

# British, French Planes Bomb Egypt; Ship Sunk

LONDON, Thursday, Nov. 1. (AP)—British and French jet bombers pounded Egypt in an opening naval-air assault and a British cruiser has sunk an Egyptian frigate in the Gulf of Suez. These were the first fact-paced developments in the fateful assault from the West on Egypt in the midst of the Israeli-Egyptian conflict.

The British Admiralty said the cruiser Newfoundland sent the small Egyptian warship to the bottom after it ignored a challenge last night while the Newfoundland was on "Suez shipping protection duty" in the Gulf of Suez. This is at the Red Sea end of the Suez Canal.

It was the second Egyptian frigate lost in the new fighting. The other was disabled and captured by the Israelis in a small air-sea battle in the eastern Mediterranean.

### Jets Used in Attack

The British Air Ministry announced late last night that RAF aircraft attacked Egyptian air force fields in Egypt, using 4-jet Vickers Valiants and 2-jet Canberras in the raids.

Cairo radio said five Egyptian cities, including Cairo, were bombed. The British denied Cairo was blasted.

The British-French joint command assault was aimed at seizing the Suez Canal and had the announced purpose of stopping an Israeli-Egyptian war.

Sinking of the Egyptian frigate by the 8,800-ton British cruiser, was the first naval engagement announced by the British.

The whole British-French operation began Wednesday at 6:40 p.m. Cairo time—11:40 a.m. EST.

### Losses Not Mentioned

The Air Ministry statement mentioned neither opposition nor losses. Compared with World War II bomber attacks, it was not a large operation, a spokesman said.

He declined to say how many planes took part but said the bombers went out individually in darkness to drop high explosive bombs.

Cairo radio said the capital and four cities in the Suez Canal zone were hit by British jets and that seven persons were killed in Cairo. The British denied Cairo was bombed.

# Red Troops Leave Hungarian Capital

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Oct. 31 (AP)—Most of the Russian troops cleared out of Budapest today and exuberant nationalists concentrated their fire again on Communist Premier Imre Nagy's government.

"Out with the government of murders!" chanted a crowd of 2,000 demonstrators in Kossuth Square outside Parliament, which only yesterday was packed with Soviet armor.

Nagy, who has promised free elections and other reforms, talked with them in vain. His regime clearly does not command national confidence.

### Communist Heads Flee

Radio Budapest tonight reported former Hungarian Communist party chief Erno Gero and former Premier Andras Hegedues, both toppled by the anti-Red revolt, have left the country.

It is assumed they have fled to the Soviet Union. In Hungary they face punishment at the hands of the rebels.

The radio also said the government had sent a note to Moscow demanding Soviet delegates be named to confer with Hungarian officials on complete withdrawal of Russian troops from the entire country.

### Threats Spur Retreat

Bombardment threats by the Hungarian air force spurred the Soviet retreat. By dusk most of the Russian military units had vanished.

Through littered streets that also saw the triumphant return of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Russian tank columns clanked from the battlefields of a Red cause that was lost.

# Social Security Age for Women Lowered Today

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (AP)—Women become eligible for their social security retirement benefits at the age of 62, instead of 65, beginning tomorrow.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare, which administers the huge social security system, reported that 311,000 women had filed claims under the new law by Oct. 18. An estimated 850,000 women are eligible for the earlier retirement benefits.

The first government checks to women retiring at ages 62, 63, or 64 will be in the mails early in December, the department said.

Men must still wait until 65 before drawing their benefits. But beginning next July 1 any man or woman eligible for social security may receive full retirement benefits at age 50 or older if they become permanently disabled.

Congress voted the changes at its last session. President Eisenhower opposed lowering the retirement age for women but signed the legislation.

# General Assembly Called Into Session

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 31 (AP)—The Security Council overrode British and French objections tonight and called the UN General Assembly into extraordinary session to halt the fighting in Egypt.

The council vote was 7 to 2.

Joining the United States and the Soviet Union in calling for the special session under the "uniting for peace" plan were Yugoslavia, Cuba, Peru, Nationalist China and Iran.

France, Britain Opposed  
France and Britain voted against it. Belgium and Australia abstained.

The permanent delegates of the 76 UN members under this action will be called into session within hours to take up the Middle East crisis.

Britain and France fought the move to the end with a series of objections and declarations that its adoption would have the "gravest consequences."

As they spoke British and French planes were carrying out raids against military targets in Egypt.

### Western Partnership Split

The United States, which split from its Western partners yesterday in disagreement over using force in Egypt, approved the plan, put before the council by Jozsa Brilej of Yugoslavia. U.S. Delegate Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. said the United States believe every resource should be exhausted for peace.

Sir Pierson Dixon, Britain objected the resolution calling for the Assembly was out of order but was voted down. Only Australia, Belgium, France and Britain supported this procedural move. Cuba, Iran, Peru, the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia and the United States voted against Dixon's objection. Nationalist China abstained.

### Bomber Crashes, Burns

RIVERSIDE, Calif., Oct. 31 (AP)—A B47 bomber crashed and burned at March Air Force Base today but a fast working fire crash crew, wearing asbestos suits, were able to get the four crew members out of the wreckage alive.

# Adlai Hopes Ike Stays From East

NEW YORK, Oct. 31 (AP)—Adlai E. Stevenson tonight telegraphed President Dwight D. Eisenhower that he hopes the President is not "going to commit the United States to the hasty use of armed forces" in the Middle East.

The telegram was released at LaGuardia Airport shortly before the Democratic presidential candidate left for Pittsburgh where he had a speech scheduled for tonight.

He issued the text of the wire before President Eisenhower went on the air to explain the United States policy. Eisenhower pledged "no United States involvement" in Middle East fighting.

Press secretary Clayton Fritchey said that Stevenson wound up a busy round of New York speeches and went directly to work on the telegram to Eisenhower.

Earlier, Stevenson said in a New York speech that President Eisenhower's foreign policy has "misled us and our friends alike" and must "bear a heavy responsibility for the crisis in the Middle East."

The Democratic presidential candidate said:

"In its conduct in the Middle East the Eisenhower-Dulles administration has been consistent in one respect only—it has not told us the truth."

This is the strongest statement he has made since the start of the Israeli-Egyptian conflict.

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