

Egypt, Britain to Let Sudan Plan Own Future

CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 12 (AP)—Egypt and Britain formally agreed today to let the Sudanese choose their own future and Premier Gen. Mohammed Naguib announced the door was opened wide for "a successful understanding" on the withdrawal of British troops from the Suez Canal zone.

Talks on Suez are coming very soon, Naguib said.

The final settlement of these two key problems in British-Egyptian relations could

clear the way toward tighter co-operation between this strategic Moslem nation and the Western Powers in the cold war, perhaps in a Middle East defense command.

U.S. Is Highly Gratified

Anthony Eden, in announcing the Sudanese accord in Britain's House of Commons, said it was a reasonable settlement of this question which has "long bedeviled our relations with Egypt."

Press Officer Michael J. McDermott of the U.S. State Department said in Washington the United States is highly gratified. He termed this "an event of great importance, representing as it does agreement on an issue which has been the cause of great complications in relations between the two countries for several decades."

Here in Cairo, U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery drew praise from Naguib, for his mediation efforts.

"It was through Ambassador Caffery's good offices," the Premier said, "that many difficult points were ironed out. These had a direct effect on the successful conclusion of this agreement."

Naguib and Stevenson

Naguib, the strong man who seized control of Egypt's government seven months ago, and Ambassador Sir Ralph Stevenson, a British career diplomat, took up together today the issues that have been a source of bickering and occasional bloodshed for years.

Legislature Awaits Debate On Liquor Bill

HARRISBURG, Feb. 12 (AP)—Pennsylvania's temperance forces prepared today for a Legislature battle against bills introduced in both houses that would open bars on Sunday.

"Our legislation should reach the House of Representatives by next Monday," said Dr. B. E. Ewing, Philadelphia, legislative representative of the Pennsylvania Temperance League. The group is writing bills to fight extension of the Saturday midnight deadline until 2 a.m. Sunday for selling alcoholic beverages.

At present, private clubs are permitted to sell drinks until 3 a.m. Sunday. On other nights they may sell until 3 a.m. Public bars may stay open until 2 a.m. on week nights, but must close at midnight on Saturdays.

Before the House is a Saturday midnight extension bill that would leave the issue up to local option. It is sponsored by Reps. Henry E. Ragot and Clair H. Peiffer, Northampton County Republicans.

Two other measures before the House would tighten control of liquor traffic, although another pair of bills would exempt clubs from the license quota system.

Unite or Perish Says Dulles

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles said tonight Western European nations must move promptly toward unity or risk peril beyond American power to save them.

In a radio TV report to the American people on his recent survey trip to the continent, Dulles said that failure to unite, "has so weakened the Western European countries that today no one of them could offer strong resistance to the Red Army."

"Nothing that the United States can do will ever be enough to make Europe safe if it is divided into rival national camps," he said.

Dulles did not go so far as he has done previously in hinting that American aid to Europe might be curtailed if unity efforts continue to lag.

But he did say that without concrete evidence of real progress "future planning will be difficult."

Dulles, accompanied by Mutual Security Director Harold Stassen, returned Monday from conferences with European leaders in seven countries. The talks were devoted largely to urging prompt action on the defense treaty.

Dulles had cautioned earlier that unless the European Allies act soon, the U.S. might have to review its whole program of aid, which comes up soon for renewal in the new Republican-dominated Congress.

"We have not been trying to impress an American scheme on Europe, but to support the plans of the European leaders themselves," Dulles said.

Fine's Office Must Clear State Government News

HARRISBURG, Feb. 12 (AP)—Gov. John S. Fine ordered today that his office must clear all but "purely routine" news releases of state government activities.

He insisted, however, that no censorship was involved in the ruling.

"The order is not a form of censorship for the press," he said. "Newspapermen will be free to come and go as always. The departments will cooperate with them on any department activity."

The action, he told newsmen, was taken to block a practice by government underlings "to lobby through newspaper publicity for pet legislation."

His directive to department and agency heads, however, made no mention of legislation. It said:

"In the interest of securing greatly needed conformity to administration policies in newspaper releases, you will please di-

rect all public directors, effective immediately, to clear all proposed newspaper releases other than purely routine matters and all material prepared for magazines, radio, television and other information media through this office."

Reaction of state publicity directors was one of confusion. One, who declined quotation by name, said he was not sure if the new press policy applied only to news releases or whether reporters wanting to ask specific questions from officials would first have to submit them to the Governor's office.

James S. Lyons, president of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association and general manager of the Washington, Pa., Observer and Reporter, said he wanted "clarification" of the Fine order before the PNPA took a formal stand.

Israelis See Break With Red Satellites

TEL AVIV, Israel, Feb. 12 (AP)—Israelis close to the Foreign Office assumed today that all Communist bloc countries in Eastern Europe, with the possible exception of Bulgaria, will quickly follow Moscow's lead in breaking diplomatic relations with this infant Middle East nation.

Western diplomats speculated that the rupture was part of a growing two-year campaign of Soviet hostility in an effort to win Arab friendship.

There were hints from Moscow that it was part of a buildup for an internal campaign against "Zionists" that may come to a head soon in a trial of nine doctors accused of killing two Soviet leaders and plotting to do away with many others.

Officially, Moscow gave as a reason for the break the bombing of the Soviet legation here Monday in which the wife of Soviet Minister Pavel I. Yershov and two legation employees were injured. But the tenor of unofficial comment here was that this was only the most superficial reason.

Many Israeli citizens — without the least evidence — even commented that the bombing may have been the work of Soviet provocateurs to provide an excuse for the rupture.

Some unofficial circles expressed satisfaction that the incident would definitely place Israel in the camp of Western democratic nations and make her deserving of more economic help and arms to strengthen her position in a hostile Arab world. Some believed that opposition to the numerically small Communist party here would now be more pronounced.

U.S. Indicts 12 For Smuggling

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 12 (AP)—A federal indictment involving the smuggling of \$250,000 worth of small arms to Mexico, was returned here today against a famous Texas rifle sharpshooter and 11 other men.

Thurman Randle, Dallas business man, was among 12 citizens of this country and Mexico indicted. Now 62, he holds many medals won in world rifle competition.

Another indicted was Thomas D. Park, Randle's partner in ownership of Thurman Randle & Co., Dallas firm which specializes in guns and cameras.

The indictment specifically charged conspiracy to violate the Neutrality Act.

Part of the arms and ammunition specified in the indictment were of the type used by sportsmen who have been unable to purchase new equipment in Mexico because of a government ban, imposed shortly before the presidential election last July to insure maintenance of order. Sporting goods dealers in that country have sought unsuccessfully to have the ban lifted.

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