thing ~~was~~ to stop the fighting.

EDEN

Prime Minister **E**den rode out a storm in the House of Commons tonight - and won a vote of confidence. But - what a storm - - the Labor opposition jeered and hooted that Eden policy of attacking Egypt. They shouted and yelled -- "shame - resign". The uproar - so violent, that a recess had to be called, to allow tempers to cool. Only twice before in British history had such a thing occurred.

But the final vote ~~xxxxxxx~~ was three-hundred-and-twenty-four to two-hundred-and-fifty-five -- the **Tory** majority prevailing ^{handily,} Eden won a vote, likewise, in the House of Lords, where the criticism ~~there~~ was equally sharp. The attack on Egypt - condemned by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Tonight, at Watford, England, British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd addressed a meeting of the Conservative party - to explain - British policy in the attack on Egypt.

He was received - with a storm of "boos" and "cat calls" from his fellow conservatives. Who shouted - Yours is ~~the~~ "the most immoral government since Hitler"!

When the Foreign Secretary spoke of Communist armament in Egypt, he was almost drowned out. "Who bombed Cairo?" the audience shouted.

Outside, Communist pickets denounced the attack on Egypt. Inside, the Conservatives agreed with the Reds. Strange - paradoxes, these days.

The Soviets are calling for a meeting of African and Asiatic nations - to mobilize backing for Egypt against Britain, France and Israel. A new "Bandung Conference", ^{is what} today's dispatch calls the proposal. Suggested - in letters from Soviet leaders to Prime Minister Nehru of India, and President Sukarno of Indonesia. No replies from them - received as yet.

The Moscow dispatch also says that Soviet Premier Bulganin has dispatched ^{another} a letter to President Eisenhower. Contents - not made public.

The Soviet press is bitter with attacks on Britain, France and Israel. Also, strangely enough - the United States. Our government - expressing its disapproval of the attack on Egypt. But Moscow propaganda says - Britain and France acted with the "moral support of the United States."

EISENHOWER PRESSURE

The White House - reported to be considering steps that can be taken "outside" the U N? Possible moves to end the war - in addition to ^{tonights} ~~the~~ proceedings in the ^{U.N.} General Assembly, ~~of the World Organization.~~

Such was intimated by Presidential Secretary Hagerty, today, who said the U N moves were "one way". Suggesting - there might be other ways, too.

We all know that the President announced - that the administration will stand by the pledge given in Nineteen Fifty. To take action - to aid any victim of aggression in the Near East. The agreement - using these words: "Both within, and outside, the United Nations." Britain and France also ~~took~~ took this pledge - but they've repudiated it. As for action "outside" the U N, observers in Washington speak of - an economic crack-down ~~on~~ ^{country} Israel. Which receives - American financial support. There might be a reconsideration- of aid to Israel. Which is being granted - under a twenty-six million dollar program, for the

the present fiscal year.

The U S export-import bank was planning to send a mission to Israel - to study the possibility of a seventy-five million dollar loan. →

~~telegram was answered, simply, by President Eisenhower's
radio address ~~at~~ last night. When he told the people -
that this country would not get into the mid-Eastern
fighting.~~

Now, the departure of that mission has been cancelled. Then, of course, there's economic aid to Britain and France. Democratic Senator Ellender of Louisiana declaring that we should consider cutting off that financial assistance. However, the Defense Department advises - against any such move.

More to the point, perhaps, is the matter of oil. On which - Britain depends in an urgent way. Today, Britain made plans for possible oil rationing. When Egypt nationalized the Suez Canal, plans ~~xx~~ were laid - for the United States to supply western Europe with oil, if necessary. Eight hundred thousand barrels ~~if~~ a day - from the western hemisphere. Today, however, the word in Washington is - that ^{our}~~the~~ government may cancel these plans. Call off the arrangement for shipping American

oil to western Europe, if supplies from the Middle East
are cut off.

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Tito's letter

SUB LEAD HUNGARY

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He told Premier Nagy he would ~~communicate~~ Hungarian representations to Moscow, and ask for an immediate answer. ~~An answer on those matters which include - Hungary neutral, and withdrawing from the Warsaw pact.~~

~~The Titoist Premier sent an emissary, Zoltan Tildy, the new non-Communist Vice Premier - to confer with Cardinal Mindsenty. Who is being prominently mentioned - as a possible member of a new government.~~

What transpired at the conference is not revealed - but the Cardinal told newsmen that he might "perhaps" take a government post. But he said he needed some time to learn more about political affairs. Time to catch up with events while he was in prison. "I have been in darkness for eight years", he explained.

Today, Cardinal Mindszenty ^{made a radio} ~~recorded an~~ appeal to the people - to remain quiet and peaceful.

ROMANIA

Student riots - in Red Romania. Reminding ~~us~~ *us* of the student demonstrations that began the revolution in Hungary. Trouble breaking out in Bucharest, the Romanian capital. Also - the Province of Transylvania.

This word is given by travelers returning from the ^t Communist country. Nothing ~~is~~ confirmed officiall y-- ~~xxx~~ though the Bucharest Red radio has made guarded admissions of unrest.

POLAND AID

Last night, President Eisenhower said - the new government of Poland has been offered American aid. Which offer, we now learn, was made several days ago. But kept secret - at first -- for diplomatic ^{(reasons.} ~~purport~~

The anti-Stalinist regime in Warsaw promised - emergency food and long range economic aid ^{from us.} No strings attached - no political conditions. All we require is that Poland shall be free - as the President said last night.

EISENHOWER - POLITICS

President Eisenhower is in Philadelphia tonight - for a campaign address. Which will be his last. The Near Eastern crisis - having caused him to curtail electioneering, as the campaign swings to a close. The President was to have made an election-eve appearance in Boston Monday night, but that's off.

EISENHOWER

In Philadelphia tonight, the President calls the Stevenson proposals for terminating H. bomb tests and ending the draft -- "a design for disaster." As for the Near East crisis, he declares: "We cannot and will not condone armed aggression -- no matter who the attacker, no matter who the victim."

Adlai Stevenson, tonight, made his reply to President Eisenhower's report to the nation last night. The Democratic nominee - reasonable in tone. He blamed the administration for its policy of trying to strike a balance between Israel and the Arabs. He thinks - we should have supported Israel. ^{And that} ~~they~~ in the Suez Canal affair, the administration blundered - with Britain and France, ~~while~~ ^{while} ~~at the same time~~ giving the American people an unduly optimistic account of how things are going.

SUB SOUTH POLE

After all that ugly news of war, it's a relief to turn to the picture of an airplane - landing on snow and ice. A U S Naval officer stepping out - the first human being ever to land at the South Pole. Followed by six other U.S. airmen.

Admiral George Dufek, of the U S Navy - leading a preliminary expedition. In the setting up of a base at the South Pole- in connection with ^{the} international geophysical year.

The party remained at the ultimate south for forty-nine minutes - setting up the stars and stripes. And all the while, an Air Force Globemaster circled overhead, ready to drop supplies, if anything went wrong.

Henry -
Well, they did have some engine/trouble on the take-off, but the jato rockets boosted them off okay. For a safe return ^{from the South Pole,} ~~to return to sound.~~