

SUEZ L.T.-Deleo. Fri. Sept. 21st. '56

The London conference on the Suez Canal ended today - ended in general agreement that a "Users Association" should be formed. Secretary of State Dulles announced our intention to go along with fourteen nations. He made his statement in a letter to the British Foreign Office, to Selwyn Lloyd. Fourteen others in the "Users Association".

Three staying out. Pakistan and Turkey, and the third, that's the surprise. France! The French originally were all out for slapping down Nasser. But now the Quai D'Orsay says it will have to study the plan - before saying yes. Premier Mollet feels the original resolution has been watered down too much. Too much concession to Nasser, especially on the matter of tolls - which France would like to see handled by the "Users Association."

So here's how things stand:- The Association actually to be composed of the eighteen nations represented at London. Now their decision goes to their home governments. Then, the whole thing goes to the Security Council of the U.N., with other

nations invited to join.

At which time Nasser to be asked to accept this version of the "Users Association".

What if Nasser rejects the proposal - as he seems likely to do? Ah, that will be in the next act of the Suez Canal drama.

CANAL

Egypt steps up the number of convoys passing through the Suez Canal - to three ^{convoys} a day. That was the number that used to move - under the regulations of the old Suez Canal Company. But the number of ~~convoys~~ dropped to two - after foreign pilots walked out last week. ~~Now, the~~ ^{Today} traffic in the canal - back to normal, ~~at least for the moment.~~ Egypt, making every effort to get ships through the waterway - as rapidly as ^{before,} ~~they used to~~ ~~move.~~ The Cairo government, trying to show the "Users Association" - that Egypt is capable of handling the canal.

JETS

Canada sells jet fighters to Israel. The announcement, made by Prime Minister Saint Laurent. The number of ^{jet} fighters, twenty-four. The ^{Ottawa} Prime Minister says his decision was influenced by the fact - that Egypt has received planes from Russia. Canada's action, taken after conferences with other governments.

In Jerusalem, the Israeli Foreign Office describes the news as "highly gratifying" - because it means the successful end of negotiations that began last Spring. The Canadian jets, to be added at once to the defense of Israel against sudden attack from the sky.

That broadcast by the Red Chinese Radio - gives us a warning about the future. There was lots of propoganda - but ^{it} ~~it's clear~~ ^{suggests} that Mao Tse-tung ^{may indeed have} ~~has~~ a firm grip on the Chinese mainland.

^{Peking} ~~The~~ radio says that twenty million young Chinese have dedicated themselves to Marxism. The students, pledging to do everything they can to advance Communism - showing that they have been thoroughly indoctrinated. ~~And that's~~ ^a powerful force in Asia and in the world - twenty million young Chinese - apparently turned into fanatical Communists.

At the Eighth National Congress of the Chinese Reds, we find the usual Communist verbiage - denunciations of the West, demands for the surrender of Formosa, the outline of a new Five-Year-Plan, and so on.

But there ^{have} ~~is~~ also been some typical Chinese confessions. One member of the Chinese Politburo admitting - the regime went too fast in taking over industry, commerce, and agriculture. This spokesman declaring - that the economy

cannot be made flexible - unless the government allows a "free market" - something like modified capitalism.

Another high member of the Chinese Communist Party, admits that Mao Tse-tung was ham-handed in dealing with Tibet. This spokesman says that Tibet is bitterly opposed to rule by Red China. And he goes on that the only thing to do, is to start a campaign to win ^{over the young people} ~~the students~~ of Tibet to Communism - in the way that ^{Mao says} the twenty million Chinese students have been won.

FARMERS

Secretary of Agriculture Benson says - he will not penalize farmers who violated their soil bank agreements through misunderstanding. The Secretary referring to the fact that some farmers did not plow under all of the crops as they should have - in return for government subsidies. In Benson's opinion, most cases were simply that the farmers did not understand - and so he's willing to let them sign new agreements, if they wish.

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~~But that~~ affects only farmers who agree to destroy part of their crop - not those who *simply* refuse to plow under anything.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower at Newton, Iowa, today, at the National Plowing Contest, appeared to be thoroughly enjoying it. When he delivered a speech, at the farm of Henry Steenhoek, he said it was a non-political one. Adding that he's saving the politics for his next appearance, Tuesday - at Peoria, Illinois.

Some of the things he said did sound peculiar, in an election year. Referring to his farm policy - he told the farm audience: "Many of you won't agree with me - in fact some of you will think I'm crazy." He then added that he believes no one doubts his honesty - however much they may doubt his wisdom.

Also, in stressing the theme of peace, only in general terms, he pointed out that the plow of the farmer - is the symbol of peace, and that no one wants peace more than the farmer, and that he believes farm problems are like international problems in one way. That is, both require good-will and compromise.

Aside from that speech, he spent his time as just

another spectator at the Newton Plowing Contest. Difficult
as that is for a President of the United States.

STEVENSON

Stevenson took it easy today - no public appearances, no speeches. But tomorrow he'll be there at Newton, Iowa, following President Eisenhower at the National Plowing Contest.

Today, he held a few conferences with his aides and supporters, including George Meany, President of the AFL-CIO. Meany, on coming away, said Stevenson is full of confidence.

NIXON - KEFAUVER

Well, the number two man on each ticket was campaigning hard today. Vice-President Nixon in South Dakota - telling one audience after another, that farm prices are rising - and will keep rising - if President Eisenhower is re-elected. Also throwing the support of the administration behind two local Republicans - Governor Joe Foss, former Marine ace, and Senator Francis Case. Both up for re-election.

Meanwhile, Kefauver was in Oregon ^{and} - _^ lashed out at Nixon. That he should apologize - to the people he has smeared. Shouting: "Does America have to wait until he has in his hands the awful powers of the presidency - to find out what Richard Nixon is really like?" Senator Kefauver of course advised the people of Oregon to vote for Wayne Morse, the ex-Republican, who switched parties. Morse, in a battle with Douglas McKay, former Secretary of the Interior. That's one reason why he was there. A big reason.

ANDREA DORIA

The third officer of the Swedish liner "Stockholm", in continuing his testimony for the third day -- in the case of the "Andrea Doria" rammed and sunk in a collision with the "Stockholm" -- admitted that the "Stockholm" was three miles off course - nine minutes before the accident. He testified today that he made a check of their position - and found they were heading toward Nantucket Lightship - when they should have been off to the south. Noticing the error, he ordered a change in the ship's course.

He also said today that he was aware that an unidentified ship was approaching on his left. He says his vision was obscured, by fog, maybe, and receiving only weak signals, perhaps because of atmospheric interference.

VOTE

Admiral Byrd and all the men involved in "Operation Deep Freeze" - will be able to vote in November. Byrd has one hundred and sixty-five on this expedition. At Little America and elsewhere, down near the South Pole. And now the Defense Department says they'll be able to vote. Absentee ballots, to be flown to the Antarctic continent by special courier plane. Ballots filled out by the men of "Operation Deep Freeze," and then flown to our Embassy in New Zealand and home by November First.

So, even if you are sitting at the South Pole, you'll be able to get in on this election.

PRINCESS

Princess Margaret in Mombasa. For a tour of East Africa. The Princess, flying to Kenya - by way of Gibraltar, Nigeria, and Uganda. Normally, her flight would have been over Egypt and the Sudan - but the Suez dispute put the quietus on that. Princess Margaret, carefully avoiding Suez and the lands along the Nile. She'll be away from Britain until the end of October - touring Kenya, the island of Mauritius, Zanzibar and Tanganyika. Lands of romance and adventure.

PRINCETON

One of America's historic buildings celebrates its Two Hundredth Anniversary - Old Nassau - Princeton's Nassau Hall. Central building of the University campus; landmark for all who visit Princeton. Nassau Hall, built in Seventeen Fifty-Six, was where General Washington received the congratulations of Congress - after the Revolution. Nassau Hall, still the most important building in Princeton - after two hundred years.

Tomorrow President Dodds will preside over special ceremonies - and a special three cent postage stamp will be issued - showing Nassau Hall. Graduates from all over the country will be on hand - paying their respects to a building that played an important role in their lives. Old Nassau.

MINE

The oldest mine in Illinois - went back into business today. Kuhn Mine, just off Route Fifty-One, in Washington County. Kuhn Mine, which goes way back to Eighteen Sixty-Five - and never modernized. Still no electricity. Coal hoisted up by steam power. Thirty miners getting out the black diamonds with picks and shovels. Miners still carrying open flame lamps. Pit cars ~~are~~ still drawn by mules - mules that go blind.

Last March, Kuhn Mine shut down. But now Illinois is having a cold snap - with a demand for more coal. So down into the old glory hole, down into the black depths go the miners with their open flame lamps just as they did way back in Eighteen Sixty-Five!

SHOOTING

A story from Gutierrez, Mexico -- sounds like something out of the old Wild West. A couple of coffee growers-- shooting it out with revolvers.

The two growers both millionaires - but down in Gutierrez, even millionaires carry revolvers. Two of these coffee magnates got in an argument over politics. The quarrel, ending in Western style. Each reaching for his gat. Both shot dead. All happening so fast - it was over before bystanders could make a move.

TOWN

The town of Elk Point, South Dakota, is going down - literally. The buildings of the town's thirteen hundred inhabitants swallowed up by the earth. Because of a glacial drift, ninety feet underground. Elk Point has been settling gradually for about a year. But faster during the past three days - when four jolts shook the town and its inhabitants.

Both schools at Elk Point have settled to the point of being dangerous. The Catholic Church, a gap of six inches - between its floor and its walls. The stone courthouse about to cave in.

Experts say the depth of the glacial drift - makes it unwise - uneconomic - to try to save Elk Point. So down, down she goes. To where nobody knows. All because of a weird, spooky glacial drift. How would you like to be sleeping tonight in your home at Elk Point, and wake up screaming, as you feel the whole house sinking? Fun, Henry?