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U.S. High Level Meeting On The Middle East Crisis

Gromyko Appointed New Soviet Foreign Minister

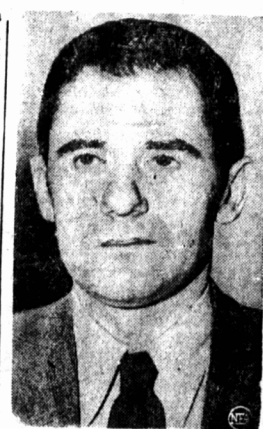
Israel Refuses To Withdraw Troops From The Gaza Strip



ISLAND REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND AIR CADET MEETING

Prince Edward Island representatives attending the banquet at the annual meeting of the Air Cadet League of Canada at the Chateau Laurier Hotel, Ottawa are pictured above with Air Vice Marshal, Walter Kennedy.

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Russia Friday announced that Andrei I. Gromyko, unsmiling master of the chessboard school of Soviet diplomacy, has replaced Dmitri Shepilov as foreign minister.



ANDREI I. GROMYKO

Gromyko — nicknamed "No-No Gromyko" for his stonewalling in the United Nations—was ambassador in London four years ago.

The move seemed to be a decisive step back to the Stalinist policies of Vyacheslav Molotov, tutor of the new 47-year-old foreign minister.

Shepilov, 52, the tall former editor of Pravda who sold tanks and jet planes to Egypt, succeeded Molotov as foreign minister only last June.

His 8½-month term of office, associated with the Suez crisis and the Hungarian uprising, was cut short by a three-line announcement from the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet. It gave no explanation for the change.

Two other shifts were announced. Nikolai S. Patolchev was named first deputy foreign minister in Gromyko's place.

After he delivered a major foreign policy statement to the Supreme Soviet, was interpreted here at first sight as strengthening the Communist wing which backs Molotov.

The new foreign minister may take a firmer stand on questions affecting the Communist people's democracies, and probably represents a "no concessions" line of policy.

There was no definition of Shepilov's new duties as a secretary of the party central committee.

It was presumed his secretariat would deal with foreign policy questions.

Shepilov was removed from precisely the same job only towards the end of last December on the grounds that he needed all his energies to deal with foreign affairs.

It was the fourth time since the war that the Soviet foreign ministry has changed heads.

Molotov gave way to the late Andrei Vishinsky in 1949, but reclaimed his old job March 6, 1953 in the reorganization after Stalin's death.

Molotov stayed until last June when Shepilov took over. Molotov is now head of the Soviet committee of control, a high level auditing and investigating agency which can poke a finger into almost any corner of the government apparatus.

Gromyko attained a full membership in the party's central committee a year ago.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (CP) — A United States conference at the highest level was suddenly called late Friday, resulting in cancellation of a scheduled weekend session of the United Nations assembly on the Middle East crisis.

Henry Cabot Lodge, chief American delegate, left by air to confer with President Eisenhower and State Secretary Dulles at the president's Georgia vacation retreat over Israel's continued refusal to withdraw her troops from the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Aqaba.

As a result the Americans pressed Arab delegations to hold off the debate.

When the Arabs agreed to this Prince Wan of Thailand assembly president broke into the late afternoon debate on Russia's condemnation of American aggression to announce postponement.

The American move caught the other delegations by surprise. External Affairs Minister Pearson of Canada had cancelled a trip home when the Saturday session was called.

On hearing of the postponement he decided to remain during the weekend to continue his attempts to get into the assembly which would not refer to sanctions.

It was learned that an African-Asian group including elements more moderate than the Arab delegations who have been calling for sanctions against Israel was near agreement on a new resolution which would not refer to sanctions.

Pearson hoped to discuss its terms with other Western delegations today and Sunday.

Meanwhile the results of the American meeting were anxiously awaited.

In Washington Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban conferred with Dulles during the afternoon. At the end of this meeting a U.S. spokesman said Israel's reply to Dulles offers of guarantees to back an Israeli withdrawal "does not seem responsive."

Speculation was that Israel would seek to delay matters by calling for further clarification of Dulles' proposals.

This was an extension of Canada's earlier ideas for an assembly resolution which would have called for movement of the UN force into the Aqaba area. The

United States declined to back this in the UN, however, and the vaguely worded American-sponsored resolution was passed Nov. 2 under which Israel declined to withdraw, as it offered no guarantees against Egypt if she did.

Since then the U.S., through States Secretary Dulles, has offered the Israelis its backing for freedom of navigation. Informed sources at the UN interpreted Pearson's idea as bring the American proposal into the UN and spelling out what the backing would involve.

SEKING CLARIFICATION — Israel's reply Friday to Dulles proposal was understood to have soured further clarification. The Israelis wanted to know what concrete guarantees they could expect to ensure the safety of their shipping in the gulf.

The attitude of Egypt to any extension of the force into sea and air units remained in doubt. The Cairo delegation here has been withholding comment of any proposals pending Israel's next move, but President Nasser's government is expected to be opposed to this idea.

A U.S. spokesman said chief delegate Henry Cabot Lodge had discussed the idea with the Canadian delegation, but declined comment beyond a statement that the U.S. feels any such extension of UNEF would be a matter for the assembly to decide.

Canada was understood to have offered to supply naval or air units to the force should the idea prove acceptable.

There was some talk today of compromise discussions with the African-Asian bloc which has been reported divided on the sanctions issue. If Western delegations got the support of the moderate Arab elements a resolution might be passed spelling out guarantees in exchange for an immediate Israeli withdrawal.

Pearson also has been advocating a guarantee that the UN force move into the Gaza Strip as soon as Israel offers to pull out. He is understood to feel that a sudden vacuum in the Sinai peninsula would result in chaos and bloodshed. He also wants some kind of civil setup under the UN to aid in administering the strip once the Israeli troops are out.

Latest U.S. Estimate Of Potato Stocks On Hand

The United States February 1st estimates of total potato stocks on hand, issued yesterday afternoon show holdings in the 26 Fall States of 79,230,000 cwt. "This is about twenty-two million cwt. less than the January 1st, 1957 holdings," notes the F.E.I. Potato Marketing Board. Maine's total holdings are reported at 24,600,000 cwt. out of a total estimated production of 40,600,000 cwt.

Commons Speaker Uses "Blind Eye Theory" On N.B. Member

OTTAWA (CP) — J. C. Van Horne Friday may have asked his last Commons question. Speaker Rene Beaudoin twice called to order the Progressive Conservative member for Restigouche — Madawaska, N.B., for overstepping the rules as he attempted during the question period to renew his attack on Labor Minister Gregg.

Minister Issues Statement Re Problem In Hospitals

In view of recent events the Minister of Health, Dr. Lorne Bonnell, has released the following information. In recent years the problem of cross-infection in hospitals has become more acute and is causing increasing concern to hospital authorities throughout the world. This widespread problem is being caused by varieties of a pus-producing microbe called Staphylococcus pyogenes which cause infections that are difficult to treat effectively. Many hospitals in the larger cities throughout Canada have experienced severe outbreaks of cross-infection caused by this organism and in some instances have been compelled to take drastic action to the extent of closing their doors for varying periods of time.

St. Dunstons-UNB Will Meet In Debating Finals

St. Dunstan's University face a playoff for the championship of the Maritime Intercollegiate Debating League against the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton. When the New Brunswick University informed the league executive last night that they had won a split decision over St. Francis Xavier, University an unanimous decision over St. Mary's. It meant that in view of a previous split win over the University of New Brunswick, Law School of St. John, they have three wins to tie St. Dunstan's, whose record is two unanimous wins and one split decision. Because St. Dunstan's University has more unanimous wins, the debate will take place here within the next ten days.

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Appointments In Foreign Service

OTTAWA, CP.—Appointments of Chester Ronning, 62, Canadian Ambassador to Norway, as high commissioner for Canada in India was announced Friday by the external affairs department. Mr. Ronning, who will take up his new post in May, will succeed Escott Reid, whose next appointment is to be announced later. It is understood that Mr. Reid will become Canadian Ambassador to West Germany and the present incumbent of that position, Charles Ritchie, will be appointed high commissioner in London.

Contracts Awarded To Bruce Stewart Co. Ltd.

A contract for \$18,911 has been awarded to Bruce Stewart Company Limited for repairing P.W.D. Dredge No. 12. It was learned today from Neil A. Matheson M.P. the contract is from the Federal Department of Public Works and Mr. Matheson was so advised by the Minister, Hon. Robert H. Winters.

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TRAGIC ACCIDENT AT HALIFAX

Two Men Die As "Maggie" Returns From Rugged Tour

HALIFAX (CP) — The aircraft carrier Magificent came within a quarter of a mile of completing a 9,500-mile tour of duty Friday when a freak accident took two lives and sank the naval tug Glendyne in Halifax Harbor. Dead are seaman H. S. Card and C. A. Reed. The body of Card has been recovered. Both men are civilian employees of the navy. Five other crew members were saved.

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