

Egyptian Policy Tightens On British in Suez Zone

CAIRO, Egypt, May 14 (AP)—Egypt tightened the economic screws today on British forces she wants to drive out of the Suez Canal zone. New bitterness boiled up in the old dispute over control of the strategic East-West waterway.

Premier Mohamed Naguib's Cabinet applied trade restrictions which the Interior Ministry announced would bar all commercial transactions with the British in the canal zone except by special approval from the "appropriate authorities."

The order requires special permission from the Egyptian Supply Ministry to sell the British Forces food, alcoholic beverages, building materials and other necessities. If no permission is granted, Britain will be forced once again—as she has during past flare-ups—to ship in from long distances the fresh foods and other supplies usually purchased from the Egyptians to keep her 80,000-strong canal zone garrison operating.

Informants said the Cabinet decided to install check posts along the roads leading into the canal zone to enforce the new decisions, viewed by Egyptian political circles as the start of a blockade against the British forces.

A similar boycott was applied soon after Egypt's renunciation in October, 1951, of the old treaty permitting British troops to guard the canal. The renunciation and Britain's refusal to pull out led to violence that cost the lives of 189 Egyptians and 4 Britons in three months. That period of bloodshed ended in the Cairo fire riots of Jan. 15, which added between 50 and 60 to the death toll.

Charges and counter-charges of the last two days—following the breakdown last week of renewed Anglo-Egyptian negotiations—have fanned fears that new violence may start.

Reports of new outbreaks—still of a minor nature—have begun once again to punctuate the comparative calm that followed the Cairo fire riots.

Britain claims there have been 30 attacks by Egyptians since April 1, with two persons killed and two wounded on the British side. Egypt counters that British forces have committed 43 "aggressions" in which eight Egyptians have been killed and 17 wounded in the same period.

USW Requests 7th Pay Boost Since 1945

PITTSBURGH, May 14 (AP)—The big steel union made its bid today for a seventh pay increase since World War II.

Both labor and management are hopeful that a costly strike can be avoided on July 1—the first date the workers could stop work under the present contract.

President David J. McDonald of the CIO United Steelworkers and Vice President John A. Stephens of U.S. Steel Corp. headed the teams which opened the 1953 contract talks. The current contract runs until 1954 but provides that "rates of pay" may be discussed this year.

McDonald, en route to the conference room for the initial session, stopped to chat with newspapermen and said:

"Pay increases are warranted on the basis of the economic needs of the members of the United Steelworkers, their increasing productivity, the prosperous state of the industry and the economic situation of the country as a whole."

Army to Re-examine Indiantown Decision

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP)—Defense Secretary Wilson said today the Army will re-examine its decision to close down the big military reservation at Indiantown Gap, Pa., next Sept. 1.

Wilson's announcement came out of a meeting attended by Reps. Fenton and Mumma, Pennsylvania Republicans; the two U.S. senators from the Keystone State Edward Martin and James H. Duff, and representatives from the Pottsville, Lebanon and Williamstown, Pa., chambers of commerce.

Attlee Rebuffed By Eisenhower On Peace Aims

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP)—President Eisenhower today rebuffed British leader Clement Attlee in the row over American peace aims and prodded Russia anew to back up its peace talk with valid deeds.

So far, Eisenhower said, he has seen no evidence of good faith by the Soviets.

The President, at his news conference, directly challenged Attlee's assertion in the House of Commons that some elements in the United States do not want peace in Korea.

Speaking with great solemnity, Eisenhower declared:

"I have met no one in America who does not want peace."

Eisenhower also:

1. Declined to go along—at least for the present—with Attlee's proposal that Red China be admitted to the United Nations after a Korean armistice.

2. Soft-pedaled talk of a serious rift with Britain over Far East policy, declaring he does not believe it is as wide as it appears—despite a storm of congressional criticism directed at Attlee and Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill.

3. Backed up the State Department's dictum that any conference of big power leaders should await evidence of the sincerity of Moscow's peace gestures.

Oil Spokesman Warns of Curb On Oil Imports

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP)—A spokesman for Eastern oil and gas distributors warned today that a proposed curb on oil imports probably would lead to government rationing.

Harry B. Hilts, secretary of the Atlantic Coast Oil Conference of New York City, testified the import curb also would bring higher prices on a wide variety of fuels.

Hilts and about 20 other witnesses spoke against a bill by Rep. Richard M. Simpson (R-Pa.) aimed generally at increasing protection for American industries, through tariffs and import quotas.

In addition to general protective provisions, the bill would limit oil imports to 10 per cent of domestic demand.

Opponents of the bill said this would reduce residual oil imports from 400,000 barrels daily to approximately 80,000 barrels.

The effect, they insisted, would be to create an artificial shortage, and force residual oil consumers at "untold hardship" to try to shift to other fuels, spreading shortages to other petroleum products.

Charles A. Lockard, assistant secretary of the Empire State Petroleum Association of New York City, charged the coal industry is seeking the oil import quota so their competition would be "artificially throttled."

Ike Photo Contest Open to Amateurs

Snapshots of President Dwight D. Eisenhower taken during his recent visit to the College can win the "Eisenhower Contest" for amateurs sponsored by Centre Daily Times.

Photos and negative, must be postmarked or delivered to Centre Daily Times by tomorrow, and should include the film size and type of camera used. Names and addresses of the contestants should be printed on the back of prints.

Winners will be announced early next week.

Perjury Action Pending

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP)—The Justice Department announced today it will ask the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reinstate four charges of perjury against Owen Lattimore, one-time State Department adviser on Far East affairs.

Mercantile Tax Proposed

HARRISBURG, May 14 (AP)—The sponsor of the discarded sales tax proposal today introduced a bill to impose a mercantile levy as a partial substitute.

Republican House leaders immediately showed interest in the plan but denied that they were behind it.

"We've got our backs to the wall and I don't know what I'm

for now," said Rep. Albert W. Johnson, Republican floor leader.

Johnson estimated that the mercantile tax—¼ of 1 per cent on the wholesale level and ½ of 1 per cent on retail sales—would produce "in excess of 100 million dollars a biennium."

Rep. Earl E. Hewitt Sr. (R-Ind.), also introduced a measure to tax hotel room occupancy 1 per cent.

McCarthy Answers Attlee Talk

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) said in the Senate today that if the British want to pull out of the fighting in Korea let them "withdraw and be damned."

"Then I say let's sink every accursed ship carrying materials that result in the death of American boys," he cried.

Angered by former Prime Minister Attlee's statement in the British House of Commons Tuesday that there are elements in the United States who do not want peace in Korea, McCarthy launched a bitter attack on Attlee.

He also charged the Chinese Communists own "a sizeable number" of ships flying the British flag and trading with Red China. The value of British trade with China, he said, jumped from \$207,000 last December to more than three million dollars in January.

"If the British are trying to blackmail us into accepting Communist terms on the grounds that they will withdraw from Korea if we don't, then I say 'withdraw and be damned,'" McCarthy said.

"This nation has the guts, the strength" to go it alone in Korea if necessary, the senator added.

McCarthy said Attlee delivered "one of the most insulting speeches ever made in the legislative body of a recipient nation against an ally which has been pouring out her economic life blood for practically every other nation on earth."

"The American people are entitled to an apology for this cheap, uncalled-for, fantastic attack upon the President and the people of the United States," he told the Senate.

Dulles Refuses Truman Barbs

AMMAN, Jordan, May 14 (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State Dulles refused to associate himself today with Arab criticism of the Truman administration's aid to Israel. He arrived here after a 24-hour visit to the neighboring Jewish state and paid a courtesy call on Jordan's young King Hussein I.

After crossing over into the Jordan side of divided Jerusalem, Dulles was told by a former mayor of the Holy City—Aaref El Aaref—that traditional Arab friendship for the United States was seriously weakened by what he said was the former Democratic regime's policy of arms, money and other aid to Israel.

Dulles replied that, "while we Americans criticize each other at home, we do not do so abroad."

Appropriations Bill Passed by House

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP)—The House today passed without change a bill appropriating \$3,444,145,000 for the Treasury and Post Office Departments for the fiscal year starting July 1.

It was the first time in recent years that a major money bill has cleared the House without any attempt being made on the floor to raise or lower the funds recommended by the appropriations committee. Passage was by voice vote.

The bill now goes to the Senate. It carries \$2,832,250,000 for the Post Office Department and \$611,895,000 for the Treasury. The total is \$127,893,000 less than former President Truman proposed in his January budget message and \$49,955,000 below President Eisenhower's request.

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