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CLEARANCE HOPES BRIGHTEN

But Egypt Reneges On U.N. Canal Settlement Scheme

CAIRO (CP) — United Nations headquarters here said Wednesday that work on clearing the Suez Canal will probably start "as from today."

The quarters confirmed that final agreement on the canal settlement have been reached between UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld and the Egyptian government.

CAIRO (CP)—Egypt is reneging on the UN-approved settlement for a Suez Canal settlement, an authoritative Egyptian source said today. He blamed the British-French attack on Egypt.

Key points among the six principles set forth as the basis for negotiation on the canal's future, provided for transit by ships of all nations without discrimination and insulation of canal operations "from the politics of any country."

The informant, even while dimming prospects for a final settlement, offered hope for getting work started on clearing the canal of war debris.

He said Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi and UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld have reached agreement at UN headquarters in New York to begin the clearance.

The necessary instructions have been given regarding this, the informant told newspaper men, without disclosing details.

Confirmation was lacking in New York.

Two of Hammarskjöld's aides are in Cairo Thursday for talks aimed to speed salvage work in the canal.

POLITICAL QUESTIONS

Lt. Gen. Raymond Wheeler, American construction expert appointed by the United Nations to manage the canal clearance project, was reported by the Egyptian newspaper Al Ahram to have said plans for the operation have been laid down, but that political questions remain to be settled.

Wheeler said clearance plans call for simultaneous operations at several points along the canal for the sake of speed. Crews of the salvage ships are ready "to start work at a moment's notice."

Wheeler told Al Ahram that more salvage vessels from Holland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden are to reach Port Said Jan. 11. Mahmoud Younis (head of the Egyptian canal authority) was quoted in Al Ahram as saying Egypt had accepted the use of British salvage ships in the operations so that the canal would be free to navigation "as soon as possible."

Younis pointed out that the British ships would be used only on condition that they should be "non-military and unarmed, and they should be under United Nations charter."

The Cairo informant said Egypt will nevericker with Britain and France for a settlement of the long-range issue of canal operations but will discuss the matter only with the UN.

Because of British-French aggression against Egypt, he said, Dames and Moore no longer negotiate under the principles agreed on by the foreign ministers of Britain, France and Egypt Oct. 12 under Hammarskjöld's mediation.

SUPPOSED TO MEET

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What If Newest Weapons Fall Into Hands Of Criminals

NEW YORK (AP)—Just suppose atomic weapons fell into the hands of criminals or crackpots. This could happen and might happen soon, Dr. Pitirim A. Sorokin, Harvard University sociologist, warned Wednesday night.

Criminals have latched on to almost every other new weapon in the past.

Armed with atomic weapons, criminals could dictate to a whole country to pay a ransom or meet demands, or kill thousands in a nuclear hold-up. Crackpots and hate-filled cliques could wreak added revenge upon thousands of innocents. Even discovery of a hidden but money or dud bomb could spark mass hysteria in a city.

Preventing disastrous misuse of nuclear weapons and biological warfare poisons by individuals or governments is one of the most important practical social problems stemming from scientific advance, Dr. Sorokin said in a speech to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"Experience shows that almost each of the newly discovered weapons, within one or two decades after its invention, passes into the hands of criminals.

"There is hardly any doubt that thermonuclear weapons in short period will be small in size, and easily handled by one or a few individuals. The same can be said of the means of bacteriological warfare."

Dr. Sorokin said it's foolish to think criminals wouldn't use such weapons if they could, or that they wouldn't be able to obtain them at all.

He said there's a worse threat from misuse of modern weapons than "rulers of states, of military forces, of business empires, of political parties, fanatical groups, or other relative."

Since Egypt now considers itself not bound by the six-point agreement, it appears a completely new approach must be made.

Syria told a delegation of the Iraq Petroleum Company in Damascus she will not permit repair of sabotaged pumping stations on the pipelines from Iraq to the Mediterranean until Israeli forces get out of both Sinai and the Gaza Strip.

Reliable sources in Damascus said now, a team of IPC experts will start surveying the damaged oil installations today.

SEND PROTEST NOTE

In Washington, the U.S. state department took under advisement a note from Israel urging the United States to try to halt border raids which the Israelis charge are being carried out by Arab commandos from Jordan under Egyptian direction. The note declared there were 19 separate attacks in the three weeks preceding Christmas Day.

Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, Canadian commander of the UN Emergency Force, announced the force will be equipped with its own aircraft and will airlift police troops into the Sinai Peninsula.

Burns made his announcement on a visit to Israel's Lydda Airport, where he conferred for 30 minutes with Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, Israeli chief of staff.

The Israeli forces, already pulled back to a line 46 miles east of the Suez Canal, are due to retire by Jan. 10 as far as El A'Rish. It is in northeastern Sinai only 30 miles from the Israeli frontier.

Lt.-Col. Carl Engholm, Danish commander of UNEF troops in Port Said, announced that 700 Danes and Norwegians of the 1,800-man Port Said force will be transferred to the Sinai Peninsula today.

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Passenger Goes Berserk, Kills Bus Driver, Girl, Wounds Five

CLEVELAND (AP) — A negro who was reimprisoned by the driver of a Pittsburgh-to-Chicago bus for what police said was molesting an 18-year-old girl shot and killed the driver and the girl at the Greyhound terminal here early Wednesday. The berserk killer was slain by police bullets after a four-block chase.

Five other holiday travellers suffered leg wounds as the gunman ran through the terminal shooting wildly at a policeman who was trying to apprehend him.

Dead were: Leo Almerico, 48, of Cleveland, the bus driver; Miss Georgann Kartize, 18, of Hampton, Va., and the unidentified gunman, described by police as a Negro, about 32, of medium build and height.

Wounded were: Miss Alice Cavanaugh, 37, of Cleveland; Joseph Gray Owens, 33, of Atco, Ga.; Lawrence Ebert, 24, of Cleveland, and Richard Reinsberg, 83, of Pittsburgh, Pa. All but Reinsberg were released after treatment in hospital.

GUNMAN REIMPRISONED

Witnesses aboard the bus, which was about to take off for Chicago after a stopover here said the driver reimprisoned the gunman for molesting Miss Kartize but told him he could stay on the bus if he behaved himself.

The gunman walked to the rear of the bus, but instead of taking a seat he got his hat and started forward. Witnesses said as he approached the front he drew a .32 automatic pistol containing nine shells from his sport jacket pocket, fired at Almerico and then whirled and shot Miss Kartize, who was seated in the rear of the bus.

The bus driver staggered from the vehicle, bleeding from a wound in the back, and fell dead as he made to enter the terminal. The girl, in the chest and hip, died shortly after she was helped from the bus by other passengers.

The gunman was slain by Patrolman Michael J. Barrett and Detective Sgt. Michael Sirkot in the driveway between St. Peter's Church and school about four blocks from the bus terminal.

POLICEMAN OPENED FIRE

Patrolman Barrett was about to make a call to his headquarters from the terminal when the shooting started.

"I saw a man (the bus driver) stagger into the terminal at the east end and fall down," Barrett said. "Then I saw a colored man running towards me. I ordered him to stop and he started shooting at me."

Shouting to about 50 travellers in the terminal to take cover under the benches, the officer shot at the slayer, who returned his fire and then ran into the street. The gunman tried to commandeer a taxi, but abandoned it when he saw Barrett run from the terminal in pursuit.

Sgt. Sirkot joined in the chase and they cornered the gunman, who took refuge behind one of the pillars of the church.

Sirkot said he saw the man's feet behind the pillar and ordered him to come forward with his hands up.

"Then," Sirkot said, "as he ran past us, he pointed the gun at a distance of two feet. I found myself looking down the barrel of his gun. The guy pulled the trigger and all I could think was this would be a heck of a Christmas present for my wife and daughter."

The gunman's pistol jammed and the officers opened fire. Five bullets were found in the killer's body.

Snow Ties Up Traffic In The United Kingdom

LONDON (CP) — The first big snowstorm of the winter Wednesday caused some of the worst holiday travelling in years and wiped out many sporting events in the United Kingdom. Drifts and ice clogged roads and delayed trains.

Four-fifths of the main roads in England and Wales were reported in a dangerous and icy condition. In Scotland, huge drifts blocked the highways as the snow fell steadily during the night.

Automobile drivers who ventured out encountered what the Automobile Association described as the "worst Christmas holiday travelling in 20 years."

At least 60 principal roads in Scotland and Wales were blocked and some villages were cut-off.

Only one of seven national hunt races were run. Fifteen professional soccer matches were cancelled and eleven Rugby League games postponed.

In other areas of Europe the weather was welcomed. Switzerland's first heavy snowfalls of the winter began falling, indicating good skiing for New Year holidaygoers.

Most winter sports centres in Austria had about eight inches of fresh snow during the last 24 hours.

On the roads 16 persons were reported killed in France and 40 in Germany.

Western Soldiers Leave For Halifax

EDMONTON (CP) — Forty-eight officers and men from units of the Western Army command will leave nearby Namao by plane Thursday for Halifax as the first leg of their trip to join Canadians serving with the United Nations police force in the Middle East.

An army spokesman said the group—two officers and 46 men—will be flown to Halifax where they will board the aircraft carrier Manitowick which will take them to the Middle East.

The group was selected from army units in the Northwest Territories, British Columbia and Alberta.

DEATH RATE LOW

OTTAWA (CP) — The Canadian death rate in 1956 was about the same as the all-time low of 8.2 per 1,000 population recorded in 1955, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company estimated Wednesday.

The year is the fifth in succession in which the rate is under nine per 1,000 raising the average length of life in Canada to 70 years, a gain of almost four years in the last decade.

BRITAIN TO BUILD LARGEST ATOM POWER STATION

This is an architect's drawing of the world's largest atomic power station to be built for the South Scotland Electricity board. A private company will be responsible for the whole project, the value and scope of which exceeds that of any other single contract hitherto placed with British industrial organization. Generating capacity of the station will be 360,000 kilowatts and the total output of electrical power is guaranteed to be not less than 300,000 kilowatts.



JAP PRESIDENT

Tanzan Ishibashi, newly elected president of Japan's Liberal Democratic Party, shown relaxing at a spa near Tokyo, has been nominated as prime minister of Japan. His father was the highest priest of a Buddhist section of Japan.

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Kadar Government May Take In Non-Communists Shortly

BUDAPEST, Hungary (Reuters) — Hungary's Russian-backed government probably will take the first step toward opening its ranks to non-Communists "in the next few days," an official spokesman said here Wednesday.

A political program promised by the Communist Premier Janos Kadar as a basis for broadening his government to include leaders of other parties is likely to be published in about a week, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said the program will deal with "all the major political, economic and cultural issues before the country today and will form a basis for a broader national government including non-Communists."

The three chief non-Communist parties are the Smallholders, Peasants and Social Democrats.

MEETS WITH LEADERS

Reports circulating in diplomatic circles said Kadar had been negotiating or extending feelers to "fellow-travelling" left-wing leaders of all free parties, but seemed intent upon the Smallholders led by Zoltan Tildy.

Government sources also have dropped hints that there have been contacts with the Smallholders and that they are likely to be represented in the proposed broader government.

200,000 UNEMPLOYED

It has been officially estimated that about 200,000 persons will be unemployed in 1957.

Rumors circulating in Budapest say that Hungary is seeking a \$100,000,000 loan from the World Bank, but a government spokesman said he knows nothing about this.

Indian ambassador to Moscow K. P. S. Menon, who arrived here last Monday, is expected to begin a series of meetings with Hungarian government leaders today.

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Marie Dionne's Flower Shop Closed For Personal Reasons

MONTREAL (CP)—Marie Dionne, one of the four surviving Dionne quintuplets, closed her Pines Avenue flower shop Wednesday for what a friend described as personal reasons.

The door to the basement shop, named Salon Emille after the late Emille Dionne who died in 1954, was locked and the window shades drawn at 1 p.m.

The shop had been the childhood dream of Marie and Emille. Opened last May, it was the first business venture of any of the quints since they inherited \$1,000,000 on their 21st birthday, May 28, 1955.

The night it opened for business, about 6,000 people jammed in. Outside the shop Wednesday night one would-be customer kept trying to peer through the windows although the shades were drawn.

The customer, a woman, went to a nearby telephone and called the shop but got no answer. She said she "always like to buy there because it's a good store."

MANY VISITED SHOP

Owners of nearby business places said tourists in the summer went to the shop in large numbers, apparently just to see Marie.

Helen Bourget, flower arranger in Salon Emille, said Marie's decision had been brought about by personal reasons but stressed her health was not affected.

Miss Bourget quoted Marie as saying she will tend house for her sisters in the quint's plush west-end apartment now that she has closed shop.

It had been reported that the shop had lost \$25,000 during its seven-month operation, but this could not be confirmed.

ADVISER WON'T COMMENT

It also was reported that Marie had agreed with the Guaranty Trust Company, which administers the Dionne quintuplets' fortune, that it would be better to close.

It was reported she had discussed giving up the business several months ago and had decided to close it by the end of this year. By doing so, it was said, she would be in a better position for tax purposes than if she had kept it open until 1957.

L. M. Edwards, who has acted as financial adviser and spokesman for the quint, declined comment.

Dispute Involves Employment Of Firemen On Diesel Engines

MONTREAL (CP)—The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (CLC) Wednesday called a strike against the CPR for 4 p.m. local time next Wednesday and the Canadian head of the union forecast "a complete tieup of CPR services."

W. E. Gamble, vice-president of the Brotherhood, said results of a strike vote were "unanimously in favor" of a walkout. He expected other railway unions to respect the Brotherhood's picket lines.

Along with wage demands, the suggestion from the CPR—approved in the recommendations of the majority report of a conciliation board last week—for operation of diesel locomotives in freight and yard service without firemen-helpers.

Also affected in the strike call are two CPR subsidiaries, the Dominion Atlantic Railway and the Quebec Central Railway.

A CNR spokesman said he did not know how a strike would affect CNR operations. He said all pool trains, with the exception of those operating between Montreal and Quebec City, are over CNR lines and manned by CNR personnel. The CNR could operate between Montreal and Quebec City over an alternate route if a strike tied up the CPR.

The union is seeking a 25-per cent wage increase. It turned down seven-per cent retroactive to April and a five-per cent increase effective next June.

NOT NOTIFIED YET

D. S. Thomson, vice-president of the CPR, said shortly after the announcement by the Brotherhood that "the company has received no notification of a strike."

Mr. Gamble said the main obstacle to a settlement is the board's approval of a CPR suggestion that diesel locomotives in freight and yard service be operated without firemen-helpers. This was "totally unacceptable to members of the Brotherhood."

He said the Brotherhood "is only asking for the same consideration for its CPR members that has already been granted the same classes of employees on the CNR as well as on over 140 United States railroads."

If the strike materializes it would be the first on a Canadian road since August, 1950, when the two major lines—Canadian Pacific and Canadian National—and subsidiaries were affected.

REPEATS STATEMENT

Mr. Thomson, informed by reporters of the Brotherhood's decision to strike, repeated a statement he made last week.

"The company has accepted the report of a conciliation board which prevents firemen now employed from suffering hardship due to loss of job or wages. After all, the only issue is whether the Canadian Pacific is to be forced to take on new employees as firemen in freight and yard service when they are not needed."

Under unusual circumstances a railway strike would be completely unjustified."

The Brotherhood argues that firemen-helpers are necessary in the cab of all locomotives.

"Practical railway men know quite well that safe and efficient operation of trains demands the employment of a fireman-helper, as well as an engineer, in the cab of all locomotives," Mr. Gamble said.

Smallwood Leaves On Jamaica Holiday

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Premier Joseph Smallwood and his left hand left here Wednesday for a Jamaica holiday. Premier Smallwood will be joined early next year by Finance Minister E. S. Spencer, Public Works Minister Gregory Power and Newfoundland Tourist Director O. L. Vardy.

Veteran Harbor Pilot At Saint John Dies

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—William J. Murray, 83, member of a family associated with the beginning of this port for six generations, died Wednesday. He retired in 1953 after 45 years of service as a pilot.

ASK FILE CLEARANCE

LONDON (Reuters) — Britain's 600,000 civil servants have been asked to clear out their office cupboards in order to save \$500,000 (\$1,400,000) a year now spent on new filing cabinets.

Declares World Bank Will Not Make Loan To Hungarian Gov't

WASHINGTON (AP) — The World Bank will not loan money to the present government of Hungary, President Eugene Black of the 60-nation organization announced today. Hungary is not a member of the bank and therefore is not eligible to borrow from it. Black, however, pointed out in a statement that even if Hungary were a member, he would not recommend a loan.

Black's refusal followed a report from Budapest that a Hungarian delegation planned to approach bank officials for a 100,000,000 loan. Hungary is in bad financial shape, because of an upset economy following the revolt of Hungarians against their Communist rulers.

P. M. Declines Strike Comment

COMPTON, Ue. (CP)—Prime Minister, St. Laurent Wednesday night declined comment on the decision of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (CLC) to strike against the CPR next Wednesday.

Reached by telephone at the residence of his brother, Maurice, the prime minister said any statement would have to come from Labor Minister Gregg.

"This is the first news I've had of the situation and these matters are dealt with through the department of labor," he said.

Heavy Refugee Flow At Gander Airport

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Red Cross Commissioner David Decker said Wednesday nearly 6,500 Hungarian refugees have passed