

SUEZ - SALVAGE *17-Deer. Fri. Dec. 14-'56.*

Anglo-French salvage vessels - will aid in clearing the Suez Canal. Under a compromise agreement - with Egypt and Britain.

The British insisted - that an Anglo-French salvage fleet must play its part in reopening the Canal. With British and French crews - and escorted by warships. Nasser's Egyptians refusing - to let the British and French crews have any part in the job.

Under the compromise, today, the British concede - the salvage fleet will not be escorted by warships. The Egyptians agreeing - to the British and French crews. Both sides animated, apparently - by a desire to get the Canal open quickly.

Word is now - that they'll clear a passage for ordinary cargo ships in two months. For oil tankers up to ten thousand tons - in ~~four~~ ~~and~~ ~~a~~ ~~half~~ months. Complete clearance and repair of damage - in about seven months.

SUEZ - ATTACKS

More terrorist attacks at Port Said. Three assaults - with hand-grenades. Several ~~Egypt~~ Egyptians wounded - no British casualties.

In one attack - a grenade, hurled at a British military vehicle, bounced back and injured the Egyptian who threw it.

At another place in Port Saïd, a grenade was thrown into a truck filled with Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. The soldiers kicked it out of the truck, and the grenade exploded in the street. Wounding - two Egyptian passersby.

Meanwhile, U N and Egyptian sources indicate - that the Anglo-French withdrawal may be completed tomorrow. But British and French officials declare - some of their troops will remain at Port Saïd over the weekend.

EDEN

Prime Minister Anthony Eden - returned to London, today.

Looking in tip-top physical condition - after his three week rest in Jamaica, as a cure for "over-strain".

At the airport, he faced news reporters and cameras, and issued a statement - endorsing all the measures taken by the Cabinet, while he was away. Including the withdrawal of Anglo-French forces from Suez.

He faced the challenge - of the "Suez rebels".

Right Wingers of his own conservative party, who launched a "ditch Eden" movement. The "Suez rebels" - angry about the withdrawal of the invasion forces. A challenge - that's dying ^{down.} ~~down.~~

But, Sir Anthony faces a new danger - developing today. The resignation of Sir Edward Boyle - Economics Secretary of the Treasury. Protesting the fact - that Britain intervened in Suez at all.

In a speech at Birmingham, today, Sir Edward Boyle raised the charge - that there had been "collusion" between

Israel, Britain and France. "It is," he declared, "the one crucial question that has not been answered." The question - of collusion.

BRITAIN

There's a curious turn - in that headline example of British indignation over the American Suez Canal policy. ^{The}
American military attache - evicted from his London home.

This was the doing of the renting agent for the house - whose anti-American ire was aroused. The owner - having nothing to do with it. He's in Australia - the British playwright, Hugh Hastings. So what does he think about it?

When the playwright heard the news, he sent a message to blister the ears of the renting agent. Saying - he was "shocked and revolted" by the eviction of the American military attache. And Hugh Hastings ordered the renting agent - to hand the house right back over to Major Sabatini.

But it's too late. The Major, today, replying: "I'm happily settled in my new flat."

Meanwhile, British newspapers continue to denounce the anti-American campaign. ^{of}
into the news, today. An automobile dealer at Herfordshire hanging out a sign: "No Americans served here."

Today, the London News Chronicle gave its opinion of that sort of thing. "It's just nasty and stupid", said the newspaper. "It's an insult to the reputation of Great Britain."

HUNGARY

Budapest - quiet, on the surface at ~~its~~ least.

Today, the strike was ending - workers going back to their jobs. Except, at a big furniture factory. The food situation - much improved by the arrival of forty carloads of provisions. People doing Christmas shopping - under a clear, cold sky.

But, outside the city, continued fighting. The only real news we have is from the Red Radio - which tells of battles at various places.

At a town near the Czech border - Russian troops were attacked, and a gunfight ensued. The Red Radio says - the Russians set fire to a theatre, occupied, apparently, by the insurgents.

At the town of Eger, in Central Hungary - patriots attacked a government building with hand-grenades. Inflicting - heavy damage.

The Red Radio mentions the name of an insurgent leader, Baranzy. Who has not, previously, figured in the news. Maybe we'll be hearing more about him - Baranzy.

POLAND

A dispatch from Warsaw gives us a bit of light - on disturbances in Poland. Saying - that these, in many cases, grow out of election campaign disputes. Poland - preparing for a battle of ballots, scheduled for January Twentieth. The first election in years - of a democratic sort. Not - a totalitarian, one-party travesty. Various parties - in the political campaign. With electioneering clashes - between the Peasant Party and the Communist faction of the government. Political oratory - turning into riots.

But sometimes, says the dispatch, both parties will join, in demonstration, against the Soviet savagery in Hungary. Thereby - getting into battles with the Red police.

The worst riot was in Stettin - where a Polish crowd attacked the Soviet Consulate. Yesterday - a mob, shouting anti-Soviet slogans, stormed a local police station. Beating up - a chief of Red police.

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Word from Warsaw is - that, in the Polish provinces,

seven policemen have been killed in the last five days.

ISRAEL

At the U.N., eleven Arab nations make the charge - that the Israelis are applying - "scorched earth" methods in the Sinai Peninsula. They demand that U.N. Secretary General Hammarskjold investigate - reports that the retiring Israelis have demolished roads, bridges, water tanks, wells, and villages.

Leaving - "scorched earth", as they retire slowly. *It would be difficult to search, for it is nearly all desert.*

In Jerusalem, indications that the Israelis will refuse to pull back their troops any farther. Unless - they receive guarantees that Egyptian forces will not re-occupy the Sinai Peninsula. They say they agreed on a withdrawal - only in favor of the U.N. police force, Not - the Egyptians. Which argument will be presented - at the next meeting with U.N.

Canadian
Commander, ~~Major~~ General ~~Ed B.L.M.~~ Burns.

In the U.N., meanwhile, Britain, France and Israel are pressing for action by the world organization - on the alleged mistreatment and expulsion of British, French and Jewish residents in Egypt.

DEMOCRATS

Next week will tell the story - of the Democratic Advisory Committee. Will it actually come into being? Or will it perish - without ever being born? That Committee, set up after the election - to advance "democratic programs and principles." Presumably - to give the "liberals" a greater voice in Party affairs. Tonight the word is, that Democratic National Chairman Paul Butler will make an announcement next week. Indicating - whether, or not, the Democrats will go ahead and form the Committee.

Thus far, the chief result of the project has been - to dramatize the split in the Democratic ranks. Northern ~~liberals~~ liberals - Southern conservatives. Those invited as members include - defeated Candidate Adlai Stevenson, former President Truman, and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. Also - a list of governors and the chief Democrats in Congress.

Two Senators of the liberal wing have accepted - Kefauver of Tennessee and Humphrey of Minnesota. But Senator

Lyndon Johnson, the Democratic leader in the Senate, has refused the invitation. Indicating, in effect - that the Democratic majority in Congress won't be guided by any Advisory Committee. Same kind of refusal - from Congressman Sam Rayburn of Texas, the Democratic leader in the House. No replies at all - from Senators Mike Mansfield of Montana, ~~John~~ ^{Jack} Kennedy of Massachusetts, and George Smathers of Florida. Which makes it look bad for the Advisory Committee - so far as the conservative Democrats, and their allies, are concerned.

So, maybe, the whole thing may be abandoned - or maybe not.

NATURAL GAS BILL

A badly bungled effort, in the field of legislation, came to a sad finish, today. Attempts in behalf of the Natural Gas Bill - which produced a political storm early in the year.

The bill would have exempted independent natural gas producers from direct federal control. And the Superior Oil Company decided - they'd make some campaign contributions. Placing the matter in charge of Elmer Patman, a lawyer at Austin, Texas. Patman, in turn, hired John M. Neff of Lexington, Nebraska - to take charge in his area.

Whereupon, Lawyer Neff offered a campaign contribution of twenty-five hundred dollars - to Republican ~~Sen~~ Senator Francis Case of South Dakota. But Case ~~has~~ denounced the offer - in a speech before the Senate. Then - voted against the bill.

The Senate, however, passed the measure. But President Eisenhower vetoed it - with a blast provoked by the offer of a campaign contribution. He said he was in favor of the Natural Gas Bill - but was vetoing it, because of "arrogant tactics."

After which there was a trial in Washington. The Oil Company and its agents, Patman and Neff - accused of violating the Anti-Lobbying Law. They pleaded guilty - and the judge, today, fined the Company ten thousand dollars. Patman and Neff - twenty-five hundred dollars each. Plus - a suspended prison sentence of one year.

A lamentable end of a bungled effort.

KIDNAP

At Mineola, New York, the judge passed the death sentence on a ~~quaking~~ quaking defendant, in a state of collapse. Angelo Lamarca - who kidnapped the Weinberger baby, and left the child to perish in a thicket. Convicted of kidnapping and murder, last Friday - with no recommendation of mercy from the jury. So, today, Judge Pittoni sentenced Lamarca to execution in the electric chair, in the latter part of January. Although - this may be delayed by appeals.

COLLISION

A slam bang bus collision - between Philadelphia and Camden, today. Twelve persons injured. None seriously, it seems. A light casualty list - considering what happened. ~~P~~ At a street corner, one bus hit the other - broadside. Knocking it - galley west. The bus that was hit, ran out of control - knocking over a fire hydrant, smashing through a traffic light standard. And - plunging through the glass window of a furniture store. Rough on the furniture display in that window, and imagine the feelings of the passengers!

SATELLITE

Man-made satellites - with sub-satellites. That's the latest in the outer space program - to be launched next summer. Artificial moons - to be trailed, each, by other artificial moons. So announced by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

Here's how it will work: The principal satellite, carried aloft by a three stage rocket, will be hurled at a tremendous velocity - into an orbit around the world. At the same time, a small balloon will be released - about the same size as the satellite, the size of a basketball. The balloon - made of plastic, with an aluminum coating - and inflated with hydrogen. Trailing - man-made moon number one.

The purpose of the balloon - to test the resistance of the rarified air at the outer edge of the atmosphere. Observers able to follow it - with telescopes and radar.

SOUTH POLE

The South Pole is being set up - with bright stripes of orange and black. The colors to fly at the top - the Red, White and Blue. A thirteen foot flag-staff -- erected on top of the tallest building at South Pole Village.

The pole was dropped by parachute. So where did it come from? The very opposite of the polar regions - the jungles of Panama. An equatorial bamboo staff - to mark the ultimate of the frozen South.

PILOT

A civilian test pilot bailed out of an F-102, today - the fastest, highest flying jet fighter in the Air Force has. At twenty-nine-thousand feet, something went wrong - and Pilot Harry Dugan bailed out. Coming down by parachute - dropping down, down, for nearly six miles. Landing uninjured - twenty-five miles west of El Paso, Texas. A six mile fall. How would you like to fall six miles, Henry?