

LEAD

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In the House of Commons, tonight, Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden - won a vote of confidence. On the issue - of British-Suez Canal policy. A straight party vote - three-hundred-and-twenty-one to two-hundred-and-fifty-one. Backing the Anglo-French plan for a "Users Association."

In the parliamentary debate, the Labor Party made a bitter attack on the Eden Cabinet. Charging that the Suez policy was a threat to the peace of the world. But Eden stood firm, declaring - that Egyptian Premier Nasser could not be permitted to have his way. And Eden raised the point - of Israel. Stating - that, if Nasser wins out on Suez, his next move would be an attack on Israel.

There were Labor shouts of "resign! resign!"

But the Conservative ranks held firm. The Labor vote of

"no confidence" ^{-overwhelmingly} -/defeated.

SUEZ

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/the big auditorium of the State Department, in Washington - was jammed. One hundred and eighty newsmen and fifty officials of the State Department attending - one of the biggest news conferences in recent months. Then, a dignified figure, in a grey double-breasted suit - entered. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles - described by today's Washington dispatch in these words: "looking ~~in~~ every bit the Presbyterian Sunday school teacher that he is." Dulles entering - to make an official statement, in the worst international crisis of these recent months.

Yesterday British Prime Minister Anthony Eden, in a belligerent address in the House of Commons, proposed - a "users association". To run - the Suez Canal. The countries using the canal - to form an organization. Which would - hire its own pilots for the trip through the waterway. And collect the tolls for transit. Paying money to the Egyptian government - after deducting costs incurred by the "users organization."

In effect, a voluntary association of a score of countries -

which would assume the operation of the canal. The "users" - taking over.

Prime Minister Eden presented this program with a threat - that, if Egypt rejected the "users association", force would be used. The Egyptian reaction - equally belligerent. Nasser declaring - that, if the scheme were put into effect, it would ~~mean~~ mean war. And, to make the matter the more menacing - Moscow chimed in. The Soviets declaring that, in the event of war, Russia would back Egypt with weapons, munitions and volunteers.

H ~~So~~ Where did our own country stand in this flare-up? Hasty declarations issued by the State Department - vague and cryptic. The world agog - waiting for clarification from the American Secretary of State.

So there was John Foster Dulles - confronting a large, tense news conference. He began by reading a statement of American policy - which had been okayed by President Eisenhower.

Then he answered the questions, asked by the reporters, to clarify further.

~~What further~~

The gist is this. The United States will participate in the proposed "Users Association", if it comes about. But the United States will not go to war. We will not - try to shoot our way through the Suez Canal. Instead, we're prepared to route shipping around the Cape of Good Hope. Making a longer trip - and avoiding the canal. Dulles declared - that this would not be a boycott of Suez. It would simply be - a peaceful way out of the dilemma.

He put it in these words: "It is not a boycott of the canal, as far as I know - to refrain from using force to get through the canal. If force is interposed by Egypt - then I do not call it a boycott to avoid using force to ~~and~~ shoot your way through."

He said the nations of the world, by the Treaty of Eighteen Eighty-Eight -- have a right, legally, to send their ships through the Suez Canal. And it's right for them to combine, in behalf of their own rights and form - a "Users Association." But - we won't go to ~~any~~ war about it.

"If we are met by force, which we can only overcome shooting," declared the Secretary of State, "we don't intend to go into that shooting. Then we intend to send our boats around the Cape."

~~He stated in some detail, what we propose to do if~~
~~the canal is blocked.~~ The main issue is - oil. The huge supplies - from the Middle Eastern oilfields. Like those - of Saudi Arabia. Supplies upon which - Western Europe depends. The shortest way - through the Suez Canal. The longer way, around the Cape of Good Hope - requiring time and tankers. So we will provide the tankers. ^P Secretary Dulles said - U.S. tankers will be taken out of the "moth ball fleet." Adding - that one American Oil Company already has a fifty thousand ton oil tanker - too big to pass through the Suez Canal. So, right now, the giant tanker makes the voyage around the southern tip of Africa. But, mostly, it would be a stream of smaller tankers - rounding the Cape, to supply the oil needs of Western Europe.

Dulles declared that studies have been made - in the question of economics, the cost. The decision - that it would be expensive to supply the West via the Cape of Good Hope. But not "economically catastrophic."

So there is the American stand. Backing the "Users Association" - but no war. Instead - avoid the Suez Canal, and take the long way around.



SUEZ - "USERS"

Meanwhile, the "Users" are not all in harmony.

Pakistan - in opposition, we hear. And Indian Prime Minister Nehru denounced the scheme for a "User's Association".

Saying - it would be a solution "imposed" on Egypt. Bringing - a threat of war.

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SUEZ - EGYPT

At two P.M. tomorrow, the foreign pilots - will begin their final run through the canal. Convoys departing simultaneously - from Port Said on the north. And from the Red Sea end of the waterway. The old Suez Canal Company has told the pilots, who are its own employees - that they can quit. Which they ^{are} ~~are~~ doing - fed up with all the trouble.

How will Egypt replace them? Egyptians are saying - they'll have no trouble hiring other pilots. ~~Some~~ Egyptian sources in Spain declare - that more than a thousand Spanish mariners have volunteered for jobs at Suez. There's also word - that ~~the~~ Russian pilots can be employed. Anyway, Cairo says - ^{Egypt} ~~the~~ can keep the canal in operation, ~~After~~ - tomorrow's walkout of the old Suez Canal Company pilots.

PALESTINE

The flare-up on the Palestinian border - continues.

Israel reporting - that soldiers of Jordan crossed the border and killed three village guards. Which follows an Israeli invasion of Jordan, on Tuesday - nineteen Jordanian policemen, soldiers and civilians, killed, according to reports.

In London, the British Foreign Office calls the raid on Tuesday - "a violation by Israel of recent assurances." Israel complains that, on Tuesday, six Israeli soldiers were killed. The British Foreign Office declaring - that this occurred on Jordanian territory.

Word from Palestine indicates - that new tension is arising between Israel and the Arabs. Along with international tension - in the Suez Canal dispute.

BULGANIN

Soviet Premier Bulganin sent a letter to President Eisenhower, today. A message, delivered at the State Department - for transmission to the President. The contents - not revealed. But Soviet Ambassador Zarubin, who handed in the Bulganin letter, indicates - ~~that~~ it does not concern the Suez crisis. Instead, it's a reply to a previous communication. Sent by President Eisenhower to Bulganin. On the subject - of disarmament and the German problem. Seeking means - of easing the tension between East and West.

ALGERIA

The French report - a victory in Algeria.

Seventy-nine rebels killed in a battle - ~~SEVENTY-NINE~~
~~REBELS~~ south of the city of Constantine. A powerful rebel force
defeated, with French troops recovering a large amount of guns
and ammunition.

Meanwhile, the Algerian French authorities announce -
the first step in restoring civilian control. In one section,
east of the city of Algiers - the military commander turning
over all civil affairs to a new civilian official. Indicating,
according to a French spokesman, an intention to carry out a
reform program as quickly as possible.

INTEGRATION

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The local school, at Clay, Kentucky, was integrated -
after a fashion, today. Two Negro children ~~were~~ at class -
escorted by the state police. The rest of the class - mostly
absent. Out of a normal five hundred and twenty white pupils -
only half a dozen showed up for school this morning. A boycott -
with teachers participating. Of the staff of thirteen - only
the principal and six others were on the job. Five hundred
people of the town - having signed a petition, asking the
teachers to boycott the classes.

As for Sturgis, Kentucky, and Clinton, Tennessee,
where anti-segregation outbreaks occurred - conditions reported
normal, with Negro pupils enrolled.

FOLLOW INTEGRATION

Today, the Attorney General of Kentucky issued a ruling - that local school officials are not required to admit Negro pupils. He says - a county board of education can refuse unless confronted with a court order. His argument is - that the Supreme Court, in its ruling, indicated - that school integration was a responsibility of local authorities. Hence, Negro pupils may be rejected. Unless a county board has adopted a policy of desegregation. Either voluntarily - or under court order.

LONDON

London reports - another rock-'n'-roll riot.

More trouble - caused by an American movie, featuring that goofy form of music. Singing - with convulsions.

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Last night, at a south London theatre - a noisy disturbance by the "Teddy Boys". Which is what they call rambunctious teen-agers in Britain. Three hundred policemen - bombarded with bottles and firecrackers.

The rock-'n'-roll film has caused outbreaks of juvenile violence and vandalism - all over Britain. Seven town councils have banned the movie. The city fathers of Liverpool and Bradford - meeting today, to consider a similar prohibition.

DIVORCE

Here's one for the book of curious divorce cases.

In the Bahamas - the Marquis of Winchester, suing his third wife.

Whom he married - four years ago. The Marquis, ninety-three

years old. Her Marchioness - fifty-three. Daughter of a high

priest of the Parsees. In India, the Parsees are ^a ~~one of the~~

~~very~~ religious cult - descended from the fire worshippers of

ancient Persia - followers of Zoroaster.

Quite a wedding ^{when the} ~~aged~~ Marquis of Winchester married

the daughter of the Parsees' high priest. Her name -

Bapsy Pavry. Snappy sound - Bapsy Pavry.

The Marchioness, contesting the divorce, charges that

her ninety-three year old husband was lured from her by an

English lady, of seventy-two. Well, those young cut-ups!

BULLFIGHTING

Shocking word - from Spain. The thrilling art of bullfighting - in a bad way. The toreador - losing his courage. Thinking only of the money, pesetas - and trying to save his skin. Not wanting to get it punctured - by the horns of el toro. Bullfighting - becoming a racket.

So say the newspapers of Madrid, Valencia, Barcelona. Printing scornful criticism - of the national sport of Spain.

The toreador - paid big money. A star - getting as much as twenty-five hundred dollars for a couple of hours in the bullring. His motto - it pays to advertise. Big name bullfighters - buying newspaper space. Full page advertisements praising themselves, proclaiming their courage. With large photographs - showing themselves making heroic lunges at el toro.

But they fight - bulls that are under-size. With horns - blunted, not needle sharp.)

(Or maybe the long murderous horns of the Spanish

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fighting bull - are shortened. Cut down - to a safer length.

And sometimes - el toro is drugged. Given a medicine - that slows him down. Makes him - less ferocious.

Some newspaper critics assert - that the bullfighting game has fallen ^{under the} ~~in~~ control of a powerful clique. Turning the sport - into a racket. Cutting down the danger - and whooping up the ballyhoo. Interested, only - in the fast buck, the ^{pronto} ~~rapid~~ peseta.

The crowds at the bullring - not up to par, either. Mostly tourists, who don't know the difference. Not the real bullfight fans - who know when el toro is not up to the man-killing standard.

The youth of Spain ~~is turning~~ - turning away from the bullfight. ^(Sports addicts -) ~~turning~~ - to football. Instead of the sword and cape - the toe kicking the ball.

A sad story, Amigos. And now ^{Henry} ~~the~~ band will play, the

Toreador Song. ~~from~~ ~~Spain~~