

SUEZ

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The news, tonight, in the Suez Canal crisis, centers largely around the ~~word~~ word "phased<sup>d</sup>". Something done by degrees - in phases. In the House of Commons, today, British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd informed the M P's that Britain and France are determined to carry out a "phased withdrawal" from the Suez. Which, actually - repeats what the British have said previously.

But it's now connected with another word - "forthwith". Which was used in the U N resolution - calling for the British and French and Israelis to pull out of Egyptian territory "forthwith".

The Foreign Secretary told the House of Commons, today, that the Chief American delegate to the U N, Henry Cabot Lodge - interprets "forthwith" as meaning "phased".

( In case that fazes you, <sup>well,</sup> it would all seem to mean a sort of compromise - framed in the terms of definitions., To withdraw "forthwith" - taken to mean a "phased operation." )

Selwyn Lloyd said, furthermore, that the question of getting out of Egypt is tied in with problems of clearing the Suez Canal and negotiating for the future operation of the great waterway.

(When you boil it all down, you have a declaration - that the British and French refuse to move out at once. But this refusal is hedged - with qualifications, if and but.)

The Selwyn Lloyd statement in Parliament seems to arouse no pessimism at all - in Washington. Where the word is - wait until Monday. (Lincoln White, spokesman for the State Department, says that a "definite statement" is expected on Monday from the British.)

One paragraph in today's Washington dispatch reads: "There ~~was~~<sup>is</sup> eager anticipation here - that British ~~Foreign~~ Secretary Selwyn Lloyd will then be able to announce British and French plans. For withdrawing troops from the Suez Canal area, in compliance with the United Nations demands."

Today, the British Ambassador to Washington, Sir Harold Cascia, called on Acting Secretary of State Herbert Hoover Jr. and explained that Selwyn Lloyd's declaration in the House of Commons, today, was of an "interim" nature. Tentative, not final. Sir Harold adding - that another statement will be made in Parliament on Monday.

All of which is the basis for ~~fr~~ further word in Washington - that the United States is waiting - for a signal to send oil supplies to Europe. Government officials explaining - that we<sup>a</sup>re all set - for emergency action to bolster up dwindling oil supplies. Plans having been held up - pending firm assurance that the British and French will withdraw from Suez, according to the U N resolution.

Meanwhile, the Soviets are making gestures - of supplying western Europe with oil. Negotiations going on, we hear. But there's doubt that Russia could ship anywhere near enough. Also, will Moscow really get into the oil game, when the Soviets are foremost in demanding that the British

and French get out of the Suez?

One thing is evident - it will be a tough weekend for Selwyn Lloyd. Who faces a difficult political situation - with a large bloc of his own Tory party angrily opposed to an immediate pull-out from Suez. The Foreign Secretary will have to convince them - that it's the wise thing to do.

## EGYPT SOLDIERS

At Port Said, British and French soldiers today cheered and waved in welcome - as two ships entered the harbor. Transports carrying Yugoslav soldiers - the latest reinforcement, to join the U N police force. Seven hundred Yugoslavs - with heavy equipment. As the small international Army builds up - toward the six thousand mark.

ADD EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS

Tonight, a unit of the U N police force was ordered into No Man's Land. That is, the strip of ground between the Anglo-French ■■ on one side and the Egyptians on the other. A company of Danish troops - to patrol that area.

UN-EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS (add)

The latest - two U N salvage vessels on their way to the Suez Canal. Dutch and Danish craft - for the job of clearing the obstructions of the waterway. So stated at U N headquarters, tonight.

## SUEZ INCIDENT

Egypt claims - that four jet planes attacked Egyptian positions, today. Strafing trucks ~~and~~ and anti-aircraft gun positions in the neighborhood of Ismailia. No casualties ~~are~~ reported. Egypt alleging - a flagrant violation of the cease-fire.

The communique says two of the jets were British made. Two French made. But the Egyptians do not identify them as belonging either to the Anglo-French air forces, or to Israel.



## ISRAEL RUSSIA

Bitter Soviet attacks - on Israel. The official Moscow newspaper, Ivestia, giving dire warning. Saying - "the very existence of Israel is at stake." Adding: "The Israeli rulers are pushing the country on the road to suicide." The Moscow newspaper - charging that Israel plans aggression against the Arabs.

## CANADA

The Canadian government won an overwhelming vote of confidence - in the Ottawa Parliament tonight. Supporting its policy - of independence in the Suez dispute. Canada - not backing Britain. Or, necessarily - following the policy of the United States.

The Conservative Party introduced a motion of non-confidence - criticizing the Liberal Government for not supporting the British-French invasion of Egypt. But the Canadian M P's rejected that by a huge majority.

## SYRIA

The United States government issued a warning today - which would apply to Syria or Soviet Russia.

Although - neither country was named. The State Department in Washington saying- that the United States would view with "utmost gravity" any threat against a member of the Baghdad Pact. Which would mean particularly - Iraq. Possibly - Turkey.

Yesterday, Washington ~~is~~ expressed alarm - over shipments of Russian weapons to Syria. Combined with reports - that the Syrian government is now pro-Soviet. Syria and Iraq are at odds, with possibilities of an outbreak of trouble between them. All of which is the background of the warning now issued by the State Department.

In Turkey, meanwhile, there are reports that Russian armament is being smuggled in ships passing illegally through the Dardanelles, <sup>and</sup> Into the Mediterranean - bound for Syria. The Turkish government reported as taking - a "very

grave" view of a pro-Soviet attitude in Syria. But Turkey denies that Turkish troops are massing on the Syrian border.

## HUNGARY

Tonight, in Budapest, critical conferences are on - between puppet Premier Kardar and leaders of the Budapest workers council. The council warning - that, if the Red Premier continues to reject the demands of the workers, Hungary will be plunged into complete anarchy.

All of which follows indications that the Kardar regime is now switching to brutal Stalinism - to get control of the rebellious country. Laying mine-fields, for example, along the Austrian border - to prevent<sup>the</sup> flight ~~taxe~~ of refugees.

But the workers council, today, made the following drastic announcement: "We ~~are~~ are the last legal body which can solve the situation peacefully. If we fail, there will be a spontaneous strike throughout the country, and we will not be able to ~~control~~ control the workers. Total anarchy will follow," said the council.

So that's the spirit in which they<sup>a</sup> are conferring tonight, with the puppet Premier.

## EISENHOWER HUNGARY

President Eisenhower, today, called on all Americans - to support a special Red Cross disaster appeal. Seeking five million dollars for emergency relief in Hungary. And - for the Hungarian refugees in Austria.

Earlier in the day, the President named a special representative for Hungarian relief. Former Under-Secretary of the Army-Tracy Voorhees of New York.

In Congress, Democratic leader McCormack of Massachusetts - called on the U N to defy the Soviets. ~~Do something to compel the entrance of U N observers into stricken Hungary.~~

Congressman McCormack declared - the United States should refuse to recognize the puppet government in Budapest, until Russian troops are withdrawn from Hungary, and Hungarians ~~is~~ deported to Siberia are returned to their homes.

The Democratic leader, accusing the Eisenhower administration of "appeasement" in the tragedy of Hungary.

## POLAND

In Poland, Gomulka says - only the Communist program will be tolerated. The Titoist Premier insisting - that Marxism remains the dogma. But he added - that cooperation between the Communists and other parties is possible. "Including the progressive Catholics," said he.

Which, of course, refers to the number one problem in Poland- the position of the church in a "liberated" Red regime. Gomulka - referring to the new freedom of the church. And - giving a warning. "We believe," said he, "that the clergy who have full freedom of action - will not abuse this freedom." Churchmen, he hopes - will support the Communist regime.

## FOREST FIRE

The police at San Diego, California, have made an arrest - for arson. Saying - the disastrous forest fire was - deliberately set. The flaming catastrophe - which took the lives of eleven fire fighters, and burned out more than forty-four thousand acres.

An Indian boy, arrested - a sixteen year old high school student, accused - of setting fire to the grass near a cabin in the Indian reservation where he lived. He is quoted as saying: "I just got a crazy idea to throw a match in the grass - to see if it would burn."

Merely a grass fire, to begin with - but winds were blowing, up to seventy miles an hour. And the flames swept through the ~~Cleveland~~ National Forest - like a hurricane.

Today, the fire was finally under control. After four days - with two thousand fire fighters in a battle against a flaming tempest. Which began- with a lighted match tossed into some grass, by an Indian boy.



# OLYMPICS

Today at Melbourne, Chris Brasher said: "Boy, it's really hard to win these medals." The British star - ~~making~~ having to win a decision, after he had won the race.

He came in first in the three thousand <sup>meter</sup> steeplechase, but was disqualified - for "interference". Whereupon, there was a British protest - and the Olympic Committee held a hearing. The alleged "interference" investigated. Which brought about a new verdict - original decision reversed. Chris Brasher - declared the winner. Getting his gold medal - after an ordeal of doubt.

In the four hundred meter foot race, Charley Jenkins of Villanova came in first. Another gold medal - for the U.S.A. and it looks as if our team <sup>will</sup> ~~were going to~~ win the decathlon. Which <sup>grueling event</sup> ~~grueling event~~ has already begun. The Americans - making a great showing.

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was part of eliminations - for the final event. The Soviets - having already qualified for that. So today's game was mostly - for the exercise. The Russians putting in second string players. Willing enough to lose - for technical ~~is~~ reasons connected with the final. At any rate, that's the opinion of the American players.

CORRECTION

I've been receiving letters of complaint - from Norwegians. Because, the other night, I called Egil Danielsen a Dane. He won a Gold Medal for the javelin throw, at the Olympic games -- and he's a hundred percent Norwegian.

One letter of protest comes from the Royal Norwegian Consulate at New Orleans, where Harald Werner writes - "I know, of course, that many Americans still brush aside the individuality of the countries up there in northern Europe. By saying - they're all scandinavians, or blond Swedes, or something like that".

No, I don't make that mistake - not ordinarily. Being well aware that the Norwegians, the Swedes and the Danes - have a powerful individuality, indeed. But, somehow, I got things trangled.

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Egil Norman of Evanston, Illinois, sends along the ~~same~~ same correction, and adds - "I just listened to short

wave direct from Australia, and they are calling this (the Norwegian javelin throw) - the most outstanding performance of the Olympic games thus far."

So I hasten to get it straight. Egil Danielsen is - no Dane. He's a Norwegian - and he sure can throw the javelin.

## EDINBURGH

A dispatch from Sydney, Australia, today uses the word "ratbags". Which is Australian slang for - lunatics, or crackpots. Giving an explanation of threats - against the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Queen's husband, after opening the Olympic Games in Melbourne, went on to Sydney - where he's getting an enthusiastic welcome. But also - letters threatening his life. The police, today, doubling a guard protecting the Duke. They believe the letters came from "ratbags". But they<sup>a</sup>re taking no chances.

Last night, outside government house, a man tried to throw himself - under the Duke's automobile. Another case of a "ratbag". But the police do not believe this incident had anything to do with the menacing letters.

Well, we have odd expressions like - bats in the belfry and bug-house. But I wonder, <sup>Henry,</sup> what could be the Aussie ~~name~~ derivation of "ratbag"?