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Queen's Own Rifles Will Supply U.N. Police Unit

Unstable Cease - Fire In Egypt Holds Second Day

LONDON (CP) — The Middle East's unstable cease-fire stood up through its second day today despite a border raid in Israel.

A smokescreen obscured Arab and Communist camps but the uncertain picture was sketched in these developments:

1. An official French report said Soviet MIG-17 fighters had landed in Syria.
2. British Defence Minister Anthony Head disclosed that Britain has received reports the Egyptians are busily repairing the Egyptian air force.
3. The Egyptian Embassy in Moscow announced it was continuing to enrol hundreds of Soviet volunteers for service in the Middle East. Red China previously had announced a favorable response to an Egyptian appeal for aid of various kinds.
4. A statement by the Peiping government was circulated by Tass, official Soviet news agency in Moscow. It warned other countries against supporting the

United States position in the Middle East, saying the United States had long been seeking to take over the Suez Canal zone under the guise of an "international" police force.

5. The Israeli army announced commands from Jordan stabbed across the border from Sharr Hagal, between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Wednesday night, blowing up a water pipeline and three empty houses and attacking bridges and several cars with guns and grenades. No one was injured.
6. The Grand Mufti of Egypt, Sheikh Hassan Maamoun, stopping short of a call for a holy war, told Moslems the world over it was their "sacred duty" to fight the British, French and Israelis.
7. The British-French command at Cyprus announced that an Egyptian patrol fought a brief skirmish with British tankmen just north of Qantara late Wednesday. Two Egyptians were killed and a British soldier and an Egyptian wounded in the action at the southern tip of the British-French advance down the Suez Canal.

Canada's Maj-Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief UN truce observer in Palestine, arrived in Cairo and announced Egypt had agreed to accept 10 UN observers to watch over the cease-fire in the canal battle zone. Gen. Burns went to Cairo to explore how the international police force he is to lead in the area will go about its job. He expressed hope the UN observers would be on the job in a day or two.

Britain formally urged that Israel withdraw her troops.

There was a report from Washington that Israel was agreeing to pull back her forces and to accept the UN police force. No confirmation of this came from Tel Aviv.

The British-French command at Cyprus reported it had no action to report. Snipers, who had kept Port Said, Suez Canal zone city of 180,000 in turmoil for two days after its announced capture by the British and French, stopped overnight.

U. S. Atlantic Fleet Now On Alert Basis

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — The United States Atlantic Fleet commander has placed all combatant ships and units on a 24-hour alert basis, invoking what the navy terms "port and starboard watch."

This limits liberty to no more than half the personnel of any unit or ship at one time.

Fleet headquarters confirmed Thursday that the "50 per cent liberty" order has been issued by Admiral Jerauld Wright, commander of the Atlantic Fleet and the U.S. Atlantic area.

This move in fleet operational readiness means Wright's more than 200 warships—from escort destroyers through super-aircraft carriers—and air units are on the line for any contingency.

Under normal conditions a ship in port is required to have only about 30 per cent of its crew on board during liberty hours. The new directive keeps at least half the crew on every ship at all times.

Navy spokesmen here and in Washington would not elaborate on the directive except to say it was designed to "increase fleet readiness."

May Move Soon To Middle East

OTTAWA (CP) — The government Thursday picked the 1st Battalion, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, as the major component of the Canadian contribution to the United Nations police force for the Middle East.

The battalion will concentrate at Halifax and chances that it will move quickly to the Middle East increased Thursday officials said.

Earlier Thursday officials said no Canadian troops will be dispatched to the Middle East until the situation there is clarified. The government doesn't want the 1,200-man Canadian contingent to get involved in any fighting.

By Thursday night, the Middle East situation seemed to be clearing up a little. Israel indicated it is prepared to withdraw from territory occupied in the lightning assault on Egypt and, in its turn, Egypt agreed to admittance of 10 observers into the Suez Canal area.

Britain and France have indicated they won't withdraw from the Suez Canal Zone until the UN force is on the spot ready to take over policing operations.

Mr. St. Laurent has said that Parliament will be summoned into special session to vote funds for the force within 10 days after the cabinet order is signed. If Parliament does not vote such funds, he has said, the government would resign.

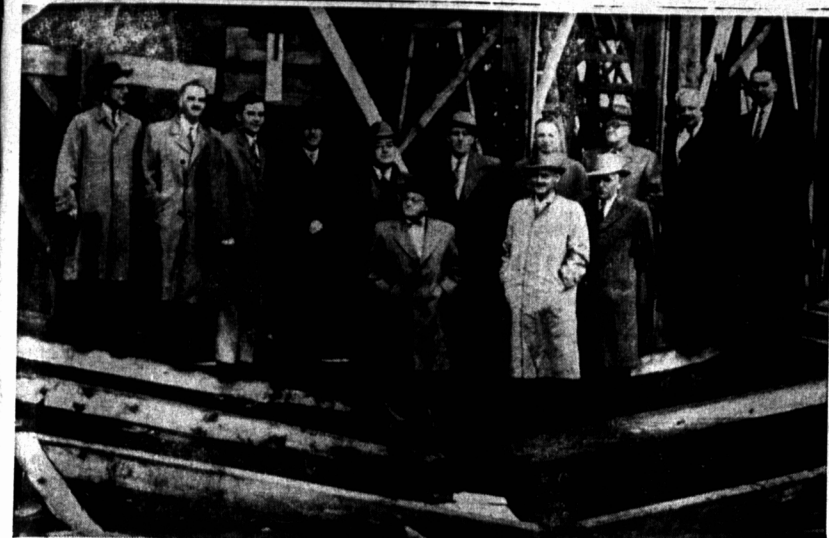
In other words, Parliament, if it did not vote the expenditures, would be disapproving the government's action in committing Canadian troops to Middle East police duty.

Meanwhile, the defence department tackled with urgency the host of details connected with a patch of the Canadian contingent overseas.

The government's decision to contribute more than 1,000 troops from home forces has affected all the armed forces, of course, and has had ramifications that could not be foreseen even a few days ago.

For instance, the Magnificent was ordered back to Halifax from Glasgow with all possible speed. The carrier was to have brought home 50 Canadian Sabre jet fighters which had been used by the RCAF air division in Europe. But she had to leave them behind and this in turn means that RCAF Canada probably won't be getting these planes as soon as expected.

Furthermore, the navy likely will soon be operating two aircraft carriers, something never intended because of cost. The navy is scheduled to take delivery of the new carrier Bonaventure in January and, so far, intends to stick with this plan. The Magnificent was to have been returned to the Royal Navy at about the same time.



STANDING on the runway down which the new Wood Islands Ferry will take to the water on November 29 are a group of Charlottetown Board of Trade members who yesterday visited Pictou and inspected ship whose hull has now been completed. The Board of Trade members were guests of Northumberland Ferries Ltd. Front row, left to right are Graham Rogers, C.E. Bentley, Claude Smith, Back Row; Ben E. Rogers, Frank Storey, Gordon MacLellan of Ferguson Industries Ltd., Robert Borden, A. Walthen Gaudet, Earl Taylor, Morton Dew, W.E. Agnew, Captain Claude Hunter, S.A. Morrison, Ferguson Industries Ltd.

VISIT PICTOU YESTERDAY

Local Board Of Trade See Ferry Under Construction

"How is the construction of the new Wood Islands Ferry progressing? What are some of the difficulties encountered by its builders? What type of equipment will be used in the new ship?"

These and many other questions were answered to the satisfaction of a group of Charlottetown Board of Trade members who on the invitation of Northumberland Ferries Ltd., yesterday journeyed to Pictou where they saw at first hand the construction of the "Lord Selkirk" which will be launched on November 29.

Making the trip yesterday were Earl Taylor, president of the Charlottetown Board of Trade; Ben Rogers, past president; A. Walthen Gaudet, secretary; Graham Rogers, Charles Bentley, W.E. Agnew, Morton Dew, Frank Storey, Robert Borden, Claude Smith and Captain Claude Hunter of Northumberland Ferries Ltd. On hand to greet the Charlottetown delegation were Allan Ferguson, president of Ferguson Industries Ltd.; Gordon MacLellan the firm's chief purchasing agent of plumbing and wiring on the ship.

ship's construction. As one plate worker put it: "We are a group of hand picked men. We believe that the best work we can turn out is none too good and if we make a good job on this one we will be likely to get other contracts like it."

A visit to the drafting room proved most interesting for the Board of Trade members. There they were able to see in detail the various sections of the ship stalled.

The contract for the erection of a terminal on the Wood Islands side has been awarded and construction on this will begin shortly.

Incidental to their visit to the shipyards where the Lord Selkirk is under construction was an inspection of a floating power plant which Ferguson Industries Ltd., have completed for the Canadian Navy.

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Sessoms and the 34-year-old Boone had set out Oct. 27 on a short fishing excursion. Rough seas washed out their outboard motor and a receding tide pulled them to sea.

Inquest Adjourned After Hearing Of 7 Witnesses

The inquest into the death of Joseph Frederick Steele, Charlotte town who died shortly after being discovered at a deserted place in the Railway yards on October 21, was adjourned until this evening by Coroner Dr. L.E. Frowse last night.

The evidence of seven witnesses was heard on questioning by Dr. Frowse, and Mr. J.P. Nicholson.

Two witnesses, Merna Alchora and Melvin Arsenault, in a corroboration of information, stated that they, while seated in a car in front of Green's Grocery on the corner of Sydney and Great George Streets at approximately 6:15 p.m. on October 20 had seen the late Mr. Steele proceeding west on Sydney Street. They also said that they heard a slight crash at the intersection behind their car, which was facing East.

On looking around they saw Mr. Steele lying on the street in front of a car which they stated had proceeded the same street route as did the victim. The driver, assisted by a pedestrian and Mr. Arsenault, then placed Mr. Steele in the front seat of the car and after considerable trouble in starting the motor, drove away.

The couple returned to their vehicle, and the pedestrian continued on his way. Neither of the witnesses knew the driver or the pedestrian.

Another witness, Mr. Augustus McQuaid who stayed at the same residence as the deceased, stated that Mr. Steele was heard to leave his boarding house at 6:15 a.m. on October 21, and was only a half a block to the spot where he allegedly struck by the car. Mr. McQuaid said that he did not believe that the deceased returned to his residence later that night.

Two C.N.R. employees, Harry MacLeod and Kenneth MacKenzie, testified as to their discovery of the late Mr. Steele at approximately 7:40 a.m. Sunday, October 21. The late Mr. Steele was found in an unconscious condition, lying between two cattle cars. He was still breathing at the time and no influence of alcohol was evident. The Police were notified and the man was moved by ambulance to the Charlottetown Hospital.

Dr. Frank MacMillan, one of the witnesses called last night, after examination, pronounced the man dead.

Dr. Neil Boyd, assistant Provincial pathologist, gave evidence of the findings of his post mortem examinations of the deceased. He stated that the man was bruised and cut about the head and eyes, and that six of the ribs of his right side were fractured—three of them in several places. Dr. Boyd and Dr. MacMillan both indicated that because of the deceased's age (in his 66th year) his chances for survival with such injuries would be slim, even had he not been exposed to a cold, fall night, as is thought to be the case.

The members of the jury are: Charles MacArthur, foreman; Monroe MacLeod; William MacDonald; Clifford Orford; Raymond Archer; Augustus Wilson; and Victor Purdy.

Famine And Clothing Shortages Are Threatening In Hungary

VIENNA (AP)—Famine, severe shortages of clothing and widespread looting threaten battle-torn Hungary, the Soviet-imposed government said Thursday night. Pockets of resistance still held out doggedly, but at least one fell in a "human shield" incident.

"The Russians got us out with a typically Communist dirty trick," said the leader of 45 insurgents who abandoned trenches at the Hetzeshalom border station and crossed into Austria to surrender their arms.

Two Russian tanks came down the road toward the border station. Beside them marched some armed Hungarian soldiers who were collaborators of the Russians. In front of the tanks the Communists marched groups of Hungarian civilians, farmers and others.

"The Hungarian civilians shouted at us: 'Don't shoot! We are Hungarians.' ... We couldn't fire through our own people, so we had to retreat."

FOOD RUNNING OUT

Inland, there was a nationalistic radio blackout after broadcasts reported continued violent fighting near Budapest.

While the Soviet-controlled Budapest radio appealed to workers in the food industry to return to their jobs, a government minister called on the population to do all in its power "to annihilate the already beaten armed gangs who continue their evil doing."

Other broadcasts, warning that famine was at hand unless supplies could be moved unimpeded, begged the people to help stop looting and to open food stores to non-operating.

"We need every grain of sugar and every ounce of fat until supplies arrive from the countryside and from friendly foreign countries," one broadcast said.

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Second Man Quits Eden Government

LONDON (Reuters) — Sir Edward Boyle, 33, economic secretary to the treasury, has resigned from the government over Britain's intervention in Egypt. It was announced Thursday.

Boyle is the second non-cabinet minister to quit the Conservative government in protest against the attack on Egypt. Minister of state Anthony Nutting resigned last Saturday.

Cigarettes Worth \$580 Stolen

Four large cartons of cigarettes with a total value estimated at \$580, are reported to have been stolen from a warehouse on the Burnside and Bell Wharf, on the Charlottetown waterfront, Wednesday night. City Police are investigating the break which was made by removing a door bar and breaking a lock into the bond room of the warehouse. The break was reported by a company official yesterday morning at the Police Station.

Doubtful Senate Seat Is Decided

WASHINGTON (AP)—A close Republican victory in Kentucky Thursday brought the Senate division for the 85th Congress next year to just where it was in the 84th: 49 Democrats and 47 Republicans.

By ordinary standards, that would assure continued Democratic control of the Senate. Some complicating factors, however, gave Republicans an outside chance at it.

Late returns from Kentucky indicated Republican Thurston B. Morton had come through finally in his see-saw race with Senator Earle Clements, the assistant Democratic floor leader.

This was one more feather in the camp of the Republicans, already happy with President Eisenhower's 9,000,000-vote majority for re-election.

RCMP Promotions Are Announced

Inspector E.L. Martin, O.C. "L" Division R.C.M.P. Charlottetown announces that effective Nov. 1, 1956, Sgt. A.M. Johnston has been promoted Acting Staff Sgt. This N.C.O. is presently in charge of Charlottetown Detachment and has served in this Province for the past ten years. He continues in charge of the Detachment. He is married and has five children. Const. G.R. Humphrey has been promoted to the rank of Acting Cpl. He is in charge of the Identification Section and has had five years service in this Province. He continues in the same position. He is married and has two children.

Federal Ministers Will Visit Here

Two federal Ministers will visit the Province during this month. Hon. Robert H. Winters, Minister of Public Works will be in Charlottetown on November 13 and 14. It will be one of Mr. Winters' routine visits to Prince Edward Island which he represents in the Federal Cabinet.

Hon. James Sinclair, Minister of Fisheries will be in the Province on November 26-27. It is expected that he will address the Liberal Federal nominating convention to be held in Summerside. He will also be the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Fishermen's Association.

ORDER NOT SIGNED

The Canadian cabinet decided Wednesday to offer the UN force a contingent of more than 1,000 soldiers, to fly it to the Middle East in RCAF planes and use the aircraft carrier Magnificent as a mobile base for it.

However, the cabinet order authorizing commitment of Canadian troops to the UN force has not yet been signed. Officials said it won't be until the current Middle East middle is cleared up.

Prime Minister St. Laurent will be in Quebec this weekend and does not plan to return to the capital until Monday.

Before leaving Thursday the prime minister said he has never had anything but "friendly, though frank" communications with Prime Minister Eden of Britain.

He was commenting on a London report that he had sharply rebuked Sir Anthony over Britain's action in the Middle East.

"Rumors that are said to be circulating in London are quite ridiculous," the prime minister said in a statement.

OPERATE TWO CARRIERS

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Russian Threat Grows In East

LONDON (CP) — The Russian threat in the Middle East grew ever dangerous Thursday night in a pattern tested in the Korean War.

The crisis, launched when President Gamal Abdel Nasser mortgaged Egypt's cotton for Soviet cannon, flooded over Egyptian borders into Syria, another Arab nation hostile to Israel.

Reports that Egyptians are busily repairing the airfields battered by British and French bombs coincided with word that Soviet MIG-7 fighters have been flown to Syria across Turkey.

French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau said that the undisclosed number of jets—an improved type of the MIG-15 used in the jet fighting—flew into Syria the same night Soviet Premier Bulganin was pledging support for Egypt against the British and French.

SUPPLIES SPREADING

Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd went beyond specific mention of a specific type of weapon Tuesday night when he referred in a radio broadcast to the supply of Soviet arms to Egypt.

"Those supplies of arms have been continuing and spreading to other countries," he said. "Other evidence has been accumulating... of most dangerous possibilities in the area."

Another cabinet member said Thursday night that the British-French intervention in Egypt at Israel moved into the Sinai Peninsula showed that Egypt was "armed to the teeth" by Russia.

Peter Thornycroft, president of the Board of Trade, told the Commons that Britain and France had perhaps stopped a war in the nick of time before the Egyptian air force ran amok in the Middle East with its Soviet-supplied air arm.

He said he thinks Russian plans included the takeover of the Middle East, using Nasser as the Soviet instrument.

FOLLOWS OLD PATTERN

Defence department sources in Washington said they had received reports of Russia sending jet fighters and other military equipment into Syria, and that "advisers" were moving in as well.

Those watching the situation from Washington declined to identify the nationality of the pilots for the Soviet fighters in Syria. But the mention of accompanying advisers suggested strongly the pattern that was followed in Korea, where there were strong indications Russian pilots flew jet planes until North Korean pilots could be trained.

One fear is that Russia might send fighters manned by "volunteer" pilots into Egypt before a UN police force arrives. This could encourage Egypt to resume fighting in the Suez area.

The jet flights to Syria fitted in with Defence Minister Anthony Head's information that the Egyptians are working at "considerable speed" to repair bomb-damaged airfields.

A suspicion here is that these repairs are not being made for the Egyptian air force, which the British and French claim to have virtually destroyed, and that the Egyptians might be expecting air reinforcements from the Soviet Union.

ACCEPT "VOLUNTEERS"

Reports from Communist capitals did nothing to lessen worry in Western capitals.

The Egyptian embassy in Moscow announced it is continuing to enroll hundreds of Egyptian volunteers for service in the Middle East, following an earlier announcement from Communist China of a favorable response to an Egyptian appeal for aid of various kinds.

Only on July 26—the day he nationalized the Suez Canal—did Nasser reveal that Egypt included her arms deal with Russia and not with Czechoslovakia.

He told his people on the anniversary of the Egyptian revolution that Egypt turned to the East because Britain refused to sell arms unconditionally.

"Russia agreed to supply us with arms without conditions," he said. "It was a purely commercial deal."



4-H CLUB MEMBERS LEAVE FOR TORONTO

Eight girls and five boys who were winners in 4-H Club work in Prince Edward Island, are seen above, with two escorts, at Borden yesterday morning en route by train to Toronto where they will represent this Province during National 4-H Club Week. The group under the supervision of Mr. Edward MacGowan, poultry fieldman, with Department of Agriculture, and Mrs. Theresa MacLeod, of the Women's Institute, will spend five days in Toronto and will arrive home on November 16th.

From left to right, they are: FRONT ROW, Edward MacGowan, Garth Coffin, Douglas Brown, Eric Smallman, Ian MacGregor and Earl Lockyer. REAR ROW, Patricia Pollock, Rosalie DesRoches, Joan MacLeod, Elaine Gallant, Elaine Wright, Theresa MacLeod, Margaret Jean MacDonald, Ruby Moore, and Frances Sherry.

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